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Melinda Conway Callahan Elected to Grantmakers in Aging Board

Southfield, MI – Melinda Conway Callahan of Rochester Hills was elected as a member of the Board of Directors for Grantmakers in Aging (GIA). GIA is a national organization dedicated to promoting and strengthening grantmaking for an aging society. GIA, an educational nonprofit membership organization for staff and trustees of foundations and corporations, is the only national professional organization of grantmakers active in the field of aging.

Mrs. Conway Callahan is currently President of the Presbyterian Villages of Michigan Foundation. She joined Presbyterian Villages of Michigan in 2004. Under her leadership, Mrs. Conway Callahan has raised more than \$20 million for innovative projects and programs for Michigan seniors. Among those projects the PVM Foundation has funded is Michigan's first Green Houses®, an alternative to the traditional medical-model skilled nursing homes. The PVM Foundation raised \$2.6 million to support this new model of caring for our most frail seniors which were the second in the nation to open. This has helped spark a national movement to open hundreds of Green Houses throughout the country.

The PVM Foundation has supported many other projects and programs for Michigan seniors including wellness programs, parish nursing programs and support for benevolent care to meet the growing needs of seniors. In 2010 alone, the PVM Foundation provided more than \$3 million in support for innovative projects and programs.