



## **United Hebrew Geriatric Center Hosts Guests from Ireland**

### ***Visit as part of 1199 Union's League Labor Management Project***

**New Rochelle, NY (May 14, 2006)** - United Hebrew Geriatric Center (UHGC) recently hosted three visitors from Ireland, the CEO of a nursing home group and two architects. The visit was organized by 1199 Service Employees International Union (SEIU) United Healthcare Workers East, the largest Local union in the world, and UHGC CEO Rita Mabli.

The visitors – Seamus Shields, CEO of the Cowper Care Centre Ltd., operator of small nursing homes; Denis Handy, principal architect with Ryan O'Brien Handy Architects; and architect Seamus McMorris – learned about the UHGC residences and how each offers a different level of care. Cowper Care Centre Ltd. is similar to UHGC in that it provides several types of services – nursing homes; respite and convalescent care; day care; extended care (including dementia care) and terminal care. Messrs. Shields, Handy, and McMorris were visiting senior housing facilities around the world to gather visions and ideas for their projects in Ireland.

During their visit with Rita Mabli, CEO of UHGC, and members of the UHGC medical and administrative staff, the visitors toured Willow Towers, a 126-unit assisted living residence; the 135-unit Low-Savin Apartments, offering independent living for seniors; and The Lola and Saul Kramer and The Ada and Saul Gutner Pavilions, with 270 nursing home beds.

"We learned a lot about each other's models of care," says Rita Mabli. "The three visitors were particularly impressed with the way that we offer a continuum of care by moving residents among the Center's facilities as their care needs change."

#### **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 with The Phoenix Neighborhood for those with memory impairment; 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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