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SE MI Senior Living Organization Awarded Grant for Huron Valley PACE Expansion

***United Methodist Retirement Communities (UMRC)
Foundation receives \$1 million Capital Grant from
The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation***

Chelsea, MI, September 14, 2017 – The UMRC Foundation has been awarded a \$1 million grant from Maryland-based funder, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc. This one-year Capital Grant will support a new addition to double the size and capacity of the existing Huron Valley PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) Day Health Center in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Huron Valley PACE serves low-income older adults in southeast Michigan, ages 55 and over, who are eligible for nursing home care, but are able to live safely and independently in their homes and communities with the help of PACE services.

“We are thrilled to receive this grant from The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation,” says UMRC Foundation President, Wendy Brightman. “The Weinberg Foundation is known nationally and internationally as a champion for vulnerable older adults. The support of the Weinberg Foundation highlights the important work UMRC and Huron Valley PACE are doing to increase the number of seniors we can serve and to broaden the services we provide for low-income older adults in Washtenaw, Monroe, and surrounding counties. We are pleased to receive this award which will name The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Day Health Center.”

Huron Valley PACE Executive Director Rick Bluhm adds, “Since opening in 2014, Huron Valley PACE has grown from seven initial participants to over 160 today. As the population of older adults continues to grow, it is critical that we increase access to the highly coordinated and comprehensive services PACE offers, helping them to live independently in their own homes and communities. We are grateful to the Weinberg Foundation for helping make this possible.”

PACE is a proven, cost-effective alternative to nursing home care, designed to specifically meet the social, medical, and supportive needs of low-income, nursing home eligible adults ages 55 and over. At the Huron Valley PACE Day Health Center, an interdisciplinary team of professionals provides participants with a “one-stop” shop model for all their healthcare needs.

“With everything that PACE offers to participants, who pay nothing out-of-pocket, it also saves the state of Michigan approximately 40% over traditional nursing home care,” says Brightman. “It is truly a win-win for older adults and our communities.”

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*Building on a foundation of more than 100 years of service, **United Methodist Retirement Communities** is a faith-based, nonprofit organization that promotes the wellness, dignity and independence of older adults, by providing high quality, innovative and compassionate senior residential care services across Southeast Michigan. umrc.com/734.433.1000*

*The mission of **Huron Valley PACE** is to enhance the lives and independence of our participants by providing state-of-the-art geriatric health and community-based services. Its vision is to serve as a local, regional and national resource in the provision of state-of-the-art geriatric health and community-based services that recognize the dignity, independence and quality of life for older adults wishing to remain in their homes. huronvalleypace.org/734.572.5777*

***The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation**, one of the largest private charitable foundations in the United States, provides approximately \$100 million in annual grants to nonprofits that provide direct services to low-income and vulnerable individuals and families, primarily in the United States and Israel. Grants are focused on meeting basic needs and enabling an individual to live as independently as possible. Within that focus, emphasis is placed on serving older adults and the Jewish community. hjweinbergfoundation.org/410.654.8500*