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Candace Zanon Honored as Outstanding Volunteer

La Grange, IL--Aging Care Connections' volunteer Candace Zanon of Burr Ridge was honored recently at AgeOptions, the Area Agency on Aging of Suburban Cook County, 40th Annual Volunteer Luncheon held Thursday, June 19 at the William Tell Holiday Inn, Countryside. The purpose of the Annual Luncheon is to express appreciation to the volunteers and the community agencies that assist older persons throughout the year.

Ms. Zanon worked for 25 years in long-term care as a nursing home administrator. Her experience provides an excellent background for the many responsibilities she has at Aging Care Connections. She began as a benefits volunteer counseling seniors about benefits for which they may qualify. She became a volunteer for the Sports Ball Benefit Gala Planning Committee soliciting sponsorships, donations and auction items for the event. Eventually, she was trained in and presented "Take Charge of Your Health" and "Take Charge of Your Diabetes" programs. Currently, Ms. Zanon is also working with Aging Care Connections' Aging Resource Center calling older adults who are transitioning back home from a hospital or skilled nursing facility stay 30 days after discharge. She makes certain that these clients receive appropriate community resources allowing them to remain at home safely.

In her spare time, Candace is an avid gardener and runner. She is the proud mother of three sons and grandmother of five.

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Aging Care Connections is a non-profit organization which is the connection to the most comprehensive, expert information, programs and services enabling older adults to remain independent and their families to make the best, most informed decisions regarding needed care in their lives.

Serving communities in Leyden, Lyons, Norwood Park, Proviso and Riverside Townships, Aging Care Connections' programs and services are made possible by community support and donations, and, in part, by the Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA), AgeOptions, Community Memorial Foundation and local United Ways. To learn more, visit www.agingcareconnections.org.

Candace Zanon receives a certificate of appreciation for her volunteer service at Aging Care Connections from Jon Lavin, president and chief executive officer, AgeOptions.

