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Greenspring Community Provides Thirteen College Scholarships to Local High School Students at Annual Awards Ceremony

SPRINGFIELD, VA (June 25, 2007) – Greenspring recently held its Eighth Annual Scholars Awards Ceremony to honor thirteen local high school students. At the ceremony, each student was presented with scholarships totaling \$4,000 per student, (\$500.00 per semester for four years of full-time undergraduate study). In addition to the scholarships, each student received an award certificate from the Executive Director and Resident Philanthropy Chair, a CD of the ceremony, and a recognition reception with over 150 Greenspring residents.

During the ceremony, the program featured presentations from the community's Executive Director Will Nance and Director of Philanthropy, Kimberly Nelson. Monty Quick, the community's resident council Secretary/Treasurer, spoke on behalf of the residents. This year's featured guest speaker was Jennifer Weber, a former Greenspring employee and class of 2003 Scholar Awards recipient, who has recently graduated from Virginia Tech.

The Scholars' Fund is a resident run program with proceeds coming from voluntary donations made by residents, resident clubs including the GSV Treasure Chest, GSV Woodshop and GSV Knit & Stitch, staff and Erickson Retirement Community, and will be paid directly to the students' respective universities, one semester at a time. Scholar recipients are required to complete an application, have a grade requirement, participate in interviews with the Philanthropy Committee, and be interviewed on the local Greenspring TV station.

The 2007 scholars and the schools they graduated from are:

Essete Biable	Robert E. Lee High School
Yossera Bouchtia	South County Secondary School
Raisa Crespo	Hayfield Secondary School
Bryan Eaddy	Robert E. Lee High School
Agnes Erskine	Thomas A. Edison High School
Ashley Leger	Lake Braddock Secondary School
Robert Middleton	Robert E. Lee High School
Claudia Moreno	Robert E. Lee High School
Jocelyn Tuazon	J.E.B. Stuart High School
Ariane Wells	Lake Braddock Secondary School

The purpose of the Fund is to recognize and reward exemplary students who have demonstrated a strong personal commitment to serve a senior population and the residential community in a responsible, professional, and caring way, encourage intergenerational relationships between younger staff and the Greenspring residents, and provide financial support for students to continue their education in degree granting institutions.

The community has raised just over \$102,000 for the Greenspring Scholars Fund. Donations to the Fund have increased 28 percent from last year and the total is at its highest total ever.

About Greenspring

Greenspring, the largest retirement community of its type in Northern Virginia, is one of 19 campuses developed and managed by Erickson, a Catonsville, MD company. Opened in Nov. 1998, Greenspring is the first Erickson campus to be built in Virginia and is home to over 2,000 residents' age 62 and better. Each Erickson campus is supported by Erickson HealthSM, the nation's largest and most completely integrated wellness and health care system for people over the age of 62. For more information, visit www.ericksoncommunities.com.

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