



Eliza Bryant Village
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Ceremony Dedicates Eliza Bryant Village's Amasa B. Ford Lodge
*Event celebrated new affordable senior housing in Cleveland's Hough neighborhood,
and the renovation & expansion of the Skilled Care and Occupational, Physical & Speech Therapy Units*

(Cleveland, OH – September 23, 2008) On Monday, Sept. 22, more than 300 guests joined Eliza Bryant Village (EBV) to celebrate the opening of a brand-new housing facility for seniors on Cleveland's near-East Side. The building is named in honor of the late Amasa B. Ford, M.D., a physician and researcher who served on EBV's Board of Trustees for 35 years. Dr. Ford studied and taught at Case Western Reserve University, where he focused his studies on the poor and elderly and gained national recognition for his work highlighting the unmet health care needs of these communities.

At the ceremony, members of the Ford family were formally recognized as well as public officials, including County Commissioner Peter Lawson Jones, who gave a rousing keynote address. The event was presented in partnership with KeyBank.

Following the ceremony and ribbon-cutting, guests had the opportunity to mingle with one another and also to tour the new 45-unit facility. Guests remarked on the Lodge's unique layout and amenities, which have been designed to promote socialization and interaction among residents. Construction of the Amasa B. Ford Lodge was made possible through a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 202 program. The building was designed by Robert P. Madison International, and Snavely Construction provided construction oversight.

In addition to the dedication of the Ford Lodge, guests had the opportunity to tour the renovation and expansion of the Eliza Bryant Village Skilled Care and Therapy Units. The renovation and expansion project has received support through a capital campaign from the Abington Foundation, The Joseph M. and Eva L. Bruening Foundation, The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, The Harry K. and Emma R. Fox Foundation, The McGregor Foundation, The Reinberger Foundation, Saint Luke's Foundation of Cleveland, Omnicare and the Kelvin and Eleanor Smith Foundation. The renovation and expansion project was designed by Herman Gibbons Fodor, Inc. and constructed by Kiczek Builders, Inc. Sponsorship for the Skilled Care and Therapy Units dedication was made possible by Omnicare.

Eliza Bryant Village has a 112-year history of providing culturally-sensitive care to seniors in Cleveland's inner city. Its quality programs and services have been recognized in the community and throughout the nation. In 2007, EBV was determined to be the oldest operating African American-based long term care organization in the United States.

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