



Dear Community Member,

We are seeking Community GEMs! Community GEMs are older adults who are GOING THE EXTRA MILE through volunteer work to better their community. During Aging Well Month in May we'd like to honor and celebrate the volunteer efforts of all Community GEMs, who generously give their time to make their communities great places to age well.

Recognition of Community GEMs is part of our Aging Well Month celebration in honor of Older Americans Month in May. This celebration is organized by community volunteers and spearheaded by Aging Care Connections. Throughout the month of May community partners across the area will offer fun, free, and informative seminars, activities, and events with the goal of helping older adults to age well in our communities. We'll kick-off the month with a luncheon to celebrate the Community GEMs on Tuesday May 1, 2018 at the La Grange Country Club.

Are you friends/neighbors/co-workers with a GEM? If so, please let us know!

If you know of a person from Lyons, Riverside or Proviso Townships, who is 60+ and has, or is currently, volunteering and making a difference in the lives of others, please complete and submit the attached form.

You can mail or email the form to the Aging Well Month Committee. We will then contact each of the GEMs to ask them the following brief interview questions:

1. If you are willing to share, what is your age?
2. Why is our community a great place to age?
3. What are words you live by that our community should know?

A recent digital photo should also be included with the Community GEM form.

Please take some time out of your busy schedule to think of someone who would be a perfect fit for this honor. If you have any questions about Aging Well Month or the Community GEMs Volunteer Recognition Program, please contact Alyson at Aging Care Connections - 708.603.2259, AWN@agingcareconnections.org.

Thank you for your help!

Best regards,

The Aging Well Month Planning Committee



SEEKING COMMUNITY GEMS!!

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Community GEMs are older adults who are GOING THE EXTRA MILE through volunteer work to better their community. Help us to find these GEMs by completing this form. Then join us and all of the GEMs for lunch on Tuesday May 1, 2018, where we will honor them and their impact on our community!

Completed forms must be submitted by **Friday March 16, 2018**. A member from the Aging Well Month Committee will contact the Community GEMs once we receive your completed forms to conduct a brief telephone interview.

**The Community GEM recognition is part of the Aging Well Month, held each year in May, and spearheaded by Aging Care Connections.*

GEM Information

(PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY AND PRINT CLEARLY)

Name			
Street Address			
City		Zip	
Phone #			
Email			

Nominator Information

(PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY AND PRINT CLEARLY)

Name			
Street Address			
City		Zip	
Phone #			
Email			

Nominator: please list details of your GEM's volunteer work

Organization	Position/ Role

In 50 words or less, share the impact your GEM has made on the community.

Mail/E-mail the form and headshot (**digital strongly preferred**) to:
Aging Care Connections at 111 W. Harris Avenue, La Grange, IL 60525,
ATTN: Aging Well Month, or email them to AWN@agingcareconnections.org