

## **GARDEN SPOT VILLAGE ANNOUNCES BALLOON RIDE WINNER**

*Narvon resident wins tickets for two at Explore Retirement Living open house*

**NEW HOLLAND, Pa. — Oct. 28, 2011** — Garden Spot Village announces that Margie Rafferty, of Narvon, Pa., is the winner of its drawing for a hot air balloon ride for two. Rafferty's name was drawn at random from the more than 200 visitors who toured the campus last weekend as part of the first-ever Explore Retirement Living open house.

"I was excited. I really felt very lucky," Rafferty said about learning she had won the balloon ride.

Five years ago, Rafferty and her husband enjoyed a balloon ride over Lancaster County. Since widowed, she is looking forward to going with one of her sons, Robert Jr., of Lancaster.

Rafferty retired 15 years ago from a job as a corporate comptroller. Today she works part-time as a cashier at Yoder's. She has been researching her options and thinking about putting her home up for sale. She visited two communities during Saturday's event, a collaborative effort among 15 Lancaster-area retirement communities.

"Garden Spot Village was laid out very nice and has a lot to offer," she said.

"We thought of offering a chance to win a balloon ride to give people an idea of the active lifestyle here," said Scott Miller, director of marketing at Garden Spot Village.

Garden Spot Village features a pool and fitness center, wood shop, train room, craft studio, art studio, gardening plots and other recreational and leisure amenities. In addition, it offers a full range of cultural and educational events, health and fitness programs and more. The community sponsors a hot air balloon flown by the U.S. Hot Air Balloon Team and organizes the annual Garden Spot Village Marathon

Garden Spot Village is located at 433 S. Kinzer Ave. in New Holland. For information, call 717-355-6000.

### **About Garden Spot Village:**

Founded on faith in 1990, Garden Spot Village is a licensed, non-profit provider of innovative housing and lifestyle services that enrich the lives of older adults as an expression of Christ's love.

Its flagship community, Garden Spot Village, opened its doors in 1996. A resort-style community for residents 62 plus, it provides a dynamic environment where individuals and couples can pursue purpose-filled lives. Located on a scenic 104-acre campus in New Holland, Pennsylvania, Garden Spot Village features award-winning architecture, exceptional amenities, more than 40 social clubs and an abundant schedule of activities.

Garden Spot Village also owns and operates Maple Farm, a household-model skilled care campus in Akron, Pa., and is currently pre-selling 44 urban lofts for a 55-plus community in the historic Lancaster Press Building at the corner of North Prince and Lemon streets in downtown Lancaster City, Pa. In addition to its residential offerings, Garden Spot Village provides healthcare services on campus, and Garden Spot Village At Home personal care and companionship services to residents of Garden Spot Village and the greater New Holland community.

The organization embraces teamwork, excellence, service, stewardship, innovation and integrity. Garden Spot Village is affiliated with the Lancaster Mennonite Conference of the Mennonite Church, the Atlantic Coast Conference of Mennonite Church USA, Mennonite Health Services, and LeadingAge™ PA.

For information, visit [www.gardenspotvillage.org](http://www.gardenspotvillage.org).

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