



Press Release

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**Aging Services of Michigan honors Evangelical Homes of Michigan
Employees & Volunteers**

[Evangelical Homes of Michigan](#) is proud to announce that three individuals from our extended employee and volunteer family have been named as award recipients by [Aging Services of Michigan](#). **Earl Roehm, Mary Kay Wirth, RN, and Pat Grayson, RN were each honored at Aging Services of Michigan's annual awards ceremony on April 20th, which took place at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan.**

Each year, Aging Services of Michigan honors exceptional individuals and organizations for their service to the senior community. According to their website, Aging Services of Michigan recognizes those who embody excellence in leadership, care and services, and who make outstanding contributions to their communities and the profession.

Earl Roehm is the recipient of the 2010 Trustee of the Year Award, which honors a member of the governing Board of Directors whose dedication and leadership skills consistently go above and beyond expectations. Though he's in his first year on Evangelical Homes of Michigan's Board of Directors, Earl has been very involved in our community over the last four years. As a member of the Fund Development Committee and Program Chair of the Church Ambassadors Program, as well as an ambassador at his own church, Earl has been instrumental in community

outreach and fundraising, and was an integral part of the Capital Campaign for the Memory Support Center. Earl also led the effort to organize thirteen local churches to raise money to name the Chapel of Memories, located in the Memory Support Center.

Earl is one of those volunteers that every organization hopes for. His enthusiasm and energy for Evangelical Homes of Michigan is never-ending. As a banker for 40 years, and a real estate agent for the last decade, his vast knowledge in financial management, especially as it relates to the housing market, is particularly valuable, as he understands how people make decisions for where they will live and how very personal those decisions really are. We wish to reward and recognize his commitment to our organization, but even more, to the aging services industry.

Mary Kay Wirth, RN has been honored with the Shining Star Award, which recognizes a gifted aging services professional with over twenty years of service who demonstrates excellence in management and dedication to senior care. We can think of no one more deserving of this distinction than Mary Kay.

Mary Kay has been working as a registered nurse at Evangelical Home ó Saline for twenty-eight years, during which she has served as a charge nurse, unit nurse, MDS coordinator, a LEAP trainer, and twice as the Director of Nursing. She exudes a calmness and confidence that endears her to residents and staff alike. Although she juggles multiple administrative responsibilities among supervising 170 nursing staff members, she has a keen eye for the imminent needs of the 190 residents of the Saline nursing home. Evangelical Homes has been blessed to have an employee like Mary Kay who epitomizes the most desired characteristics of an aging services professional.

And finally, **Pat Grayson's, RN** twenty years of unparalleled service to the senior community will be recognized when she is **honored as a Life Member of Aging Services of Michigan**. For twenty years Pat served in a variety of capacities including In-service Director, Assistant Director of Nursing and Assistant Administrator for Nursing before coming to Evangelical Homes of Michigan in 1993.

Pat joined the staff of Evangelical Home-Sterling Heights as the Director of Nursing, rising to Administrator in 1997. With the accomplishments at Sterling Heights under her belt, Pat joined the corporate staff of Evangelical Homes as the Director of Operations in 2000. She retired from

Evangelical Homes of Michigan in 2005. Pat served Aging Services of Michigan as a member of the Long Term Care Administrators Networking Committee and as the Chair of the Quality Improvement Initiative Task Force. Her outstanding work with these groups was recognized when she became a member of the Aging Services Board of Directors. In each of the numerous roles she filled, Pat exemplified the enthusiasm, uncompromising dedication, and commitment to improving the lives of seniors that we hope everyone involved in aging services can learn from.

Congratulations to Earl, Mary Kay and Pat for their dedication and service to Evangelical Homes of Michigan!

About [Evangelical Homes of Michigan](#)

Evangelical Homes of Michigan is a not-for-profit organization that provides healthcare, housing and community services to seniors and their extended families. Evangelical Homes of Michigan also serves as a health and human service ministry with affiliations with the United Church of Christ. In fiscal year 2008, Evangelical Homes of Michigan provided more than \$2.1 million in un-reimbursed charity care to residents, serving more than 2,000 individuals and their families by providing more than 44,600 days of care through-out their campuses in Southeast Michigan; including Ann Arbor, Detroit, Saline and Sterling Heights. Founded in 1879, the organization is governed by a 15-member Board of Directors, employs over 1,000 individuals and enjoys over 12,000 hours of volunteer services annually. In 2009, Evangelical Homes of Michigan was the recipient of the Leading-Edge Care and Services Award from Aging Services of Michigan, in 2006, they were recipients of the Business Enterprise Award from the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce and in 2004 and 2005 was named one of the Metro Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For by the Michigan Business Professional Association. For more information about Evangelical Homes of Michigan and its many services and communities visit www.EVANGELICALHOMES.org.

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