



## Press Release

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### **Evangelical Homes of Michigan receives donation for their Memory Support Center Chapel**

This month [St. Paul United Church of Christ in Saline](#) presented [Evangelical Homes of Michigan](#) with a \$5200 donation to benefit the Chapel of Memories in the Memory Support Center, located on the Campus of Brecon Village in Saline.

In spring 2008 the church pledged to make a \$5000 donation over a period of five years. After overwhelming support from the congregation they were able to give more than their original pledge, and in less than two years. The Chapel of Memories, which opened at the Memory Support Center in fall 2009, was built through donations from 13 local churches—including St. Paul—that participate in Evangelical Homes of Michigan's Church Ambassador Program.

Through committed volunteer leadership, the Evangelical Homes of Michigan Church Ambassadors foster an active relationship with their church members and Evangelical Homes of Michigan, for the purpose of helping their members understand and know their options on the issues related to senior housing, health care, and the mission of Evangelical Homes of Michigan.

"Speaking personally, and on behalf of St. Paul United Church of Christ, we think the chapel, and the Memory Supper Center in general, is an outstanding addition to this already great community," said Brian Marl, the church ambassador at St. Paul. "I'm optimistic that what Evangelical Homes of Michigan is doing at the Memory Support Center will change the way we as a society approach Alzheimer's and Dementia care," he added.

St. Paul raised the funds through a variety of ways, including direct solicitation via ads in the church newsletter and announcements during services, as well as a performance by the men's choral group Measure for Measure, which took place at St. Paul in fall 2009.

Earlier this month Brian Marl and Kay Girbach, St. Paul's chairwoman of Outreach and Mission, presented Evangelical Homes of Michigan with a check at the Chapel of Memories. Becky Pazkowski, Vice President of Development and Community Relations, and Steve Hopkins, Acting Director of the Memory Support Center, accepted the generous donation.



(L-R: Steve Hopkins, Becky Pazkowski, Kay Girbach & Brian Marl)

"It's incredibly generous of these churches to do what they did, and for the St. Paul United Church of Christ to be able to raise that amount in that short period of time is remarkable and really exemplifies the faith-based commitment to our mission," said Pazkowski. "We are so grateful to Brian and Kay, and all of the members of St. Paul."

For more information about Evangelical Homes of Michigan please visit us on the web at [www.evangelicalhomes.org](http://www.evangelicalhomes.org).

### **About [Evangelical Homes of Michigan \(EHM\)](http://www.evangelicalhomes.org)**

**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](http://www.EVANGELICALHOMES.org).

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