



Connecting Older Adults with Community-based Resources and Options

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AgeOptions Honors Community Volunteers At 43rd Annual Recognition Luncheon

AgeOptions honored 53 volunteers from throughout the Chicago area for their service and dedication to older adults in their communities at the 43rd Annual Luncheon and Volunteer Recognition. The event took place June 14 at the William Tell Holiday Inn in Countryside.

Twenty-six of the volunteers were nominated by organizations and communities throughout the Chicago area, where they provide a variety of services for older adults. An additional 27 honorees volunteer in six AgeOptions programs: Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP), Benefits Access, Take Charge of Your Health, Caring Together, Living Better, Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)/Make Medicare Work (MMW) and the Colbert Transition Program.

“AgeOptions and our partner agencies in communities throughout suburban Cook County appreciate the dedicated volunteers whose time and talents contribute so much to improving the quality of life for older adults,” said Jonathan Lavin, AgeOptions president and CEO.

Photos (where available) of each volunteer with Jonathan Lavin, AgeOptions president and CEO, are attached.

Volunteers who live in North and Northwest Communities and the organizations nominating them:

Joseph Benes, Arlington Heights – Catholic Charities Lunch-n-More

Kay Dahl, Bartlett – Hanover Township Senior Services

Phyllis Deutsch, Northbrook – North Shore Senior Center

Ann Eunseo Cho, Skokie – Hanul Family Alliance

Dana Ferdinand, Glenview – AgeOptions Senior Medicare Patrol
Betty Lou Manso, Buffalo Grove – Village of Buffalo Grove
Elizabeth Martin, Wilmette – Legal Assistance Foundation
State Representative Michelle Mussman, Schaumburg – Community Nutrition Network,
Schaumburg Barn
Nancy Sauls, Arlington Heights – Catholic Charities Senior Services, Arlington Heights
Michael Tenin, Buffalo Grove – CJE Senior Life
Joanne Toenings, Park Ridge – Center of Concern

Volunteers who live in South and Southwest Communities and the organizations nominating them:

Naomi Brodnick, Chicago Heights – Community Nutrition Network, Meals on Wheels, Chicago Heights
Cierra Cole, Romeoville – AgeOptions Caring Together, Living Better
Annie Coleman, Lemont – Lemont Township
Marie Cooper, Midlothian – AgeOptions Caring Together, Living Better
Bishop Derrick Dortch, Romeoville – AgeOptions Caring Together, Living Better
Kim Dortch, Romeoville – AgeOptions Caring Together, Living Better
Dr. Janice Fortman, Calumet City – AgeOptions Take Charge of Your Health
Sheila Mulholland, Countryside – Aging Care Connections
Sandra Murphy, Lansing – AgeOptions Colbert Outreach and Education
Rasheedah Nuriddeen, Calumet City – AgeOptions Colbert Outreach and Education
Angelina Ortiz, Strickney – Strickney Township Office on Aging
Terrie Tilden-Overstreet, Dolton – Golden Age Chateau Senior Center, Markham
Sondra Vickers, Hazel Crest – Village of Hazel Crest
Joy Wallace, Burr Ridge – Community Nutrition Network, Brookfield
Rod Wojick, Orland Park – PLOWS Council on Aging

Volunteers who live in West Suburban communities and the organizations nominating them:

Greg Bublitz, Oak Park – AgeOptions Senior Medicare Patrol
Jette Castro, Oak Park – AgeOptions Grants Administration
Maria Cruz, Cicero – AgeOptions Caring Together, Living Better
Charles Gutfeld, Oak Park – Solutions for Care
Gwen Haney, Oak Park – AgeOptions Caring Together, Living Better
Janet Heisse, La Grange – AgeOptions Senior Medicare Patrol

Doreen Horist, Oak Brook – Community Nutrition Network, Franklin Park
Albert “Rudy” Lee, Berwyn – PAV YMCA
Mary Love, Broadview – Village of Broadview
Debra Patterson, Bellwood - AgeOptions Caring Together, Living Better
Lisa Reile, Oak Park – AgeOptions Colbert Outreach and Education program
Elvia Reina, Harwood Heights – Seniors Assistance Center
Laurie Shapiro, Oak Park – Oak Park Township Senior Services
Jose Torres, Cicero – AgeOptions Caring Together, Living Better
Maria Elena Torres, Cicero – AgeOptions Caring Together, Living Better
Pamela Williams, Maywood – AgeOptions Caring Together, Living Better

Volunteers who live in Chicago and the organizations nominating them:

Leticia Chavez, Chicago – AgeOptions Caring Together, Living Better
Laura Clyman, Chicago – AgeOptions Colbert Outreach and Education
Elaine Danner, Chicago – AgeOptions Take Charge of Your Health
Anita Gigger, Chicago – AgeOptions Colbert Outreach and Education
Robert Green, Chicago - AgeOptions Colbert Outreach and Education
Susan Linderman, Chicago - AgeOptions Colbert Outreach and Education
Coretta McFerrin, Chicago - AgeOptions Colbert Outreach and Education

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AgeOptions and its network of community agencies are the principal source of information regarding senior services in suburban Cook County, Ill. A nonprofit organization located in Oak Park, AgeOptions has served the older adults of suburban Cook County and their caregivers as an Area Agency on Aging since 1974. For more information, please visit the Agency website at www.ageoptions.org, or our Facebook and YouTube sites:



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 2016, with our partner community-based agencies, we served 162,723 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.