

Gillette, American House honored for housing program

Robert Gillette and American House Retirement Residences have received the Corporate Leadership Award from The Area Agency on Aging 1B. The award was given at a recent AAA-1B annual meeting at Glen Oaks Country Club.

The award recognizes commitment and innovation in meeting the AAA-1B mission of maintaining the independence and dignity of older adults.

Gillette, a Bloomfield Hills resident, is president of American House Retirement Residences. In the Eccentric-coverage area, there are American House Retirement Residences in Birmingham, Farmington Hills and Rochester Hills.

Gillette received the award because of his joint effort with AAA-1B in developing the Assisted Living Medicaid Waiver Program. With the new program, qualified, low-income seniors can be placed in assisted living apartments instead of a nursing home. The taxpayers also benefit because it costs the state 57 percent less to house the seniors in American House than it does to place them in a nursing home. Housing these seniors in a nursing home would cost the state about \$70 a day compared to the \$40 a day it costs to house



Robert Gillette, president, American House Retirement Residences

them at American House.

"In this area, he has always been a leader and innovator in assisted living. Recently, with our push to help provide more alternatives to low-income seniors, he has helped us develop the waiver program that is now being replicated across the state," said Sandra Remington, executive director, AAA-1B.

Gillette said the program has now expanded to a total of 10 American sites with four in Oakland County, two in Macomb County and three in

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Wayne County, and another opening soon. As it relates to the agency, he is now looking to add a site in Pontiac where he feels there is a higher demand for this type of housing.

"I am very proud of the success of this program and grateful for this award," said Gillette. "But more importantly I want people to recognize that it is possible for a state agency and a private business working closely together to achieve great things when all parties involved have a vested interest in the outcome. Everyone involved in this program comes out a winner."

The AAA-1B is a non-profit agency dedicated to maintaining the independence and dignity of older adults and persons with disabilities by supporting home care and community based services in the counties of Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw.

Beaumont awards scholarships,

Sixteen aspiring engineers, scientists, business managers and artists plan to head off to college this fall with help from William Beaumont Hospital's scholarship program for employees' children.

The \$1,000 scholarships are for the 1999-2000 school year. The Eccentric-area recipients, their hometowns, schools, and planned areas of study are:

- Paul Albertus, Rochester Hills, University of Michigan, engineering
- Aaron Blankenship, Troy, Kalamazoo College, biology
- Patrick Lee, Troy, University of Michigan, chemical engineering
- Meredith Miller, Bloomfield Township, Rice University, Houston, English/biology

- Karen Sherman, Troy, Kalamazoo College, biology
- Linda Williams, Southfield, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., business
- Melissa Wu, Troy, University of Michigan, engineering
- Elizabeth Zambricki, Bloomfield Hills, University of Michigan, biology

This is the fourth year that the William Beaumont Hospital Scholarship Program has helped employees' families meet the expenses of advanced education and recognized and honored outstanding achievements made by children of employees. Scholarship recipients are chosen on a competitive basis of merit, including academic record, potential to succeed, leadership and participation in school and

community activities, honors, work experience, a statement of educational and career goals and an outside appraisal. The 16 recipients were chosen from 109 applicants.

The program is independently managed by Citizens Scholarship Foundation of America, Inc., a national non-profit educational support and student aid service organization.

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