



**MASONIC HOMES**  
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**KENTUCKY**

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## **“The Pals” at The Pillars – Volunteers of the Year**

Janet Fritsche, Polly Dabney and Bonnie England Presented

Group Volunteer of the Year Award for Masonic Homes of Louisville

**Louisville, KY (December 20, 2011)** — A group of friends and long-time volunteers for Masonic Homes of Kentucky was recently honored by the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities (KAHCF) with a 2011-12 Group Volunteer of the Year Award. One of the 11 statewide honors Masonic Homes of Kentucky received this year from KAHCF, the award recognized Janet Fritsche, Polly Dabney and Bonnie England for their enthusiastic service commitment in various areas of the assisted care community and the Sam Swope Care Center.

The trio, all of whom are residents of The Pillars Assisted Care Center at Masonic Homes of Louisville, have served as MHKY volunteers for more than 6 years combined. All three women volunteer daily, providing services to community residents. Janet Fritsche works as a library aide at The Pillars, while Polly Dabney and Bonnie England volunteer regularly at The Boutique, a store in The Pillars stocked with donated clothing, shoes, handbags, hats and other items.

“We are so proud of these three ladies for everything they contribute to our home, especially to our Life Enrichment Department,” said The Pillars Assisted Care Center Director Kim Sublett. “Not only do they share their talents, they boost the self esteem of all of our residents and give them each something to look forward to each day.”

As a library aide and avid reader, Fritsche, 77, assists residents with book checkout, keeps the library organized and ready for opening each day and stocks the traveling

book cart for residents who are unable to make it to the library. After library hours, she spends her time assisting residents in the facility computer room or decorating for facility events.

Dabney, 69, and England, 79, spend their afternoons stocking The Boutique, pricing items for sale and managing the store during business hours. They also assist residents in wheelchairs who are unable to shop on their own, even helping them back to their room if the load is too heavy. When the store is closed, they spend their time preparing for special events or welcoming, visiting and sharing stories with other Pillars' residents.

The KAHCF 2011 Professional Achievement Awards were presented to long-term care facilities that have demonstrated an outstanding level of achievement in the past year. The KAHCF is Kentucky's trade association representing long-term care facilities throughout the Commonwealth.

#### **About Masonic Homes of Kentucky**

Founded in 1867, Masonic Homes of Kentucky is a leader in senior living services including independent living, assisted living personal care and long-term skilled nursing care. It owns and operates Masonic Home of Louisville, Sam Swope Care Center, Masonic Home of Shelbyville, Masonic Home Village, Spring Hill Village Retirement Community, Sproutlings Pediatric Day Care & Preschool, Miralea Life Care Community and Select Home Care Options. For more information, visit [www.masonichomesky.com](http://www.masonichomesky.com).

#### **About Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities**

Established in 1954, KAHCF is the trade association that represents proprietary and nonproprietary nursing facilities and personal care homes across the Commonwealth. One of the state affiliates of the American Health Care Association, KAHCF provides a wide variety of services to member facilities including legislative and regulatory activities, professional development, statewide recognition programs, publications, media relations, research and advocacy relations.

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