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## **DWAYNE CLARK RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM SENIOR SERVICES**

SEATTLE, WA (September 22, 2008) – AegisLiving, a national leader in retirement, assisted living and memory care communities, is pleased to announce that Founder and CEO Dwayne J. Clark has received the *Senior Services Lifetime Achievement Award* from Senior Services of Seattle/King County.

The award is given annually by Senior Services, the largest non-profit agency serving older people in Washington state. Each year, a group of Senior Services staff and volunteers create a list of nominees from which a winner is chosen. With a long history of both supporting seniors in the community and creating innovative solutions to improve their well-being, Dwayne was enthusiastically chosen as this year's recipient. Past recipients of Senior Services *Lifetime Achievement Award* include John Ellis, Will Blethen, Sally Behnke, William Cruzen, and Phil Smart Sr.

“We are thrilled to honor Dwayne because we both share a similar vision of what aging in the community should look like: positive, energetic, inspiring aging,” said Denise Klein, Senior Services executive director. “We both value the life experience and contribution of seniors, from youth through their golden years. Dwayne Clark is a leader in the field and is shifting – for the better – the community's perspective of what growing older looks like.”

Dwayne has a long history of commitment to the community and to improving senior living. With 23 years of senior housing experience and involvement in the development, construction and management of over 200 senior housing projects, Dwayne is nationally known for quality, as well as his innovative flare. Raised from humble beginnings by a single mom, Dwayne was led to a tireless pursuit of running a company in a different way, with staff satisfaction being a driving force. An author of two books, his success in creating an outstanding company culture has been chronicled in many publications. Prior to forming Aegis, Dwayne was executive vice president of Sunrise Senior Living and spent 7 years with LeisureCare. In addition to receiving this *Lifetime Achievement Award* by Senior Services, Dwayne has been honored for his contribution to business and healthcare as well as senior housing, including named Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year in 2007, and an Aging program at Bastyr University named the Dwayne J. Clark Healthy Aging Program.

**About ÁegisLiving**

ÁegisLiving is a national leader in retirement and assisted living, offering a progressive selection of senior residences to meet the growing needs of today's aging population. Providing the finest in senior lifestyle and living options available, "We're the people who make life better" emphasizing health, quality of life, well being and community. The residences include Signature Living, independent living, assisted living, Memory Care for individuals with Alzheimer's and other forms of memory loss, as well as short term, rehabilitative and vacation stays. AegisLiving is guided by a simple philosophy: strive to treat all people with the highest possible standards. Founded in 1997 and headquartered in Redmond, Washington privately held ÁegisLiving operates 34 communities in Washington, California and Nevada. More information about ÁegisLiving is available at [www.AegisLiving.com](http://www.AegisLiving.com).

**About Senior Services**

Established in 1967, Senior Services is the largest non-profit agency assisting older people in Washington State serving more than 50,000 seniors and their families each year. The agency is committed to promoting the emotional, social and physical well-being of older adults through an extensive system of quality programs and services including operating 8 Senior Centers, 3 adult day health programs, meals on wheels, community dining, senior outreach, home sharing for seniors, minor home repair, the senior information and assistance hotline, senior rights assistance, volunteer transportation, and Project Enhance.

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