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“THE DATING GAME” REVISITED

Worcester, MA – July 28, 2011– The classic hit “Summer in the City” set the mood in The Willows at Worcester’s Great Room recently, as The Weeping Willows troupe performed their rendition of “The Dating Game” in front of a standing room only audience.

Willows’ resident Dotty Kashuk originally created the group with one mission in mind – to make people laugh. The Weeping Willows’ skits are currently written and directed by Kashuk and acted out by fellow residents, including her husband Nate Kashuk. Their over-the-top take-off on “The Dating Game” entertained residents, their families and staff guests with “golf pros,” “pool sharks,” “bathing beauties” and “artists” as contestants, referencing some of the favorite features of The Willows, including the Professional Full Swing Golf Simulator, the aquatic center, courtyard, and the creative arts studio. The one-hour skit included Kashuk’s original characters “Harley Sheen” and “Donald Rump,” who immediately became crowd favorites.

“I’ve always loved writing plays ... so the material comes very easily to me,” says Kashuk. “I thought a group like this would be perfect here, and so far, I feel like everyone is enjoying the performances we put on.”

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“Our ‘Dating Game’ was similar to the original show, but poked fun at the aches and pains that come along with aging,” she says, noting that this skit didn’t feature her usual rhyming approach.

She worked with Willows’ Resident Services Coordinator Lori Nelson as stage manager for the production and assistant in costuming, while Kashuk did all the makeup.

Nelson said, “The play was hilarious and it almost became a comedy of errors, since the actors were having so much fun making comical blunders and not following the script word-for-word.”

Kashuk credits her love of entertainment for perpetuating the drama gang. “I was an outgoing child and always liked to perform. I still find myself waking up in the middle of the night with character ideas and I’m always thinking about what I’ll do next.”

She looks forward to presenting her upcoming musical scheduled for the fall.

“It’s all about resident involvement. We are the talent and anyone can do this. It’s just about getting into character and letting your hair down!”

The Willows at Worcester, located on a 21-acre campus at 101 Barry Road, near Salisbury Street, offers private independent living apartment homes and cottages, with a variety of customization choices so residents' homes can reflect their personal style and taste. For more information about The Willows at Worcester, call (508) 755-0088 or visit www.TheWillowsAtWorcester.com. The Willows is part of SALMON Health and Retirement, a third-generation, family-owned-and-operated organization, which has earned the trust and confidence of families across New England since 1952.

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