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Ms. Mendi Hanna, CASP
RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

DENTON, TEXAS—The Coalition for Leadership in Aging Services (CLAS) honors Mendi Hanna, Director of Marketing of Bishop Spencer Place in Kansas City, MO, as a member of the 2010 Certified Aging Services Professional (CASP) graduating class.

After successfully completing the required professional training and three comprehensive examinations, Ms. Hanna has been awarded the CASP designation and was acknowledged at the annual meeting of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA) in Los Angeles, CA during the week of October 31 – November 3, 2010.

Founded in 1986 by AAHSA and joined in partnership in 2000 by the Department of Applied Gerontology at the University of North Texas (UNT), CLAS is celebrating its 24th year of providing comprehensive education and training to professionals involved in the management of assisted living facilities, continuing care retirement communities, and other types of senior housing. The CASP credential distinguishes professionals in the field of senior living and aging services that have chosen to pursue excellence in their work and in their field through education and training.

Ms. Hanna was among approximately 80 graduates in the class of 2010. As a graduate, she joins a notable group of over 2000 individuals nationwide who have earned their CASP certification. Mendi has dedicated the past 16 years to helping older adults live in a dignified environment, surrounded by individuals committed to providing quality care

and support. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism from the University of Kansas.

For more information about CLAS or the CASP credential, please contact the CLAS Office at the University of North Texas, 1155 Union Circle #305098, Denton, TX 76203-5017; telephone 940-565-2733; clas@unt.edu; website <http://LeadersInAging.unt.edu>.

The Coalition for Leadership in Aging Services, located in Denton, Texas, creates, certifies, and connects innovative leaders in aging services and serves a vital role in the field by providing a forum where quality education for administration and leadership is delivered by seasoned professionals. It also serves as a framework for continued growth and development and fosters a network for individuals to connect with their peers. The Certified Aging Services Professional (CASP) National Certification Program is the foundation of the professional activities offered by CLAS.

The University of North Texas, located in Denton, Texas, is a student-centered public research university and the flagship of the UNT System. Expert rankings in "U. S. News & World Report" put UNT among the top national universities that are 'leading the pack' in innovative changes in academics, faculty, students, campus life, diversity and facilities. UNT is one of Texas' largest universities, offering 97 bachelor's, 101 master's, and 49 doctoral degree programs, many nationally and internationally recognized. Offering a traditional college experience and the quality of a private university at an affordable cost, UNT provides abundant opportunities for its constituents to discover the power of ideas. For more information visit www.unt.edu.