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**Heath Village Honors Resident Inducted into
Senior Hall of Fame**

Washington Township, NJ – It is with great pride that Heath Village Retirement Community announces the induction of resident Richard Kennedy into the Hackettstown Area Senior Hall of Fame. Recognized for his numerous volunteer efforts including his work with the Friendship Center and Panther Valley Ecumenical Church, Rich is an enthusiastic, dependable and engaged volunteer who has demonstrated a life-long commitment to service.

More specifically, “Mr. Rich” as the kids at the Friendship Center call him, organizes a toy building class for the older students. He designs a wooden toy for each student to build and on the day of their visit to the Heath Village craft shop, “Mr. Rich” will take the students around to each piece of equipment and patiently explain what its role is in the building of the toy. The students look forward to the program each year and Mr. Kennedy comes up with the most interesting projects from climbing bears, sail boats, bird houses, spinning tops, etc.

Rich also volunteers with the Interfaith Hospitality Network through his church, Panther Valley Ecumenical, where he also serves on the Worship Committee. Every six weeks he volunteers as an overnight chaperone when the church hosts homeless families. Supporting families in need is something about which he feels strongly. He has been serving as an overnight chaperone since he was a parishioner of Chatham United Methodist Church over 10 years ago.

In addition, few area volunteers can say that they have been a founder of a national non-profit organization. Rich is a co-founder and current Board Member of the Antique Doorknob Collectors of America, which thanks to Rich and his wife’s hard work, lists Hackettstown as its national headquarters.

Fellow resident and prior Hall of Fame inductee Patricia Taylor summed up Rich's service best when she said in her letter of support, "Rich is so helpful and kind to one and all. His compassion for others goes well beyond the Heath Village campus."

Heath Village would like to thank Atlantic Health System, Foundation for Hackettstown Medical Center for sponsoring the Hackettstown Area Senior Hall of Fame.

Heath Village is a full-service, not-for-profit, retirement community located at 430 Schooley's Mountain Road in Washington Township, Morris County. For further information, please call 908-852-4801 or visit us on our website at www.heathvillage.com. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/heathvillage.

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