

WATHEN RECEIVES STATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Dick Wathen was recently honored by receiving the *Excellence in Board/Trustee Leadership* award by the *Indiana Association of Homes and Services for the Aging* (IAHSA) for his contributions as a board member for Pines Village Retirement Communities (PVRC). IAHSA is an association representing over 170 nonprofit housing and service providers for older adults. Members are driven by a mission of service within their communities.

This award is given to the distinguished leader who demonstrates a significant contribution by providing outstanding leadership and fosters growth and change to the organization and the community-at-large. Wathen joined PVRC in 2001 and has held the offices of President and Vice President. During that time, his expertise was invaluable to staff as they worked to improve operational efficiencies. Additionally, Wathen has guided the building project at Meridian Woods and the Campbell St. Café forward. “Dick has always been a great resident advocate and has served the older adults of Valparaiso with vision and excellence. His dedication and commitment have been vital to the success of Pines Village and Meridian Woods,” said Laurie Mullet, CEO.