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Probate Court Releases *Caregiver Videos* Series *Help for both family caregivers and professionals*

(Summit County, Ohio - September, 2018) – Caregivers in Summit County now have an additional resource for information and support available through the Summit County Probate Court at www.summitohioprobate.com.

“These videos offer information for family members who are caregivers navigating the system as well as professionals working within caregiving fields,” said Probate Court Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer. “Family members provide crucial service to their loved ones. Our hope is to support them along the way.”

The Senior Summit 2018 Conference brought together leaders in their fields to convey the latest information for those who care for or serve the senior population of Summit County. These videos from that day, explain caregiving subjects such as the Ohio Caregiver’s Act, Parkinson’s Disease: from the patient, researcher and caregivers’ point of views, and the Challenges of Family Caregiving.

“More than 43 million people nationwide fill the role of unpaid caregiver to someone over 50 who is ill or disabled,” shares Maria Schimer, General Counsel at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED). “Family and friends provide unpaid, frequently untrained assistance to a loved one with a chronic illness.”

The Ohio Caregiver’s Act became law in 2017 and provides rights for those who help care for loved ones. *The Patient Advocacy and The Ohio Caregiver’s Act* video is presented by: Maria Schimer, NEOMED, Francine Chuchanis, Director of Entitlement Rights – Direction Home Akron Canton, Semanthie Brooks, AARP Ohio Executive Council Member. This video can be found at <http://bit.ly/2w27466>.

Parkinson’s Disease: A patient, caregiver and research perspective features Glen Leppo, CEO Leppo Rents, sharing his personal journey of living with Parkinson’s Disease along with the latest Parkinson’s research. Michael Wolff, Senior Development Officer, NEOMED discusses the latest research being conducted right here in Northeast Ohio. Finally, Julie Burnett, LSW, Director of Social Services Bath Manor presents the caregiver’s perspective. This video is found at <http://bit.ly/2nWrMzP>.

Navigating the Challenges of Family Caregiving contains segments presented by: Monica Robbins the WKYC Health Reporter, who shares her personal journey in caring for her father and some things she wishes she had known during her journey. Susan Sigmon the Senior Vice President of Long Term Services and Supports for Direction Home promotes caring for the caregiver. Matt Gurwell, Founder of Keeping Us Safe reveals ways to keep older drivers safe on the road through self-assessment; and Kyla Williger Esq. of the Williger Legal Group and Kelly Morelock the Social Program Manager of Summit County Job and Family Services explain asset verification for long-term care, Qualified Income Trusts (QIT), and other Medicaid application processes that can save caregivers time and money. Find this video at <http://bit.ly/2wfOoPz>.

The next Senior Summit Conference will be held on Friday May 17, 2019 at St George Fellowship Center. The two day Senior Summit Conference and Expo Event will take place in 2020.

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