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**Westminster-Thurber Community Executive Director
Steve LeMoine Elected to Eden Alternative Board of Directors**



Columbus – Steven C. LeMoine, executive director of Westminster-Thurber Community, has been elected to his first term on the Eden Alternative Board of Directors. The Eden Alternative is a small not-for-profit organization based on the core belief that aging should be a continued stage of development and growth, rather than a period of decline. The bulk of their work has been in de-institutionalizing the culture and environment of today’s nursing homes and other long-term care institutions.

Founded in 1991 by Dr. William Thomas, a Harvard-educated physician and board-certified geriatrician, The Eden Alternative has trained over 17,000 Eden Associates and now claims over 300 registered homes, in the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Australia. The staff and management of these homes continue to work towards meaningful culture change through ongoing training and a continued dedication to creating a life worth living for those in their care.

The Eden Alternative shows how companionship, the opportunity to give meaningful care to other living things, and the variety and spontaneity that mark an enlivened environment, can succeed where pills and therapies often fail.

Last year, Steve served as the Conference Chair for the 4th International Eden Conference in Columbus, where WTC was the recipient of the “Master Gardener’s Award” from the Eden Alternative, recognizing their commitment and journey to bring the Eden Principles to their organization. Steve has also worked extensively in studying the LTC design standards considerations and often speaks on environmental designs topics and aging issues at seminars. Additionally, Steve is a trained Certified Eden Associate, State Eden Mentor, and assists facilities in building teams to provide person-directed care to elders.