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PRESS RELEASE

Eagle Scout Donates Ballot Box to Villa Residents

July 30, 2015: A local eagle scout from Troop 965, Camden Tomlinson (son of Flint & Crystal Tomlinson) recently made and donated a beautiful Resident Ballot Box to The Villa.

The ballot box allows another method for residents to have a voice in their Villa community. Residents may vote on a variety of items such as resident and staff of the month, favorite meal, which activities they want to have available, etc. Residents may also use the ballot box to express their wants and needs.

The Villa is dedicated to creating quality of life. In a world that typically views aging as a period of decline, we believe that no matter how old we are, or what challenges we live with, life is about continuing to grow. Care is not a one-way street, but rather a collaborative partnership.

The Villa strives to be a resident-centered community, de-emphasizing top-down bureaucratic authority and seeking instead to place decision making authority into the hands of the residents. In support of this vision, we have implemented a Resident Council. A Resident Council is an independent, organized group of people living in The Villa that meets on a regular basis to discuss concerns, develop suggestions on improving services, plan social activities, etc. Effective resident councils improve communication within the home, and serve as a sounding board for new ideas. The council promotes greater participation in affairs within the community, creates friendships and develops a strong feel of community within the home.

The Resident Council at The Villa meets once a month and every resident is an automatic member; however, they can choose to participate or not. Residents vote on officers whom serve six month terms. No staff or administration is allowed unless they are invited by the council.

The residents at The Villa were excited to receive the ballot box donated by Camden Tomlinson. They look forward to using the ballot box to let their opinions be heard, and to make a difference in their community. The Villa would like to extend a sincere thank you to Camden for his generous, thoughtful donation to our Villa community.

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Pictured Above (Left to Right):
Michele Landry, Villa Resident Council Vice President and Elaine Bard, Villa Resident Council President
accept a donation from Camden Tomlinson, Troop 965.