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Department of Elder Affairs ‘Communities for a Lifetime’ Awards Grant to
Brevard County Elder Falls Prevention Home Program
*“Wuesthoff Health System Rehabilitation Department in partnership with local
organizations for Elder Falls Prevention Initiative”*

Brevard County, FL (February 2, 2010) The Department of Elder Affairs ‘Communities for a Lifetime’ recently awarded a \$5,000 grant to the Elder Falls Prevention Home Modifications Program to support fall prevention for Brevard County seniors.

A collaboration between Wuesthoff Health System Rehabilitation Department, Brevard County Housing and Human Service Department, the Community Services Council of Brevard, the Brevard County Commission on Aging, the Brevard County Health Department, and the University of Central Florida School of Nursing; the program supports at risk seniors in the early stages of physical difficulties to help prevent falls.

Elder Falls Prevention group representatives say by teaching health care professionals and discharge planners how to work with seniors and/or their families in their home environment through home risk assessments and modifications, the program will continue to help decrease falls among the senior population of Brevard County.

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