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## **Hatboro Senior Citizens Share Life Stories with Local Students through Veterans Memoir Program**



MaST Community Charter School students present Wesley Enhanced Living at Maple Village residents with video memoirs as part of the *Veteran's History Project*.

Wesley Enhanced Living at Maple Village residents Charlotte Goerlich, Walter Kichline, Robert Levy, Joseph Lindsay and Jack Agnew with eighth grade students from MaST Charter School.

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**HATBORO, Pa., January 22, 2009** – Residents from Wesley Enhanced Living at Maple Village, a continuing care retirement community located in Hatboro, and students from MaST Community Charter School celebrated the successful culmination of their Library of Congress *Veteran's History Project*, with a viewing party held January 9 at the charter

school. The mission of the Library of Congress' *Veteran's History Project* is to collect and archive the personal recollections of U.S. wartime veterans to honor their service and share their stories with current and future generations.

During the spring of 2008, the eighth grade students and seniors collaborated on the *Veteran's History Project*, an intergenerational program in which the students collected and assembled the residents' life stories of wartime service. A group of students visited the retirement community on May 7 to conduct videotaped interviews with residents, including an original member of the "Dirty Dozen."

The residents talked about their life experiences, and particularly related how wartime periods affected their lives. The students then edited the footage and created DVDs of each of the interviews for the residents and for submission to the Library of Congress to be preserved forever in its archives.

The residents and students reunited on January 9 for a *Veteran's History Project* celebration at the school, during which the students presented the residents with their DVDs and viewed the footage together for the first time.

For more information about Wesley Enhanced Living at Maple Village, please visit [www.wel.org](http://www.wel.org).

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#### **About Wesley Enhanced Living (WEL)**

Wesley Enhanced Living (WEL) continuing care retirement communities are non-profit, non-denominational living environments with a mission to deliver a purposeful life to residents. Serving over 1,000, with more than 600 employees throughout Pennsylvania, Wesley Enhanced Living in Doylestown, Hatboro, Pennypack Park, Burholme and Brodheadsville provide various combinations of independent living, personal care services, dementia care, and skilled nursing services. The organization also manages two HUD subsidized housing facilities for seniors, Meadow House and Manor Glen, in the Philadelphia region. Wesley Enhanced Living is headquartered in Southampton, Pennsylvania. For more information, call: 215.354.0565, or visit [www.wel.org](http://www.wel.org).