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Re: News Item for Release in the Sunday NewsPress November 19 edition

WHO: LIFE Adult Day Center Participants

WHAT: Walkway dedication ceremony

WHEN: recently dedicated

WHERE: First Christian Church/Life Center courtyard

WHY:

HIGHLIGHTS:

Since the Life Adult Day Center opened in 1983, Participants at the Center have utilized walking as a form of exercise and therapy. The Participants have utilized the local walking trails, the OSU campus, and the hallway at the Center. Now they have an option to walk in the courtyard at the Life Center itself. Thanks to one person's donation and many volunteers to provide the labor, the courtyard now has a walking trail, handrail, gate and patios.

Funding for the project was provided by a donation from Christine Harris Williams, a member of the Life Center board of directors. Williams' mother, Ruth Harris, had attended the Center in 1988. She established the fund after she joined the board and continued to add to the fund over the next ten years. Williams wanted to provide the Participants a place to enjoy nature as a tribute to the memory of her mother, who was an avid gardener and loved the out of doors.

In the fall of 2005, the leader of the First Christian Church landscape team, Jim Stritzke, several church members and the Life Center director, Jane Carlson, completed a proposed renovation project that would improve the utilization and appearance of the courtyard for both the church members and the Life Center participants. The result of the combined efforts of the church and the Life Center, the walkway is now open and is, as inscribed on the plaque at the trail, "dedicated to Ruth Haygood Harris and all who pass here".

For more information on the Life Center or its programs, please call 377-0978 or visit the web site at www.lifecenterads.org.