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MAJOR LIBRARY EXPANSION AT GRACE MANOR

Buffalo- Grace Manor Health Care Facility which provides long-term care to Buffalo's urban community has been awarded 7,000 books from Project Flight, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting family literacy. Delivery of the books will take place on Thursday, March 6, 2003.

"Grace Manor is grateful to Project Flight for the overwhelming contribution to our library which was started last fall with an initial donation from Quebecor World," stated David J. Gentner, President & CEO of Grace Manor. "Our residents and their families will now have an even greater selection of books to enjoy."

The fall of 2002 saw Canterbury Woods residents volunteer to make and deliver bookcases for the new library. According to Gentner, "We need to ask for help from the community again with this new 'embarrassment of riches'. With enough bookcases, we should be able to have books available in every community corner within Grace Manor."

Project Flight is based at Buffalo State College where donations of books from publishers as well as books purchased with funds raised from corporations and foundations are assembled and awarded to various community initiatives which promote family literacy. Project Flight, which was started in 1993, is a community outreach program that has over 16 initiatives. One initiative is entitled Wise Elder Book Program which was established with the help of Key Bank and has put into the hands of wise elders in our community over 100,000 books. According to Dr. Elizabeth Cappella, co-Director of Project Flight, "Grace Manor's mission and commitment to excellence for its residents makes it the perfect recipient for this program."

"I'm delighted with this resource for our residents and their visitors. I'll be even more thrilled when we can get them on shelves and available to all," stated Gentner. Anyone interested in building or donating bookcases to Grace Manor should call Isadore DeMarco at 884-2474, ext. 3208.

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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 care model where cultural traditions are honored in order to enhance the caring environment. Grace Manor is located at 10 Symphony Circle.