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Waltonwood Cotswold Resident Reflects on Importance of Time Spent with Children in Honor of Father's Day

CHARLOTTE, N.C. June 11, 2018 – Each year, Father's Day reminds us of the significant role fathers play in their children's lives. Don Likens, resident of **Waltonwood Cotswold**, believes it's important for fathers to spend as much time as possible with their children because time moves too fast. Likens, originally from Kentucky, is a retired periodontist who, despite working almost every day, always tried to find time to hang out with his son Pierce. Every weekend, they would go have breakfast at the local airport and then head to the hangars where Likens watched Pierce admire the planes. The trips to the local airport inspired Pierce to work in aviation, and he's now a pilot for a major airline. Although Pierce's schedule is very busy, he calls his dad every evening and visits him at the senior living community as often as he can. When Likens looks at his son, he is proud of the successful and kind man Pierce has become. He says he wouldn't be who he is if it wasn't for Pierce, and that's why he gives his son an appreciation card on Father's Day.

"My father owned a drug store, and although he had to be there every day, he always tried to spend as much time with me as he could," **said Likens**. "When I look back, I know I may have worked quite a bit, but I always tried my best to spend my free time with Pierce as well. I want to urge other fathers to take my advice and believe me when I say time is precious, so be there for your kids. Being a father is truly rewarding. It's the best gift I've ever received."

Likens, 74, was married for 16 years and Pierce is his only son. Research shows that children whose fathers are actively involved during their early years are less likely to develop behavioral problems, as having a strong male role model positively affects their intellectual development and their view on gender roles. Likens believes fathers are not only role models for their sons, as they also play a huge role in the same types of development for their daughters.

"I learned a lot from my father. He taught me to be persistent with everything I decide to accomplish," **said Pierce Likens**. "He always said that nothing's over until it's over, and this taught me to go after my dreams. I am thankful for him each day, and if I have children I hope to be just like him. He always set the best example for me and I want to do the same for my kids one day."

The Likens family will celebrate Father's Day by going to dinner and spending time together. Pierce recalls how much his dad loves cards, so he carefully chooses the card each year. No matter what the card will say, they both know the love and appreciation they share for one another means the world to both of them.

"Seeing our residents with smiles on their faces brings us so much joy, and spending time with their families makes them the happiest," said **Leah Nash, executive director of Waltonwood Cotswold**. "Pierce comes to visit his father a lot, and the bond between them is unbreakable. They are truly an inspiration to all of us."

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ABOUT WALTONWOOD COTSWOLD

Waltonwood Cotswold opened in August 2016 and offers seniors a dignified, individualized community where residents can thrive. The senior living community offers assisted living and memory care apartments in private one- and two-bedroom and studio floor plans for up to 117 residents. Residents will live in luxury accommodations with many engaging amenities, including elegantly appointed common areas and restaurant-style dining. Residents receive the most up-to-date advances in senior living, including the specially designed Forever Fit program and a Montessori-based dementia care program. The community is located close to Uptown and South Park Charlotte, with easy access to retail shopping, churches, hospitals, dining and entertainment.

Singh is a family-owned company and for 45 years they have remained multifaceted in real estate development, with a strong foundation in luxury apartments, commercial properties, land development, high-end single-family homes and, for nearly 30 years, senior living communities which have been branded "Waltonwood." The vertical integration of the company, which provides for development, construction, finance and management under one umbrella, allows Singh to be poised for new opportunities in expanding markets. All projects are wholly owned by Singh and continue to be owned and managed by Singh.

The company is headquartered in West Bloomfield, MI and has regional offices in Cary, NC. Learn more about Singh and its Waltonwood communities at www.singhweb.com. If you are interested in learning more about Waltonwood Cotswold, please visit www.waltonwood.com or call 704-490-4330.

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