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Aging Care Connections Awarded \$3,000 Grant from Million Dollar Round Table Foundation for Congregate Meals Program

(March 28, 2017) — Jo Ann Favia, representing the MDRT Foundation, presented a \$3,000 grant to Debra Vershelde, the Executive Director of Aging Care Connections, on March 8 to help serve the more than 450 older adults that participate in Congregate Meals Program each year.

The Congregate Meals Program serves a nutritious, freshly-prepared lunch for individuals aged 60 and over from Monday – Friday. It also offers social engagement, healthy aging information and meaningful volunteer roles, which contribute to an older adult’s overall health and well-being. Activities at the meals include bingo, crafts, board games, guest speaker presentations and information on aging well. The program is one of many services offered by Aging Care Connections, thus allowing participants to be connected to other needed assistance.



“The Million Dollar Round Table grant assists us in continuing to provide needed services to older adults in our community as we face a second year without a state budget,” said Vershelde.

Through its global grants programs, the MDRT Foundation is committed to building stronger families and communities. This year, the MDRT Foundation will award more than 200 charitable organizations worldwide with MDRT member-endorsed grants totaling more than \$1 million.

“With a lack of a balanced budget in Illinois, organizations like these are hurting to continue providing the needed benefits,” said Favia. “I was proud to help in some small way.”

About the MDRT Foundation

The MDRT Foundation was created in 1959 to provide MDRT members with a means to give back to their communities. Since its inception, the Foundation has donated more than \$30 million in more than 70 countries throughout the world and in all 50 U.S. states. These funds were raised by MDRT members and industry partners. For more information, visit mdrtfoundation.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. Our 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. Aging Care Connections serves 38 suburban communities in the Leyden, Lyons, Norwood Park, Proviso and Riverside townships. To learn more about Aging Care Connections, please visit www.agingcareconnections.org.

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