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Foundation president earns board seat

Melinda Conway Callahan, president of the Presbyterian Villages of Michigan Foundation, recently was elected to the Grantmakers in Aging (GIA) board of directors.

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.

Callahan joined Presbyterian Villages of Michigan in 2004. Under her leadership, the Presbyterian Villages of Michigan Foundation has raised more than \$20 million for innovative projects and programs for Michigan seniors. Among those projects the Foundation has funded is Michigan's first Green Houses, an alternative to the traditional medical-model skilled nursing homes. The Foundation raised \$2.6 million to support this new model of caring for the most frail seniors and has sparked a national movement to open hundreds of Green Houses throughout the country.

The 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 Foundation provided more than \$3 million in support for innovative projects and programs.

Presbyterian Villages of Michigan (PVM), headquartered in Southfield, MI, is a faith-based, non-profit, multi-site system that has served seniors of all faiths since 1945. The organization serves more than 3,500 seniors and currently has 25 senior living communities including continuing care retirement communities that include apartments, assisted living, and skilled nursing all on one campus, subsidized senior housing, and market rate senior housing.



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