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## **UDS Acquires Lehigh Valley Personal Care Company**

*“Angels at Your Service” shares UDS mission to help others*

**Lancaster, PA (November 9, 2009)** – A Lehigh Valley non-medical personal care company will become part of one of the Commonwealth’s most prominent home- and community-based service providers, following a recent acquisition. The United Disabilities Services (UDS) Foundation recently purchased the Hellertown-based Angels at Your Service on behalf of UDS Independent Living Services, based in Tamaqua, Pennsylvania.

Founded in 2003 by, Angels at Your Service has grown from one employee to 30, providing non-medical personal care, homemaker, cleaning and handyman services. The company, which has become well-known for its exceptional care of the elderly in the Lehigh Valley area, will retain its name and brand identity. Diane Ganssle will remain with the company as business manager, while her husband, Bill Ganssle will be the key foreman in developing the company’s Handyman services and will serve as a company safety mentor.

“Becoming part of UDS Independent Living was the perfect fit for Angels at Your Service. They share our same guiding principles and, together, we’ll be able to grow and meet the diverse needs of our clients,” commented Diane Ganssle.

UDS Independent Living Services is part of the Lancaster-based UDS, a non-profit organization

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that provides home- and community-based services to people with disabilities and the elderly. In Angels at Your Service, UDS saw a company that shared its commitment to helping others through high quality service and care.

“We’re pleased to have Angels at Your Service as a part of our UDS family,” said Bill Kepner, UDS president. “Diane Ganssle and her staff have built a well respected, successful company that is focused on delivering high quality care which aligns very well with our mission.”

The acquisition will provide a platform for UDS to extend its wide range of complimentary services from accessible home modifications to service dogs to potential clients in the Lehigh Valley area.

“Our clients will have better access to more of the services they need, like accessible home modifications, to live independently. This has always been my passion” commented Diane Ganssle.

Through this acquisition, UDS will now provide services in 33 counties throughout the Commonwealth.

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United Disabilities Services provides personal care and support services for people with disabilities and the elderly to enhance their independence and enrich their lives. The not-for-profit organization serves individuals in Lancaster and 29 other counties throughout Pennsylvania.