

Press Release

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2009 Spirit Award recipient recognized at fifth annual Church Administrative Assistant Luncheon

During Administrative Assistant Professionals week (April 20 – 24), Westminster-Thurber Senior Community and Senior Independence Home Care Services, 717 Neil Ave, Columbus, honors, recognizes and encourages Church Administrative Assistants during an annual luncheon (April 23, 2009). “The Church Administrative Assistant, a.k.a. church secretary, is the glue that holds the church together. This person serves the church and assists the leadership of the church to fulfill its mission,” according to Mark Arni, Chaplain at Westminster-Thurber.

The Annual luncheon began in 2005, as a service and extension of the local church. Church Administrative Assistants from all around Central Ohio are invited to this free luncheon. The 90-minute luncheon gives church administrative assistants a way to connect with others (network), enjoy a fabulous lunch and be inspired by a short presentation. This year 73 attended the luncheon, representing 40 different churches, according to Joel Wrobbel – Director of Marketing at WTC.

To celebrate the marvelous work church administrative assistants perform, Churches were given an opportunity to nominate their Church Administrative Assistant (paid or volunteer) for the Spirit Award. Through the leadership of Mark Arni – WTC Chaplain, a committee was established made up of residents who read and selected this year’s winner. “Nikki Hursh of New Life Church – Gahanna, 3690 Stygler Rd, with a church membership of 1800, exemplifies the character and service excellence required to be honored with this award,” expressed Mary Munn, resident and Chair of the Spiritual Life Committee at WTC. During the luncheon, Nikki’s nomination was read. Her church peers captured some of the highlights of her abilities on her nomination form. *“Nikki is an administrative assistant for four different departments, and has served New Life for three years. Nikki always has a smile on her face, and is eager to assist others. Not only is she friendly and welcoming and supremely responsible, the quality of her work is outstanding. Nikki has the unique balance of being technically capable with computers – but also has wonderful people skills. Nikki "gets" that she is part of the team, part of God's plan to reach our community and our world through ordinary people. She does her work with skill and excellence and contributes greatly to the work of the Gospel here at New Life!”*

Participants at the April 23rd (11:30 am) luncheon were inspired by a short message by Laurie Brown, Director of Women’s Ministry at New Life Church in Gahanna.

Each administrative assistant who came received a small gift of appreciation, made possible by a partnership with local radio station WRFD (880 AM).

Westminster-Thurber Community is a faith-based, not-for-profit, continuing care retirement community. Serving seniors and their families since 1965. Senior Independence is a Home Care and Hospice service. They give seniors the help they require and the confidence they need to stay at home.

Photos attached. Photo caption:

Nikki Hursh (center) of New Life Church of Gahanna was presented the Spirit Award by Joel Wrobbel (L), Director of Marketing at Westminster-Thurber Community, Mary Munn, Chair of the Spiritual Life Committee, Stacy Wymer (R) Community Relations for Senior Independence Home Care Services at the fifth-annual Church Administrative Assistant Luncheon on April 23, 2009.



