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Advent Square and the Sea Cadets Join Forces to
Deliver Holiday Goody Bags to the Fisher House

Boca Raton, Florida — Advent Square Independent Retirement Community and local Sea Cadets delivered 115 “gratitude goody bags” to Fisher House guests in West Palm Beach on Friday, November 16, 2007. Assembly of the bags was truly a community effort as Advent Square residents worked with school children from Advent Elementary and Middle School and Hagen Road Elementary School to decorate and fill the bags with thank you notes, snacks, small toys, and toiletries. Items were collected by the Sea Cadets from individuals and organizations throughout the community.

Supporting America's military in their time of need, Fisher House™ provides *"a home away from home"* that enables family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful time -- during hospitalization for an illness, disease or injury. Annually, the Fisher House program serves more than 10,000 families, and have made available nearly 2.5 million days of lodging to family members since the program originated in 1990. By law, there is no charge for any family to stay at a Fisher House operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Fisher House Foundation uses donations to reimburse the individual Fisher Houses operated by the Army, Navy, and Air Force. No family pays to stay at any Fisher House.

Since 1958 the Naval Sea Cadet Corps has been committed to providing American youth with a drug and alcohol free environment to foster their leadership abilities, broaden their horizons through hands-on training and guide them to becoming mature young adults. For more information about the Sea Cadets, please visit www.bocadelrayseacadets.com or call 561-239-4189. The organization may also be reached via email at xojerry@aol.com.

Advent Square, a ministry of Advent Lutheran church, is a cozy community where seniors of all faiths can experience the full richness of life through a wide range of programs and services. To learn more about Advent Square, please visit www.adventlifenet.org or call 561-391-7207.

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Photo IDs:

1. Teresa Ringel, director of Fisher House, with Advent Square residents (Ero Kouvarides, Millie Scaccia, Dixie Forrestal, Muriel Albury) and Karen Blahnik.
2. Advent Square Resident Dixie Forrestal prepares goody bags with Advent Lutheran School students Colleen Blahnik and Daniel Conroy.
3. Residents of Advent Square with Goody Bags.
4. Sea Cadets Jonathan Schumacher, Christopher Brown and Jayme McColgan with Rebecca Sorensen, member of Advent Lutheran Church.