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# Challenges in Caring for Our Aging Population

November 6, 2009

8:30 - 10:00 AM (coffee & networking at 8:00 AM)

**PINE REST POSTMA CENTER** (on the campus of Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services)  
300 68<sup>th</sup> Street SE (East of Division) - Grand Rapids MI 49548

There are currently about 36 million retirees in the US. Over the next two decades, 77 million baby boomers will reach retirement age. Will today's long term care system be able to respond to that many people? What plans are being made for the future? We all hope to remain healthy, but many of us will need assistance and even skilled care and won't be able to stay in our homes. Many of us will choose to live in retirement and continuing care communities where our needs will continue to be met as we age. West Michigan is rich with retirement communities, many of which have added continuing care features for independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing and home care. In fact there has been a growth spurt in senior living complexes in recent years. Is this type of care expensive? Can we all afford this type of care, especially today when nest eggs have diminished and homes are not selling? Add reduced payments from Medicare and Medicaid - are retirement communities themselves experiencing hard times?

The November forum will discuss these issues and more regarding our long term care system. Does it meet the needs of most who need it? Are there gaps? Are there alternative programs? Please join us.

Moderator:

**Carl VerBeek**, Attorney, Varnum and Chairman of the Board, Holland Home

Panelists:

**Mina Breuker**, Executive Vice President, Residential Services, Holland Home

**Tom Czerwinski**, Executive Director, Area Agency on Aging of W MI

**Jennifer Feuerstein**, Community Outreach Representative, Care Resources

**Harold Mast**, Retired Executive Director, Genesis Nonprofit Housing Corporation

**Charles VanderBroek**, President & CEO, Resthaven Care Community

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*This forum will be videotaped and broadcast on Grand Rapids area cable station 24, Livewire, at 7:00 PM, Friday, November 27, 2009.*

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