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### **Menorah Park Center for Senior Living Receives Statewide Award For Assisted Living Excellence for Stone Gardens' "Dreaming Green"**

(Columbus, Ohio) – Menorah Park Center for Senior Living, Beachwood, received the *Excellence in Service (Best Practice) for Assisted Living* from AOPHA, the advocate of not-for-profit services for older Ohioans, for the "Dreaming Green" program at Stone Gardens. The award was received by Stone Gardens representatives Noah Budin and Sarah Taub at the Awards Celebration during the AOPHA 2009 Annual Conference and Trade Show.

The award is presented to an AOPHA member displaying outstanding initiative, motivation and leadership in assisted living services.

Residents of Stone Gardens, in embracing the interpretation of "Mitzvah as encompassing good deeds, seek ways to promote conservation in embracing nature. Since 2007, they have planted trees to memorialize loved ones, created an outdoor activity room and wheel accessible gardens for residents, and spread their mantra of "reduce, reuse and recycle" throughout their community.

"Responding to the needs and desires of residents and their families is the goal of all senior service providers," said AOPHA Professional Recognition Committee Chair Phil Braisted. "Menorah Park ensures that their residents continue living productive, useful lives at Stone Gardens by supporting and fostering their desires for an ecologically-friendly campus that in turn provides spiritual and emotional fulfillment for each resident."

*Founded in 1937, AOPHA is a statewide association representing approximately 280 not-for-profit homes, health-related facilities and community services for the aging. 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.*