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Rufus Heard Honored By AOPHA For Board Member Service to Eliza Bryant Village

(Columbus, Ohio) – Rufus Heard was honored by AOPHA, the advocate of not-for-profit services for older Ohioans, with the *2008 Board Member of Distinction Award* for her dedicated tenure as a member of the Eliza Bryant Village Board of Trustees. The award was presented September 26 at the Awards Celebration during the AOPHA 2008 Annual Conference and Trade Show

This award is presented to an outstanding member of the governing board of an AOPHA member, recognizing the individual's significant organizational contributions and efforts on behalf of seniors.

Heard has been a board at Eliza Bryant since 1993, with his background as a health care banker proving an invaluable asset as the organization has completed over \$20 million of expansion during his tenure. His board service encompasses tenure on the executive and long range planning committees, including as chair of the finance committee, and serving as board treasurer. Heard's commitment extends beyond the traditional board role, as he regularly attends community and legislative events on behalf of Eliza Bryant Village.

"The lifeblood of any successful organization begins with its leadership," said AOPHA Professional Recognition Committee Chair Phil Braisted. "The dedication of individuals such as Rufus Heard helps our members better serve older and disabled Ohioans. It is our privilege to honor his lengthy and tireless service on behalf of Eliza Bryant Village and those the organization serve."

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.

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