

## **GARDEN SPOT VILLAGE AND ELANCO LIBRARY TO PARTNER ON SPEAKER SERIES**

*Local authors will share their stories about facing life's challenges*

**NEW HOLLAND, Pa. — Mar. 31, 2011** — Garden Spot Village and the Eastern Lancaster County Library are teaming up to bring a new speaker series to the Eastern Lancaster County area. “I Have a Story to Tell ... Author Talk” will feature local authors, who will tell their life stories and talk about the challenges they have faced.

The new series was inspired by a program that Garden Spot Village and the ELANCO Library held earlier this year.

“We recently partnered with the library to present Joseph Hirt, an Auschwitz survivor. The response to Mr. Hirt and the outpouring of love and concern when he told his story was overwhelming,” said Colleen Musselman, director of life enrichment at Garden Spot Village.

Recognizing the need for local programming that gave individuals such as Hirt a voice and an opportunity to share their experiences with the community, Musselman brainstormed with Donna Brice, director of ELANCO Library. Together, they developed the speaker program, which will present a new author each quarter.

The inaugural presentation is scheduled for Tues., Jun. 14 at 2 p.m. in the chapel at Garden Spot Village, 433 S. Kinzer Ave. here in New Holland. Bob Paulson and his wife, Maureen, will talk about his book, *Not in Kansas Anymore: A Memoir of the Farm, New York City and Life with ALS*. Paulson, who was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) in 1996, uses a unique eye-tracking device to communicate.

“I Have a Story to Tell” presentations are free and open to the public.

For more information, call 717-355-6000.

###