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AGING CARE CONNECTIONS HOSTS 42ND ANNUAL LUNCHEON

LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS – Aging Care Connections, La Grange, hosted its 42nd anniversary annual luncheon welcoming more than 200 guests on Thursday, October 17 at Ruth Lake Country Club, Hinsdale. Highlights of the event included the presentation of the Community Service Award to Jerry J. Burjan, Burr Ridge, board member and chair of the organization's recent capital and program campaign; the presentation of the Community Partner Award to the Village of Hodgkins and a keynote speech by Linda Yu, ABC 7 Chicago news anchor.

In presenting the Community Service Award to Jerry J. Burjan, President of the Board of Directors Bill Wilson, La Grange, gratefully acknowledged Jerry's dedicated leadership of the successful Program and Capital Campaign: *Leading the commitment to aging well* which exceeded the stretch goal of \$1,200,000 to benefit older adults.

The Village of Hodgkins was honored with the Community Partner award recognizing it as an essential resource to the local and extended community. Most recently, The Village committed to a long-term partnership with Aging Care Connections to ensure the health, safety and independence of seniors.

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In her keynote remarks, Linda Yu emphasized the significant role older adults play in our society including influencing what is televised on television. She credited organizations like Aging Connections with preventing the often tragic incidents she has reported on involving seniors.

Sponsors of the event were Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital, Continental Toyota and First National Bank of La Grange.

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.