

On April 17, McKendree Village commemorated 50 years of service to the Mt. Juliet, Hermitage, Donelson and Middle Tennessee communities with a celebration event featuring a rededication of the organization's mission as well as a special closing benediction written by the campus chaplain. It is the first event that marks the start of a year long celebration of the organization's heritage of caring. Quality service, strong foundations, active lifestyle and bright future, are just a few of the reflections celebrated during the ceremony.

Joining in the anniversary celebration were many dignitaries and community leaders, including Mayor Karl Dean from Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County and Congressman Jim Cooper. Also of importance were representatives from the McKendree Village Resident Association whose quality living on the local retirement campus has spanned from less than one, to over thirty years!

McKendree Manor was established in April of 1963 by the Tennessee Conference for the Methodist Church. The 30 acre campus on Lebanon Road was purchased to establish a home for older adults within the conference. Fifty years later that tradition continues at the site of the original Manor, which is now McKendree Village, offering active living and caring for senior adults with varying needs, in a faith affirming community. Home options include Independent Living, Assisted Living, Health Care, and Rehabilitation. Residents of the McKendree Village campus benefit from a thriving and vibrant chaplaincy program, activities and services to meet the needs of residents wherever they are in life's journey, and supportive and caring staff who are available to share a love of people and commitment to servant leadership. There are also many volunteer programs and opportunities for community involvement.

Serving all of Middle Tennessee with particular focus on the Mt. Juliet, Hermitage, and Donelson communities, residents at McKendree Village will discover themselves immediately finding home, friends and family within a safe and secure environment. During the anniversary celebration many residents shared that they could not imagine their life without the quality services, friends, and new family in the place they now call home. A commemorative History Wall was unveiled and is available for the public to enjoy viewing. The display features many noteworthy events and accomplishments of the organization over the past decades and pays homage to the rich heritage of excellence and service from 1963 until present. Additionally, exciting plans for new construction and renovations to be accomplished in the future were revealed during the week's celebration.

## **McKendree Village celebrates 50th Anniversary**

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

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The anniversary event launched a series of special events that will be offered throughout the year to mark this momentous occasion for all of Middle Tennessee. The Mt. Juliet, Hermitage, and Donelson communities are invited to visit the campus and share in the excitement of McKendree Village, which is and will continue to be “The Heart of Hermitage”.

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