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A Thankful Thanksgiving Shows the Importance of "Family"

Delray Beach, FL, December 3, 2008 – "This is not a one time occurrence but something that takes place on a daily basis here at Abbey Delray South. We are certainly blessed to have staff that feels like an extended family!" said resident Carol Siddons.

At **3:40 P.M.** on Wednesday, November 26th the dressing, green bean casserole and cranberry salad was made, the carrots and brussel sprouts cleaned, the 21 pound turkey ready for early Thursday morning, and two pumpkin pies being prepared for the oven. When seven year resident of Abbey Delray South Senior Living Community, Carol Siddons, turned the oven to preheat for the pies there was a loud pop and the smell of smoke! She called Rueben Piatt, Assistant Plant Operations Director, at Abbey Delray South, on his cell phone and told him she was sorry to bother him the day before Thanksgiving.

I told him I knew he was trying to finish up his daily work and go home for the holiday, but my stove just died. He said, "I will be right there." Reuben checked the stove, the breakers, and determined the stove wasn't going to be operable in time for the Thanksgiving dinner preparations. However, the staff was determined Thanksgiving would come off without a hitch for the Siddons family.

The staff located another stove in an apartment home being remodeled and transported it to Siddon's kitchen and took out her stove. Rueben connected and checked the new oven and burners and pronounced it working. At **4:02 P.M.**, just **22 minutes** after the call for help, Rueben asked what time it was and set the clock on the stove. After thanking him profusely he went on his way and Carol Siddons was back to preparing the Thanksgiving meal.

"Our family and company came for Thanksgiving and everything was ready. We enjoyed our dinner and we told them our story of the day before. Our dinner guests were really impressed and amazed; I am sure they will be telling their friends. I can't tell you how much we appreciate the staff at Abbey Delray South. You may think Thanksgiving 2008 is over but we will remember the kindness we were shown and be thankful for the help received for many Thanksgivings. We are certainly blessed to live at Abbey Delray South and have a 'family' that makes things happen!"

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