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**GOODNESS GRACENESS DELIVERS**

Buffalo – A volunteer committee called “Goodness Graceness”, started by University of Buffalo graduate school students, is building bridges with Grace Manor Health Care Facility. As a skilled nursing home which opened in 1998 to care for our community’s needful elderly and disadvantaged, the residents of this 167-bed facility have few extras but that is changing under the enthusiastic direction of Robyn Washousky and Preethi Govindaraj.

On Saturday, February 15, at 10:30 AM, Goodness Graceness will deliver individual plants to each resident of Grace Manor in honor of Valentine’s Day. The cups holding the plants and the accompanying greeting cards were made by students at Country Parkway School in Williamsville. This personal delivery is especially important as 40% of the residents of Grace Manor have no local family or support system. The Plant Project not only recognizes the individual residents but also gives them something of their own to care for.

“Forming relationships with these people was an unforgettable thing,” stated Washousky. “Having them ask if we were coming back to see them felt great.”

David J. Gentner, President & CEO of Grace Manor, has nothing but praise for these young people who are working with the residents this year. “These students don’t have to do this. They care and want to make a difference. We are very grateful for their efforts,” he commented. “We look forward to the other events planned for this year.”

For more information on volunteer opportunities at Grace Manor, call Jackie Campbell, Director of Activities, at 884-2474, ext. 3310.

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Grace Manor Health Care Facility is a 167-bed skilled nursing facility, specializing in long-term care and short-term rehabilitation. With its mission of offering culturally competent continuing care to Buffalo’s communities of need. Grace Manor has developed a sensitive care model where cultural traditions are honored in order to enhance the caring environment. Grace Manor is located at 10 Symphony Circle.