A group still standing for nursing home residents’ rights!

Enthusiasm for honoring nursing home resident’s rights was not dampened by the gloomy weather October 5. It was the 6th Annual Resident’s Rights Rally, commemorating National Residents’ Right Week October 5-9, 2009. Arkansas’ Capitol Rotunda’s atmosphere was sunny as advocates from around the state gathered to recognize that nursing home residents have the same “rights” as all other citizens. There were over one hundred attendees who received material pertaining to protecting the rights of nursing home residents. The program opened with an invocation by Dr. Gerald Parker Sr., Pilgrim Progress Missionary Baptist Church followed by Martha Deaver, Program Chairperson, reading the Residents’ Rights proclamation which had been signed by Governor Mike Beebe.

Arkansas’ Attorney General, Dustin McDaniel addressed the group and was followed by comments from numerous “friends of nursing home residents”. They were: Maria Reynolds-Diaz, AARP Arkansas State Director; Kathie Gately, Arkansas State Ombudsman; Dr. David Montague, Director of UALR Senior Justice Center, and Edna Morgan of Healing Place Ministries. Please know that there are many caring members of the Arkansas Advocates for Nursing Home Residents across the state that can help you protect your rights as a nursing home resident! For more information please check out WWW.AANHR.ORG.
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