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Pennswood Village Board of Directors Names Karen Lehman Executive Director, Effective July 1, 2011



March 9, 2011. Newtown, PA: The Board of Directors of Pennswood Village is pleased to announce that Karen Lehman has been selected as the next Executive Director of Pennswood Village, effective July 1, 2011. Lehman will succeed Nancy Spears, who last year announced her retirement after 31 years of dedicated service to Pennswood, including 16 years as Executive Director.

Pennswood Village is a Quaker-directed Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) for people over age 65 located in Newtown, PA that provides attractive apartment-style living in addition to superb Personal and Skilled Nursing Care with a comprehensive Type A All Inclusive Life Care Contract.

“The Pennswood Village Board of Directors, along with a six-member search committee, and with the gracious participation of many residents and staff, has reviewed a number of impressive candidates during the extensive search process,” said David Fraser, Chair of the Pennswood Village Board of Directors. “We are confident that we have chosen a leader of proven accomplishment and unique vision who will be able to carry on the fine legacy that Nancy is leaving behind, as well as help craft an inspired future for Pennswood Village in the years to come. The Board congratulates Karen on her appointment and looks forward to beginning a productive partnership with her on July 1.”

Lehman is currently Executive Director of Friends House Retirement Community in Sandy Spring, Maryland. Previously she served as Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice-President of Greencroft Retirement Community, northern Indiana’s largest non-profit CCRC with 1,200 residents and an annual budget of \$50 million. Karen has a Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management from Indiana University and a Masters in Business Administration from Bluffton University.



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Lehman has served frequently as an accreditation surveyor of CCRCs for the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities-Continuing Care Accreditation Commission (CARF-CCAC). She is a Licensed Health Facility Administrator in the States of Indiana and Maryland. She serves on the Leading Age (formerly American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA)) Commission on Ethics and the Leading Age Leadership Circle.

“I am thrilled to join the Pennswood family,” said Lehman. “With over 10,000 Baby Boomers retiring every day, senior living communities face exciting challenges in the years to come and I look forward to working with the Pennswood Village Board of Directors, residents, staff, and all of our partners and potential residents to make our community the best it can be.”

“I would like to add my congratulations to Karen as she transitions into her new role,” said Spears. “I know that her tenure at Pennswood Village will be one of excellence and innovation, and that our community will continue to flourish under her guidance.”

Karen is married to Kent Beck, currently the Director of International Admissions and Programs at Sandy Spring Friends School. They have four adult children and have recently become grandparents.

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Pennswood Village is a nationally respected continuing care retirement community for those 65 and older. Home to more than 450 residents in Newtown, Pennsylvania, the Friends retirement community is accredited by the prestigious national organization Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF-CCAC). Residents enjoy full Type A Life Care Contracts that provide the highest level of service and unlimited access to health care with no substantial increases in monthly payments. The community's Quaker values enrich resident's lives through diversity, welcoming women and men of all races, colors, religions, national origins, and sexual orientations.

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