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Cary Seniors Honor Local First Responders by Hosting Luncheon on Public Service Day

CARY, N.C., June 16, 2016 – Senior residents of Waltonwood Cary Parkway always look for ways to give back to others in their area, especially to those who don't always receive the recognition they deserve. **On Public Service Day, June 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Waltonwood Cary Parkway (750 SE Cary Parkway) will honor courageous first responders by hosting a BBQ-style luncheon in their honor.** Local police officers, firefighters and EMTs are invited to enjoy lunch with the residents and staff, or they can pick up a free meal to-go. In addition to the lunch, residents of the senior living community will present handmade cards to show their appreciation for the men and women who protect the city. Residents and staff members of Waltonwood Cary Parkway hope to fill the first responders' hearts with joy and show their respect. They encourage others in their community to also pay tribute to first responders. Public Service Day is an observance created by the United Nations to highlight the work of public service men and women and to celebrate the value of their service.

Waltonwood Cary Parkway resident Jim Hamilton, 88, served in the military as a member of the Navy, and then as a Green Beret in the Army for 17 years. Jim, having high respect for those that serve their communities, instilled that value within his own family. His son, Captain Don Hamilton, recently retired from the Cary Police Department after spending 30 years there as the head of the police department's investigative division.

"Regardless of my son's chosen profession, I continue to believe that these men and women are a very important part of our society," said Jim. "I look forward to attending the luncheon to show my support, and I look forward to meeting these brave people face-to-face. We owe them so much for all they do, and they deserve our respect and gratitude."

Any Cary-area first responders are welcome to attend the luncheon. The seniors hope most of all that the thoughtful cards and luncheon bring smiles to their faces and help members of the police, fire and emergency medical services teams as they complete challenging daily tasks.

"The first responders go above and beyond to protect us and ensure our safety," said Staci Stewart, executive director of Waltonwood Cary Parkway. "These men and women give so much on a daily

basis, and we are truly thankful for all they do. While we can never truly repay them, we hope the warm messages and cheerful faces that greet them during the luncheon will help them feel appreciated and supported by their local community.”

First responders with questions about the luncheon can call 919-275-0983.

If you are a member of the media interested in setting up an interview or attending the event, please contact Susan Hoover via phone at 214-378-7970 ext. 304 or email at shoover@fortegroupinc.com or Amy Jones via phone at 214-378-7970 ext. 302 or email at ajones@fortegroupinc.com.

ABOUT WALTONWOOD CARY PARKWAY

Waltonwood Cary Parkway offers seniors a dignified, individualized community where residents can thrive. The community offers independent living cottages, and independent, assisted living and memory care apartments in studio, one- and two-bedroom floor plans, creating a continuum of care where residents can enjoy an active lifestyle and receive care if they need it. The community offers many engaging amenities, including a walking path, therapy pool, putting green and private courtyards throughout its acreage. Residents receive the most up-to-date advances in senior living, including the specially designed Forever Fit program and a Montessori-based dementia care program. The community is located close to US 1, with new retail shopping, dining and entertainment close by, and just minutes from Raleigh. Waltonwood Cary Parkway also has a sister-community currently under construction in the Lake Boone area of Raleigh, at 3550 Horton Street. If you are interested in learning more about Waltonwood Cary Parkway, please visit www.waltonwood.com or call 919-275-0983.

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Photo 1 & 2: Seniors at Waltonwood Cary Parkway create cards to present to first responders during their luncheon in honor of National Public Service Day on June 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.