Linda Siegel, Former AgeOptions Board Chair, Receives Governor’s Unique Achievement Award

Linda Siegel, immediate past chair of the AgeOptions Board of Directors, received a Governor’s Unique Achievement Award at a ceremony October 22 in Springfield. The awards are presented by the Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) to recognize groups, individuals and programs that positively impact the lives of older adults in Illinois.

IDoA director John K. Holton, Ph.D., spoke of Siegel’s wealth of knowledge and experience in the field of aging, saying “Linda brings a competence in the field of aging gained throughout her career.”

Siegel is the immediate past chair of the AgeOptions Board of Directors, which she joined in 2006. Before moving to Chicago Ridge in 2001, she was associate director of the Area Agency on Aging in Palm Beach/Treasure Coast in Florida. She implemented several new volunteer projects there, including a Foster Grandparent Program and the Leadership Institute for Active Aging. She was also associate executive director of the Palm Beach County Private Industry Council for 12 years.

In addition to leading the AgeOptions Board of Directors, Siegel served as vice chair of the Board and has co-chaired the annual Celebrating Aging fundraising event since 2007.

A native of upstate New York with a bachelor’s degree in social welfare, she is the national coordinator for the University of Maryland Legacy Corps, a national direct AmeriCorps program that connects trained volunteers with veterans in nine states through respite service programs. She is married to Eugene Siegel, former Chicago Ridge mayor and a 2009 recipient of the Governor’s Unique Achievement Award.

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AgeOptions connects adults age 60 and over with resources and service options so they can live their lives to the fullest and remain in their homes as long as possible. In 2013 we met the needs of 216,411 individuals in 130 communities within 30 townships that have a diverse population of more than 480,000 older adults. AgeOptions advocates, plans, develops and funds programs and coordinates a network of community-based senior service agencies to ensure an effective and efficient system of service delivery. Support is provided through the Older Americans Act, Illinois General Revenue Funds, local funds and individual contributions.