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United Hebrew Geriatric Center Gerontechnology Graduates Third Semester Students

UHGC/Pace University Partnership Flourishes

New Rochelle , NY -- (May 10, 2007) - United Hebrew Geriatric Center (UHGC) recently graduated the third semester students of its popular and innovative Gerontechnology program. Residents donned graduation caps provided by Pace students in a special graduation ceremony. UHGC staff and administrators, representatives from Pace University and Westchester County's Department of Senior Program and Services were in attendance.

The Gerontechnology program was developed to educate seniors on the use of computers and provide them a sense of comfort in utilizing them. It is a partnership between Pace University's Ivan G. Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems and others in the Consortium for Multi-Faceted Gerontechnology Research.

Students from Pace University's Civic Engagement curriculum taught UHGC residents basic computer skills that enable them to communicate with their families and friends. In all, 23 UHGC residents were taught by 25 Pace students.

Gerontechnology graduates are residents of UHGC, its Low-Savin Apartments and Willow

Photos, from top to bottom:

Photo 1: From left to right: Jean F. Coppola, PhD, Pace University Assistant Professor; Linda Forman, United Hebrew Geriatric Center Vice President, Community Relations; Maureen Lundahl, Gerontechnology student and UHGC resident; Anand Acharya, Pace University senior and Gerontechnology teacher; and Collette Phipps, Research Analyst, Westchester Department of Senior Programs and Services

Photo 2: From left to right: Dozene Guishard, program coordinator, Westchester Department of Senior Programs and Services; Linda Forman, United Hebrew Geriatric Center Vice President, Community Relations; Millie DesBiens, Program Manager, IBM Global Workforce Diversity, with pet therapy dogs; Jean F. Coppola, PhD, Pace University Assistant Professor; and Collette Phipps, Research Analyst, Westchester Department of Senior Programs and Services

Photo 3: UHGC resident and gerontechnology student Shirley Rehrand with Pace student/teacher Gabriel Paz



Towers, the assisted living residence. They received a graduation certificate from Pace University student/teachers during the graduation ceremony for their completion of the seven-week program. First semester students graduated in April 2006.

The Gerontechnology program at UHGC has garnered so much recognition and momentum since it began early last year that Westchester County chose UHGC as a site to showcase it as part of its "Take Your Grandparents to School/Work Week" initiative earlier this year.

"While they are e-mailing their grandchildren across the country, our residents have a wonderful opportunity to spend time here with young adults interested in eldercare, nursing, technology and giving back to their community," said Rita Mabli, UHGC CEO.

Residents of UHGC's nursing home, assisted living facility, and senior housing will all have the opportunity to take classes in computer labs in the state-of-the-art UHGC residence, scheduled for completion in 2008. The facility will offer wireless Internet capacity in rooms and common spaces.

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About the United Hebrew Geriatric Center of New Rochelle: UHGC is a vibrant not-for-profit, non-sectarian, multi-service senior living campus serving the Westchester



metropolitan area since 1919. UHGC offers a rich array of skilled and community-based programs and services that encourages and supports a life of dignity and spirituality and promotes the highest possible quality of life. UHGC serves over 600 clients daily in its campus facilities -- Willow Towers, a 126 unit assisted living residence; a 270 bed Nursing Home; the 135-unit Low-Savin Apartments for seniors; a Long Term Home Health Care Program; and the Azor Home Health Agency. Its newest project, the renovation and expansion of its nursing home facility, combines world-class care with state-of-the-art features.

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