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Chartwell Announces Senior Star 2010 National Finalists

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MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO--(Marketwire - Aug. 18, 2010) - Now in its fourth year, Chartwell Seniors Housing (TSX:CSH.UN) is pleased to celebrate the talent, experience and vitality of seniors through its annual Senior Star competition. Open to anyone 65 and over and a Canadian resident, contestants do not have to be living in a Chartwell residence.

Following regional auditions in over 60 locations across Canada, celebrity judges Gordie Tapp, Tim Louis and Dan Clancy have selected 10 finalists from almost 500 performances. We congratulate the following competitors who will now compete in the National Final at the historic Concert Hall at The Carlu in Toronto, Ontario on October 18, 2010:

- Irene Reed Surrey, BC
- Barry Greene Prescott, ON
- Victor Johnson Gravenhurst, ON
- Chuck Mugford Washago, ON
- Glenn Higgins Burlington, ON
- Wendy West Acton, ON
- Carmen Hill Mississauga, ON
- Gayle Johnston Ailsa Craig, ON
- Barry Gardner Oshawa, ON
- Mel Collie Scarborough, ON

"Senior Star has grown to be the largest celebration of seniors' talent in Canada," said Brent Binions, President and CEO of Chartwell Seniors Housing REIT. "We are proud to support the incredible abilities of Canadian seniors."

About Chartwell

Chartwell Seniors Housing REIT is one of Canada's leading providers of high quality seniors housing, offering a full spectrum of care from independent living to retirement residences to fully serviced long-term care. For more information about Chartwell, visit **www.chartwellreit.ca**.

For more information or to conduct a media interview with any participants,
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