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A Lifeline for Seniors Right in Our Community

La Grange, IL--Aging Care Connections, La Grange, is a designated Case Coordination Unit for older adults. Case Coordination Units assess the needs of seniors, connect them with appropriate services, and save Illinois taxpayers money—some \$2 billion each year. They help 80,000 older adults lead happier lives by enabling them to remain in their homes instead of moving to a nursing home.

In 1983 the Illinois Council of Case Coordination Units was formed. A not-for-profit organization with 40 members, the Council was established to enable member organizations to standardize their procedures and to provide input to state and federal agencies funding programs to support the elderly. The Council is celebrating its thirtieth anniversary in July. Case Coordination Units (CCUs) throughout Illinois will be acknowledging this milestone with events in their local offices.

The Illinois Department on Aging administers and funds the Community Care Program of which CCUs are an important part. CCUs are approved by the Department and are responsible for determining if an older adult is in need of long-term care.

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When possible and desired by the client, community services (nutrition, housekeeping, transportation, financial management assistance, daily life, medical, and social) are arranged and the client is able to stay safely at home. CCUs provide one-stop guidance to an often confusing array of programs, saving the elderly and their families much time and frustration in navigating their way to the best resolution to their particular needs. Please visit http://www.state.il.us/aging/1news_pubs/publications/state-federal_book.pdf for a complete listing of these services.

The work of CCUs is an important part in the State's efforts to control expenditures. CCUs provide an unbiased assessment of each person's needs, and then arrange services from approved providers. In these times of major demographic, economic and healthcare changes, the CCUs role as coordinator of services becomes even more important than in the past.

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 22 communities in Lyons, Riverside and South Proviso Townships and an additional ten communities in Leyden and Norwood Park Townships for elder abuse investigation, 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.