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Wesley Community Services Recognized Model Program in Princeton University Aging Directory

Wesley Community Services is featured in Princeton University's Theological Seminary recently published national directory of 17 older adult ministry models entitled *Double Honor to our Elders: Effective Older Adult Ministries*. The directory was distributed at the Conference on Older Adult Ministries held at Princeton Theological Seminary March 15-17, 2007. The Reverend Abigail Rian Evans, Ph.D., Professor of Practical Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Janet Jacewicz, Research Associate, Falls Church, Virginia authored the directory. They stated one of the major topics of discussion at the Consultation was 'how local churches and faith-based organizations "do" older adult ministry, and we could point with pride at the models described in the directory'.

The directory is posted on the Princeton Theological Seminary website; see attached link for Practical Theology Department webpage (<http://www.ptsem.edu/Academics/departments/PT/>).

In 2006 over 1700 seniors in Cincinnati were served by Wesley Community Services. Wesley Community Services Meals-On-Wheels, medical transportation, and homemaker services are contracted through the Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio. Wesley Community Services is an Agency Partner with United Way of Greater Cincinnati, and a member of the Greater Cincinnati Health Council.

In addition to the above mentioned basic services, Wesley Community Services has established an "Adopt-A-Grandparent" program for seniors living alone, "Pet Portions" which provides free pet food to clients and WesleyLinks which serves nearly 70 area churches of all denominations helping them meet senior congregation member needs.

Wesley Community Services seeks to foster and support the independence, dignity and functioning of elderly individuals, including those who are low-income, who seek to remain in their home for as long as possible. Visit our website at www.wesleycs.org or call us direct at (513) 661-2777 for more information.