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**Heath Village Honors Employee set to Retire
After 50 Years of Service**

Washington Township, NJ – Heath Village Retirement Community is proud to honor Michael Ort, who after working at Heath Village for an unbelievable 50 years, is set to retire today - April 7, 2017. In honor of his years of service, a Village-Wide celebration was held in his honor.

Michael was 23 years old when he was hired by Heath Village on April 1, 1967 as a Day Porter/Utility Man in the Maintenance Department. Some of his job duties included putting up the American flag and taking it down each day and polishing the brass in the elevators. Over the course of his 50 years, Michael also worked in the Housekeeping Department but in 1999 he returned to the Maintenance Department where he was given his current title and job duties of Stockroom Organizer and Courier.

“Michael was always happy about being at work. He especially loved doing wheelchair transports and helping the residents,” said Diane Bayard, Heath Village Director of Maintenance. “He has been a great team member to the Maintenance Department and he will not be forgotten.”

“I like it here,” said Michael when asked about his 50 years at Heath Village and when asked about his favorite job he replied “I like to do whatever it is they want me to do.” And, what about his thoughts on all the changes he has seen at Heath Village throughout his tenure? It didn’t take him long to come up with his response “all very good changes.”

“50 years of service to one company is practically unheard of in today’s workforce; it is a true testament to Michael’s dedication to Heath Village as well as our community’s commitment to him and all of our employees,” said Patrick Brady, Heath Village CEO and Executive Director.

“On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the entire staff, and our residents, I wish to thank Michael for his years of service and wish him a very happy and healthy retirement. We will miss him.”

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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