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Honoring Wisdom & Recognizing Service Excellence

An Event that Celebrates Elderhood in Kalamazoo County

Kalamazoo, Mich. [May 16, 2017] – On Thursday, May 18, 2017 Kalamazoo County Celebrates Elderhood will bring together over 200 individuals to show their support and appreciation for the achievements and contributions of elders and older adult service providers who live, work and play in Kalamazoo County. The event, *Honoring Wisdom & Recognizing Service Excellence*, will take place at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in the City of Kalamazoo from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The evening event, presided over by Lori Moore as Master of Ceremonies, will begin with a special tribute to World War II Veterans and Senior Olympians, the oldest being 91 and competing nationally. Additionally there will be essay readings from 5th grade students from King-Westwood and Indian Lake Elementary Schools about a special elder in their life, and scholarships awarded to three individuals who plan to further their knowledge and work with elders.

Richard Kline, Senior Deputy Director of the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services - Aging & Adult Services Agency, will recognize the 24 Service Excellence Nominees in categories that include business, faith community, professional, senior housing, and service provider. Guest presenters will also include State Senator Margaret O'Brien, Representatives Beth Griffin, Jon Hoadley and David Maturen and County Commissioners Tracy Hall, Julie Rogers and Dale Shugars who will assist in presenting the awards.

Kalamazoo County Celebrates Elderhood is an initiative that is focused on changing ageist attitudes, myths, and stereotypes to support Kalamazoo County to embrace its increasing aging population and to ensure we remain a community where it is both good to grow up and grow old in. The Kalamazoo County Celebrates Elderhood initiative is supported through the collaboration of the Kalamazoo County Area Agency on Aging IIIA, the Kalamazoo County Older Adult Services Advisory Council and Kalamazoo County Advocates for Senior Issues as well as many other community organizations, businesses and individuals.

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