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Senior Living Community Invites Public to Documentary Screening and Speed Dating Event Proving That Love Knows No Age

Rochester Hills, MICHIGAN August 3, 2015: When a couple is married, they repeat the vow "...till death us do part," not knowing when or how that phrase may impact their lives. After decades of marriage, children and grandchildren, one spouse may pass away, leaving the other to navigate the world alone and without that same companionship. Offering a unique way for seniors to connect with one another in a safe, fun way is Waltonwood at University. The senior living community will host two events to show area seniors that love is ageless. First, they're holding a special screening of the documentary "The Age of Love," a movie that follows the humorous and poignant adventures of seniors participating in a speed dating event exclusively for their age group, on Thursday, August 13th from 3 to 4:30 p.m. or 5 to 6:30 p.m. Later in the month, the community will bring this documentary to life by hosting its own speed dating event exclusively for seniors 70 years old and up on Thursday, August 27th from 5 to 7 p.m. They will host this cocktail hour-style event to bring like-minded single seniors together without commitment. The public is invited to attend one or both free events. By hosting these fun and interactive events, the community hopes single seniors will be able to come together to find friendship or romantic love.

Proving that love is ageless, two residents at Waltonwood of University found trust, love and companionship with one another at the senior living community. **94-year-old Ernie Elliott and 87-year-old Dolores Mouranie** were widowed after decades of marriage, and they met six years ago after Mouranie moved to the community. One of their first interactions came when the community's theater group, of which they were both members, put on a skit, for which Mouranie had created the costumes. Elliott was married at the time, but he remembers noticing her. Soon after that, she and Elliott began to develop a friendship. Shortly after Elliott and his wife celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary, she passed away, and Elliott relied upon the trust he had built with Mouranie to cope with his wife's death.

"It meant everything to have Dolores with me and help me through the bad parts of saying goodbye to someone I had loved and spent 75 years of my life with," **said Elliott**. "She had been through this with her husband, and she related to what I was experiencing. She helped me cope with and process

what was happening. I had never thought about having that type of relationship with another person again, but it's a nice feeling to have found someone to have fun with and share my life."

To Elliott and Mouranie, their relationship is a special and devoted bond. They don't like to use the words "boyfriend" or "girlfriend" at their age but rather label themselves as committed to each other. The couple doesn't intend to marry but is happy with their current arrangement. They choose to spend much of their time together, watching movies or participating in the community's many activities, like Karaoke. Elliott and Mouranie encourage their fellow seniors to find ways to meet and make connections with others their age because their own companionship has added so much joy to their lives.

"Ernie and Delores' relationship is one of the many ways we've seen residents at our community bond with one another after the loss of a spouse," **said life enrichment director Richelle Williams**. "We're so excited to provide area seniors a way to meet and let them know that it is okay to find happiness or even love again. The humorous documentary breaks down many stereotypes and fears seniors may have about getting back into the dating game. We encourage those interested in finding companionship to come to these free events to learn more."

To RSVP to either screening of "The Age of Love" or the speed dating event, please call Kim or Carla at 248-331-9990.

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ABOUT WALTONWOOD AT UNIVERSITY

Waltonwood at University opened in 1988 and offers seniors a dignified, individualized community for residents to thrive. The community has 161 independent, assisted living and memory care studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments. The community offers many engaging amenities, including a walking path and private courtyards throughout its nine acres. Residents receive the most up-to-date advances in senior living, including the specially designed Forever Fit program, which utilizes European-designed, air resistance exercise equipment built especially for seniors. The community is located close to area shopping, dining and entertainment, and just minutes from Oakland University. If you are interested in learning more about Waltonwood at University, please visit www.waltonwood.com or call 800-250-7597.

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Photo 1: Waltonwood at University residents 94-year-old Ernie Elliott and 87-year-old Dolores Mouranie found love and companionship with one another at the senior living community after both became widowed. They encourage other seniors to participate in the community's upcoming events specially designed for area seniors to get to know one another.