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Columbus Colony Double Recognition: Richard Huebner Honored for Outstanding Board Member Service; Mabinty Bundu Chosen for Statewide Scholarship Program

(Columbus, Ohio) – Richard Huebner was honored by LeadingAge Ohio, the advocate of not-for-profit services for older Ohioans, with the *2011 Board Member of Distinction Award* for his dedicated tenure to Ohio School for the Deaf Alumni Association's (OSDAA) Columbus Colony Elderly Care, Inc., located in Westerville, as a member of their Boards of Trustees. The award was presented September 8 at the Awards Celebration during the LeadingAge Ohio 2011 Annual Conference and Trade Show.

This award is presented to an outstanding member of the governing board of a LeadingAge Ohio member, recognizing the individual's significant organizational contributions and efforts on behalf of seniors.

Huebner has served 14 consecutive two-year terms as chair of the board, following his initial election to a two-year term. Under his leadership, Columbus Colony has expanded their housing and skilled nursing capacity and opened a community center with the first deaf museum, which houses numerous artifacts and serves as a cultural bridge between the deaf and hearing communities.

"The lifeblood of any successful organization begins with its leadership," said LeadingAge Ohio Professional Recognition Committee Chair Adrienne Walsh of Bayley in Cincinnati. "The dedication of individuals such as Richard helps our members better serve older and disabled Ohioans. It is our privilege to honor his tireless service on behalf of Ohio School for the Deaf Alumni Association's (OSDAA) Columbus Colony Elderly Care and those they serve."

Prior to the conference and awards ceremony, Mabinty Bundu, an LPN floor nurse with Columbus Colony, was presented a scholarship check for \$1,500 from the LeadingAge Ohio Foundation. The scholarship, one of eight nursing scholarships awarded statewide by the LeadingAge Ohio Foundation, will assist Bundu in pursuing her RN and BSN degrees to assume greater professional responsibility with Columbus Colony.

"We are excited to offer these scholarships yearly to our next generation of leaders in our not-for-profit member organizations," stated Jeff Thurman of Community First in Hamilton, in presenting the check to Bundu. "Mabinty's dedication in moving from a nurses' aide up through the ranks to assume a greater role in providing quality health care services for those in need epitomizes the mission-driven nature of our members."

Founded in 1937, LeadingAge Ohio is a nonprofit organization that represents approximately 400 nonprofit long-term care facilities located in more than 150 Ohio towns and cities, as well as those providing ancillary health care and housing services. Member organizations serve more than 50,000 elderly Ohioans daily and employ more than 20,000 persons statewide. Members are

sponsored by religious, fraternal, labor, private and government organizations committed to providing quality services for their residents and for older persons in the community at large. The LeadingAge Ohio Foundation is a subsidiary corporation of the trade association that raises funds to support further education of member employees in serving Ohio's older and disabled population.

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