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Please note: Mr. Gardner's zip code is 43016

Gardner Named OPRS Chief Financial Officer

Columbus – Russell W. Gardner, CPA, has been named Chief Financial Officer for Ohio Presbyterian Retirement Services (OPRS). Gardner's career in health care finance has spanned more than twenty-eight years, serving several large, complex health care organizations.

Gardner has served as CFO of Mount Carmel Health System, Columbus, from 1982-1987 and 1993-2007; Senior Investment Banker of McDonald & Company Securities, Columbus from 1991-1993; and CFO of Mercy Health System now Catholic Healthcare Partners, Cincinnati, from 1987-1991. Prior to 1982, Gardner served as CFO of Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati and Senior Auditor of Coopers & Lybrand, Cincinnati.

A Certified Public Accountant in Ohio since 1974, Gardner received his BBA in Accounting in 1973 from the University of Cincinnati. He received his MBA from Xavier University, Cincinnati in 1981.

He and his wife Nancy live in Dublin and have a grown son.

OPRS is the largest and most experienced not-for-profit provider of continuing care retirement communities and services in Ohio. A faith-based organization with headquarters in Columbus, OPRS serves more than 80,000 people in 42 Ohio counties annually through its 11 retirement communities and its Senior Independence home and community based services division. Additionally, through *iPartner* affiliates and the *icaregiver.org* Web site, Senior Independence extends services to older adults throughout the nation.

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