92 and 84 YEAR OLD RESIDENTS USE MUSICAL TALENTS TO ENTERTAIN OTHER SENIORS AT MORNING POINTE OF ATHENS

ATHENS, TN- November 26, 2012- Every evening at Morning Pointe of Athens, Robert Johnson, who will be 85 in January, plays piano for his fellow residents at his assisted living community. “I start playing and they start coming out of their rooms to listen,” smiles Johnson. He began playing the piano while in elementary school. Johnson briefly took lessons, but is mostly self-taught. His favorite type of music to play is hymns. “Everyone is always so appreciative,” explains Johnson, “and I really enjoy it too.”

When Johnson is not entertaining residents at the piano, you can find Mary Ellen Naff on the keys. The soon to be 93 year old has been playing the piano since she was ten, after taking lessons. Naff has played for church, taught piano lessons and even directed musicals and plays over the years. “I just love to play and people enjoy it,” says Naff, “and that makes me feel good to be able to do something that they enjoy.”

There is always something to enjoy at Morning Pointe of Athens, whether it’s a community service project, various student visitors from elementary schools and colleges or different entertainers. In fact, the residents have even taken on numerous art projects with the help of Tennessee Wesleyan students and uncovered hidden artistic talents. “We are so appreciative of all who help fill our activity calendar,” says Kim Baker, executive director of the assisted living community. “It is especially wonderful when our very own residents fill these timeslots, as we know how much it benefits them and others.”

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