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### **Friendsview employee named “2008 Unsung Hero”**

Susan Lundy, assistant to the Director of Food Services at Friendsview Retirement Community in Newberg, has been named recipient of the 2008 Unsung Hero Award by the Oregon Alliance of Senior and Health Services. The Alliance is a statewide association of not-for-profit, mission-directed aging service organizations and communities. Lundy received her award at the Alliance Annual Conference Awards Luncheon, held May 19 at Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond, OR.

Lundy is the first-ever recipient of the Unsung Hero Award, which was initiated this year to recognize an individual who continually exemplifies service and dedication in a support capacity within an aging services organization, retirement campus or care facility. In nominating Lundy for the award, Friendsview staff noted that she took on a key leadership role when the community’s Director of Food Services was forced to take an extended leave of absence. This new responsibility came at a time when the community experienced a major remodel, and food services operations were moved to the nearby middle school. Lundy continued tackling the challenge of an unsettled food service operation during a subsequent remodeling of the dining room.

Lundy's can-do spirit is appreciated by residents and staff and passed along to the many student-employees whose first job experience is working as a member of the Friendsview wait-staff team.

"Sue stepped up under extraordinary circumstances when her organization really needed her leadership," noted Ruth Gulyas, Executive Director of the Alliance. "She truly personifies the spirit of the Unsung Hero Award."

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Photo: Susam Lundy, left, receives her Unsung Hero Award from Linda Bloxham, Regional Vice President for the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA), the parent association for the Oregon Alliance of Senior and Health Services.

The Oregon Alliance of Senior and Health Services is the statewide association of not-for-profit, mission-directed organizations dedicated to providing quality housing, care and services to the elderly and disabled. The Alliance mission is to represent and promote the common interests of its members through leadership, advocacy, education and other services to enhance members' ability to serve the elderly. Alliance members -- nursing, residential care, assisted living, housing and continuing care retirement facilities, and senior service agencies -- serve more than 16,000 older Oregonians with a commitment to meeting their total needs. For more information, visit [www.oashs.org](http://www.oashs.org)

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