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Maristhill Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Welcomes St. Jude's Elementary School Students

INTERGENERATIONAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM A POPULAR HIT FOR RESIDENTS & STUDENTS ALIKE



WALTHAM, MA – (November 18, 2008) **Maristhill Nursing & Rehabilitation Center**, a non-profit provider of rehabilitative services, short-term and long-term care located in Waltham Massachusetts, recently announced that children from **St. Jude's Elementary School** in Waltham were on-hand for a Halloween celebration with residents.

St. Jude's High School has a program for volunteering, and there is a requirement that students engage in thirty hours of volunteering in the community before they can graduate. The St. Jude's Elementary School has developed a modified version of the program that involves the students visiting residents at Maristhill several times each year, usually to share holiday goodwill or to conduct theme-related activities.

For Halloween, the grade school students arrived in full costume and shared snacks and goodies with residents. The same group will be on-hand at Maristhill again on November seventeenth to make gingerbread houses with residents, and also on December tenth to perform their Christmas show. In February they will be on-site making Valentine's Day crafts with residents. This is all part of Maristhill's mission of culture change which emphasizes intergenerational activities.

"We are always pleased when the students come to visit," said **Carolyn Fenn**, Maristhill's Administrator. "Their energy and enthusiasm are welcomed by all and very contagious; and the residents have a ball!"

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 please contact Ms. Carolyn Fenn, Administrator, at (781) 893-0240 or visit www.maristhill.org.

