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MATURE SERVICES

NAMES NEW LEADER

WEST AKRON — Mature Services Inc. announced Karen Hrdlicka has been chosen as the agency's new president and CEO.

She assumed the position May 18, according to agency officials.

"Karen Hrdlicka brings the experience and expertise needed to meet the challenges we face through a proven record of leadership, strategy development, team building, financial management and relationship management," said Pamela Hawkins, chair of the

agency's board of directors.

Hrdlicka spent more than 15 years in progressively senior positions at St. Luke Lutheran Community, a multicampus, faith-based organization serving older adults in Northeast Ohio. There, as executive director, she oversaw a 56-bed nursing facility and directed a multimillion dollar project that created a 15-suite assisted-living addition at the Portage Lakes campus in New Franklin, according to Mature Services officials. Hrdlicka also has directed many strategic plans, implemented new technology systems and been in



Karen Hrdlicka

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leadership roles on numerous community boards, according to Mature Services officials.

"I am pleased to be joining

Mature Services as it embarks on its 40th year of service," said Hrdlicka. "As a multiservice agency, it has served as a model in continually assessing the needs of the individuals being served and implementing the programs to meet those needs. I am looking forward to working with the staff in making sure that Mature Services continues to grow."

"We are lucky to have found such a caring and qualified individual to lead the agency into the future," said Linda Valentine, retiring president and CEO. "It feels good to know the agency will be in such competent hands."

For more information, visit www.matureservices.org or

call 330-253-4597.

THE VILLAGE AT ST. EDWARD PARTICIPATING IN MUSIC & MEMORY

FAIRLAWN — The Village at St. Edward is taking part in the Music & MemorySM Nursing Home Quality Improvement Project.

According to Ohio Department of Aging officials, Music & Memory is an innovative approach to dementia care that uses personalized playlists on digital music players to help residents reconnect with memories and the world around them. [See related News & Notes item below.]

"This program focuses on the quality of life of our residents and builds lasting rela-