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## It's a Wonderful Life! Gala Raises \$200,000 For Seniors

The Presbyterian Villages of Michigan Foundation raised nearly \$200,000 at their eighth annual It's a Wonderful Life! Gala fundraiser to benefit more than 3.500 seniors.

Presbyterian Villages of Michigan Foundation raised nearly \$200,000 at the eighth annual It's a Wonderful Life! Gala fundraiser. Themed The Aging Revolution, the event featured WXYZ-TV/Channel 7's Vice President and General Manager Ed Fernandez who spoke about making a difference for the future of our community. More than 500 guests from throughout the state enjoyed the evening at The Marriott Detroit Renaissance Center.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the needs of more than 3,500 Presbyterian Villages of Michigan (PVM) residents and community seniors including quality affordable housing and innovative services such as technology, wellness, transportation, and many other life enhancing programs.

Chuck Stokes, Editorial/Public Affairs Director, WXYZ-TV/Channel 7 served as Master of Ceremonies. Stokes has held this position since October 1987 and serves as moderator and producer of "Spotlight On The News," Detroit's longest-running weekly news and public affairs show.

"We were fortunate to have Ed Fernandez as our key note," states Melinda Conway Callahan, President, PVM Foundation. "As a Michigan native and a major media representative, Ed brought both a local, state and national perspective to looking forward to the future and making positive change in our community, particularly as it relates to one of Michigan's fastest growing resources - our seniors."

The event co-chairs were Bill and Pat Fuerstenau of Jackson, Michigan, and Ted and Janet Payne of Rochester Hills, Michigan. Presenting Sponsor was The Damone Group. As part of the theme, PVM shared "The Aging Revolution" video about the growth in the senior population and the impact this growth is having on quality of life, healthcare and more! Check out The Aging Revolution on PVM's YouTube Channel.

For more information about PVM or to make a gift to the Presbyterian Villages of Michigan Foundation, please visit www.pvm.org or contact Megan Keup at 248.281.2044 or mkeup@pvm.org.

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