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### **THE CEDARS OF DEXTER RECIPIENT OF ANN ARBOR AREA BOARD OF REALTORS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AWARD**

**CHELSEA, MICH.** – ON JANUARY 15, 2009, THE ANN ARBOR AREA BOARD OF REALTORS ANNOUNCED GORDON HALL AND THE CEDARS OF DEXTER AS ONE OF TWO RECIPIENTS OF THE BOARD'S 2009 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AWARD. THE CEDARS OF DEXTER IS A NEW INDEPENDENT LIVING COMMUNITY, DEVELOPED BY UNITED METHODIST RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES (UMRC), OFFERING THE PERFECT BALANCE BETWEEN ACTIVE LIFESTYLE OPTIONS AND MAINTENANCE-FREE LIVING FOR ADULTS AGE 60 AND UP. SIXTY CRAFTSMAN-STYLE COTTAGES, A CLUB HOUSE AND FITNESS SPA ARE PLANNED FOR THIS COMMUNITY IN DEXTER, NEIGHBORING HISTORIC GORDON HALL.

GORDON HALL WAS BUILT IN 1860 BY JUDGE DEXTER, FOUNDER OF THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER. UMRC WAS A PARTICIPANT, ALONG WITH THE DEXTER AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER, SCIO TOWNSHIP AND WEBSTER TOWNSHIP, IN THE BROAD-BASED, COMMUNITY-WIDE EFFORT TO PURCHASE GORDON HALL FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AND TO PRESERVE THIS HISTORIC LANDMARK.

THE COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS AMONG THESE GROUPS TO RESTORE GORDON HALL LED TO THIS AWARD. IN ADDITION, MANY FEATURES FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE DESIGN WERE INCORPORATED INTO THE BUILDING OF THE CEDARS OF DEXTER. UMRC'S EXTENSIVE PLAN FOR LANDSCAPING AND TREE REPLACEMENT IN THE GROUNDS SURROUNDING THE CEDARS OF DEXTER AND GORDON HALL IS ALSO UNDERWAY.

UMRC PRESIDENT AND CEO COMMENTED: "WE AT UMRC ARE HONORED BY THIS RECOGNITION BY THE ANN ARBOR AREA BOARD OF REALTORS FOR OUR CAREFUL PLANNING AND COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO BOTH RESTORE GORDON HALL AND TO BE MINDFUL OF THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT AS WE DESIGNED THE CEDARS OF DEXTER."

A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY FOR THE CEDARS OF DEXTER MODEL HOME AND INFORMATION CENTER TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 24, 2008, AND CEDARS STAFF MEMBERS ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE 8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, FOR TOURS AND INFORMATION.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AWARD IS PRESENTED BY THE ANN ARBOR AREA BOARD OF REALTORS TO A WASHTENAW COUNTY INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION, BUSINESS, DEVELOPER OR BUILDER, BASED ON A VARIETY OF CRITERIA, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT,

RESTORATION AND REMODELING EFFORTS THAT PROMOTE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION AND REUSE MATERIALS, AND OTHER RECYCLING PROGRAMS.

*BUILDING ON A FOUNDATION OF MORE THAN 100 YEARS OF SERVICE, UNITED METHODIST RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES IS A FAITH-BASED, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT PROMOTES THE WELLNESS, DIGNITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF OLDER ADULTS, BY PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY, INNOVATIVE AND COMPASSIONATE SENIOR RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICES ACROSS SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN.*

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