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Maristhill Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Resident Harold Nyhan Reads His Poetry at Waltham Bookstore

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WALTHAM, MA – (February 26, 2009) **Maristhill Nursing & Rehabilitation Center**, a non-profit provider of rehabilitative services, short-term and long-term care in Waltham Massachusetts, recently announced that **Mr. Harold Nyhan**, a resident of the facility since August 2008, participated in a poetry reading at ***More Than Words***, a non-profit, youth-run bookstore on Moody Street in Waltham.

A richly-experienced educator, speaker and writer, Mr.

Nyhan received his Doctor of Arts in the English Lyric from

The Catholic University of America, and earned a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies from Wesleyan University. He also holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Fordham University, and has composed a great volume of poetry throughout his life as an instructor of English Arts at both the high school and university levels.

“We were proud of Harold’s poetry as well as his passionate delivery,” said **Bill Driscoll**, Maristhill’s Activities Director. “Our residents and staff have enjoyed Harold’s poetry here at Maristhill, and it was nice to share his perspectives with the community, especially some of the younger people involved with the bookstore.”

A Leadership, Employment & Enrichment Program (LEEP) for teens, *More Than Words* was founded in 2004 as an online bookselling venture to provide employment and entrepreneurial training for adolescents in the foster care system. The program has flourished and grown (the Moody Street storefront was added in 2005), and has helped participating youths learn how to take charge of their lives by teaching them to take charge of a business.

Originally founded in 1969 by the Marist Missionary Sisters, Maristhill is a licensed skilled-nursing and rehabilitation center with a highly-recognized performance record for clinical excellence and quality care. People of all faiths and denominations are welcomed at the 123-bed facility, which is a member of **Covenant Health Systems**, a Catholic health care system sponsoring hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living residences and other health and elder services throughout New England. For additional information contact **Ms. Carolyn Fenn**, Administrator, at (781) 893-0240 or visit www.maristhill.org. ###