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Aging Care Connections and The Rotary Club of La Grange Partner to bring Community Awareness of Abuse to Disabled Adults

La Grange, IL, March 29, 2017— Aging Care Connections and The Rotary Club of La Grange have partnered to build awareness of how to report abuse, neglect and exploitation to adults aged 18 – 59 who may be vulnerable due to mental health issues, intellectual disabilities and/or physical disabilities.

Because Aging Care Connections' work is known to focus on older adults aged 60 and over, it wants to ensure that the community and public officials in the communities it serves know that *Adult Protective Services* also accepts reports of suspected abuse to adults aged 18 – 59 who have a disability. "It's important for all of us to know who to contact if we suspect an older adult or adult with a mental or physical disability is being abused, neglected or exploited. We need to work together to keep all of our community members safe," says Cathy Pierson, President, The Rotary Club of La Grange.

Through this partnership, The Rotary Club of La Grange provided funding for a multi-pronged community awareness project that included: dissemination of flyers to the community and information packets to community leaders, and a series of newspaper advertisements. Debra Verschelde, Executive Director of Aging Care Connections shared, "Thanks to The Rotary Club of La Grange we are able to strengthen our efforts to ensure the community and community leaders know that we are the organization to reach out to for reports of abuse to older adults, as well as adults with disabilities".

About The Rotary Club of La Grange

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteers dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and regions. Their work improves lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. Join our community of leaders to exchange ideas and take action at home and around the world. For more information about The Rotary Club of La Grange, visit www.lagrangerotary.org.

About Aging Care Connections

Founded in 1971, Aging Care Connections' mission is to enrich the quality of life in our community by providing older adults and their families with guidance and support that enhances the ability to age well. Programs and services are designed to provide older adults with options for care that assist them in remaining as independent as possible in their communities. ACC serves 38 suburban communities in the Leyden, Lyons, Norwood Park, Proviso and Riverside townships. For more information about Aging Care Connections, visit www.agingcareconnections.org.

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