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## **Former Teacher Gathers Help from Her Family of Educators to Build a Library of Books at Morning Pointe of Franklin**

**Franklin, IN-November 26,2012** — It all started with a simple conversation between two residents at Morning Pointe of Franklin about how nice it would be to have a great selection of books to choose from within their assisted living community. That got resident and former teacher Grace Brosius thinking and she passed along the idea to her sister, also a teacher. Jeanne Weber thought it was a fantastic idea and together they started working on a plan to make it happen.



Resident Grace Brosius in the new library at Morning Pointe of Franklin that she helped create.

Weber took the idea to Lisa Holstein, executive director of Morning Pointe. With her on board, the two sisters put their plan into action. “Books started coming in by the box,” said Mary Beth Piland, life enrichment director of the community. “They arrived from Washington D.C, Millersville, Maryland and Pennington, NJ.” Before you knew it, the assisted living community was the proud owner of 400 books thanks to Grace Brosius, her sister and their family of educators across the United States, who graciously donated their books to Morning Pointe.

“My parents always encouraged us to read,” said Brosius. “I remember my older sister, Miriam who used to read to me all the time.” In fact, Brosius and all five of her sisters are teachers. “One of my sisters nicknamed me ‘poet lariat,’” smiled Brosius, “because I would often write poems for individuals or on a special occasion.”

This time Brosius is the one being recognized for her hard work at Morning Pointe. Not only did she help spearhead this wonderful library project with her sister, but she took the time to categorize each and every book and set up a check out system to use the books. “We presented Grace with a special plaque to be placed in our new library,” smiled Piland. “It says ‘Established by Grace Brosius and family’. After the special presentation, all of the residents gave her a round of applause.”

Several avid readers are now using the new Morning Pointe library daily, and many others are enjoying it as well. “When I look at the library, I am very pleased with it, but I have a few more books I would like to round up to make it more complete,” said Brosius. Until then, it’s already making a difference. “One visitor was taking a tour of the building as she considers moving her mother to Morning Pointe,” explained Piland, “and she asked if we had a library because her mother loves to read. I was so glad to be able to show them our new library.”

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