Our facility decided to expand. Due to the limited land space, the new buildings were not equipped with a large area for entertainment type programs. The new buildings are located on the back side of our campus which makes transporting the residents back to the old building for special programs impossible or extremely time consuming. Even though there is room for single entertainer, large groups (i.e., bands, choirs, dancers) do not have the space to perform.

In order to have those residents living in the new buildings to be able to enjoy larger group entertainers, we decided to install a camera in our activity room which connects to our campus TV station. We already had one camera in our Chapel to broadcast services live. The Campus Channel 5 is connected to all TV's on campus. We are not broadcasting large group programs live over to the new buildings. This makes it possible for those residents who cannot get to the activity room whether in the new or old buildings, to be able to enjoy the programs in the comfort of their own room on their own TV.

Currently we are broadcasting on a regular basis Chapel, Bible Study, ladies who play the piano, movies, and special groups. The programs to be broadcasted are listed on the monthly activity calendars in both the old and new buildings. This alerts the residents, staff, families, volunteers and visitors to tune in.

We have noticed a marked increase in the number of residents engaged in programs because they can participate from their room.

We feel that this is an innovative and excellent Best Practice because it shows how you have to think outside the box to find a solution. Even though it is easy to implement and to use, it is a concept not done by anyone else. This program benefits everyone - especially our residents. We are showing our residents and families that we are keeping up with the times by using modern technology to solve problems.