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ELDERSERVE HONORS REVEREND RON LOUGHRY AS 2015 CHAMPION FOR THE AGING

LOUISVILLE (February 16, 2015) – ElderServe, one of Louisville’s largest non-profit organizations devoted to empowering older adults to live independently with dignity, has selected Reverend Ron Loughry as the 2015 Champion for the Aging recipient. Reverend Loughry will be recognized at the agency’s annual Champion for the Aging Luncheon at the Galt House Hotel on June 12, 2015.

Reverend Loughry currently serves as the Executive Director of the Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries, and as a minister within the Christian Church Disciples of Christ. In addition to pastoring, Reverend Loughry has worked with older adults for more than 30 years as an advocate, an aging services provider, and a champion of compassion in the Metro Louisville community.

His earliest work with older adults began in the 1970s as a lay minister working with a church-based senior adult nutrition center in Baltimore, Md. After relocating to Louisville, Reverend Loughry served as chaplain at the Eastern Star Nursing Home and then as director of the Senior Adult Center at United Crescent Hill Ministries before working as the Adult Day Center director at Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries in 1996.

“Louisville is a community blessed with individuals, companies and civic groups willing to work together, regardless of individual missions, to champion our older adult population,” he said. “I am honored and humbled to be part of this community and to be chosen by ElderServe for this important award.”

Alice Houston, president and CEO of Houston-Johnson Inc., a materials management and order fulfillment company in Louisville, will serve as Chair at this year’s program. Houston and her husband, Wade, a former basketball coach at the University of Louisville and the University of Tennessee, launched their company in 1996. Houston’s long list of volunteer activities

demonstrates her commitment to the residents of Louisville. She currently serves on the following boards: Louisville Branch of the Federal Reserve of St. Louis, 55,000 Degrees and 15K initiative, Simmons College of Kentucky, Louisville Arena Authority, the James Graham Brown Foundation, Transit Authority of River City (TARC), Greater Louisville Inc. and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

“The Champion for the Aging luncheon is our largest fundraising event,” said Development Director Lisa Cobb. “We are so fortunate to have such an outstanding recipient in Reverend Loughry. He truly exemplifies the mission of ElderServe – to serve active older adults as well as those who are vulnerable in our community.”

For information on sponsorships, tables or individual tickets, contact Lisa Cobb at 502.587.8673 or ltcobb@elderserveinc.org. Event details are also available at www.elderserveinc.org.

ElderServe empowers older adults to live independently with dignity. Serving Metro Louisville for more than 50 years, ElderServe provides a wide range of services for both the active older adult as well as for those who are most vulnerable as they navigate the aging process.