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## Ann Richards, RN Celebrated During Heritage Community of Kalamazoo Foundation Gala in 1980s Style

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Kalamazoo, Michigan, June 14, 2018** – The 1980s themed Heritage Community Foundation Gala raised \$71,000 for the Heritage Legacy Fund, which assures residents that if, through unexpected circumstances, they can no longer cover their own living costs, their home will always be secure at Heritage Community.

“Donor gifts provide an average of \$37 per day to help bridge the financial gap for a resident. We are honored to receive this generous support from the philanthropic community in support of the residents at Heritage Community through the Heritage Legacy Fund,” Kim Loftus, Executive Director, Heritage Community Foundation.

The Gala took place on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at Cityscapes Event Center in downtown Kalamazoo with 154 guests in attendance. The Purple Poppy Award was presented to Ann Richards, RN for her service, support, impact and advocacy on behalf of older adults at Heritage Community and Southwest Michigan.

The Heritage Community Foundation recognized 39 sponsors for their support of the Gala.

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From left: Ann Richards, RN (Purple Poppy Award Recipient) with her husband Dennis Richards.  
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For more information, contact Kim Loftus at (269) 276.4046.

### About Heritage Community of Kalamazoo Foundation

The Heritage Community Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization established to support the charitable needs of Heritage Community of Kalamazoo and the residents who live here. Founded in 1945, the Foundation has been raising funds to help support residents through various means including the Heritage Legacy Fund, which assures residents that if, through unexpected circumstances, they can no longer cover their own living costs, their home will always be secure at Heritage Community. <http://www.heritagecommunityfoundation.com/>

### About Heritage Community of Kalamazoo

Heritage Community of Kalamazoo is a vibrant senior living community of older adults that is rooted in a 70-year tradition of generations caring for one another. Lead by a volunteer board of directors, Heritage Community of Kalamazoo is the oldest and only locally governed nonprofit Michigan senior housing community of Kalamazoo. Today, Heritage Community of Kalamazoo continues to be an innovator in customer-focused care for older adults in the Kalamazoo community. For more information about Heritage Community of Kalamazoo, go to <http://www.heritagecommunity.com>