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## **David Gentner Appointed 10<sup>th</sup> President of The Wartburg Adult Care Community**

(Mount Vernon, NY—December 7, 2010) David Gentner, MPA, NHA, CASP, has been appointed The Wartburg Adult Care Community's 10<sup>th</sup> President and Chief Executive Officer by the organization's Board of Directors. The action of the Board was unanimous. He had been serving as interim President and CEO since May 2010. He joined The Wartburg's executive team in 2004 as Vice President of Health Services. He was promoted to Chief Operating Officer in 2006.

"We are pleased to have David at the helm of The Wartburg's resources at this particular time in our 145-year history," said Pastor Amandus J. Derr, the Board's Chair. "As interim CEO and President, David has provided visionary and focused leadership to the Wartburg. His life-long passion for caring for older adults is just one factor in our choice to have him lead our multiple residential and community-based programs on which so many families rely. David's insights, leadership and experience will be critical as we plan, construct and implement new programs to advance The Wartburg's first major building project of the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

In October of 2010, The Wartburg announced it had been awarded a \$27,590,000 HEAL NY grant. The Wartburg was one of only nine facilities in the state awarded this grant. Funding will allow The Wartburg to reposition its service offering so it can continue to serve low to moderate income seniors, allowing them to remain as independent as possible in innovative settings where care can be provided in the most efficient manner. The Wartburg's planned projects include a new rehabilitation-focused skilled nursing building that also constructs modern space for Adult Day Programs and 60 units of supported housing on its campus.

"I am happy to be a part of the great mission of The Wartburg," said Mr. Gentner. "It is an exciting time for this historic and dynamic organization. There has never been a greater need for our services, and my goal is to make sure that our exemplary staff continues to provide the highest quality, most compassionate care as we rise to meet the community's changing needs."

A licensed health care administrator in three states, Mr. Gentner is a member of the American College of Health Care Administrators. He has dedicated the past 20 years to helping older adults live in a dignified environment, surrounded by individuals committed to providing quality care. He began his career in adult care as a student in a part-time position in the maintenance department of a small skilled nursing residence in Rochester, NY. Prior to joining The Wartburg, he was President and CEO of Grace Manor Health Care Facility Inc. in Buffalo, NY. He has earned a Masters in Public Administration with a healthcare concentration from SUNY College at Brockport and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from SUNY Empire State College. In 2009 the Coalition for Leadership in Aging Services (CLAS) honored David Gentner as a member of the 2009 Certified Aging Services Professional (CASP) graduating class. He is part of the AAHSA Leadership Class of 2010, which provides a national perspective on current trends in the field of Long Term Care.

The Wartburg Adult Care Community is a not-for-profit Lutheran ministry, serving people of all faiths with a full range of residential options and health-related services for older area adults and their families. The Wartburg offers skilled nursing care, rehabilitation, Alzheimer's and dementia care, assisted and independent living, adult day services, home care, memory care, pastoral care and monthly caregiver support groups. For more information about The Wartburg Adult Care Community, please call (914) 699-0800, email [info@thewartburg.org](mailto:info@thewartburg.org) or visit [www.thewartburg.org](http://www.thewartburg.org)