

June 2019

AgeOptions Honors Community Volunteers At 44th Annual Recognition Luncheon



AgeOptions honored 44 volunteers from throughout the Chicago area for their service and dedication to older adults in their communities at the 44th Annual Luncheon and Volunteer Recognition. BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois generously sponsored the event, which took place June 13 at the William Tell Holiday Inn in Countryside.

Nineteen of the volunteers were nominated by organizations and communities throughout the Chicago area, where they provide a variety of services for older adults. An additional 25 honorees volunteer in five AgeOptions programs: Caring Together, Living Better, Colbert

Outreach and Education, Benefits Access and Economic Security, Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) and Take Charge of Your Health.

“It is always an honor to recognize these dedicated volunteers whose time and talents contribute so much to improving the quality of life for older adults,” said Diane Slezak, AgeOptions president and CEO.

Volunteers and the organizations or communities nominating them are:

Pamela Blumenberg – Community Nutrition Network, Hazel Crest

Barbara Brenke – Elk Grove Village

Betty Caffarelli – Catholic Charities Lunch-n-More

Jerome Deany – Village of Richton Park

Concha Fayela – Community Nutrition Network, Proviso

Paulette Greenberg – Village of Buffalo Grove

Kurt Kugelberg – Community Nutrition Network, Franklin Park

Jung Su Lee – Hanul Family Alliance

Terence McElroy – Catholic Charities Northwest Senior Services

Eleanor Phillips – Township of Schaumburg

Deborah Pohlman – Oak Park Township Senior Services

Kathy Ray – Community Nutrition Network, Schaumburg

Helen Remias – Center of Concern

Judith Schlueter – Hanover Township Senior Services

Kathy Schreiber – Mather LifeWays

Ed Schultz – PAV YMCA

Michael Thompson – Palatine Township

Leonard Wojciechowicz – PLOWS Council on Aging

Juli Zaklan – Aging Care Connections

AgeOptions honorees and the programs in which they volunteer are:

Caring Together, Living Better

Esai Ariza, Debra Patterson, Ines Delgado, Maria Cruz, Gwen Haney, Altrice Ward, Reyna DeJesus, Diana Martinez, Gonzalo Cuesta, Pastor Marcus Tabb, Sandra Gares

Colbert Outreach and Education

Sandra Murphy, Robert Green, Lisa Reile, Coretta McFerrin, Susan Linderman, Mitri Gilmore,
Timothy Snyder, Laura Clyman, Ardencia Hall, Rasheedah Nuriddeen

Benefits Access & Economic Security

Denise Boyle, Erma Davis-Smith, John Nally

Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)

Greg Bublitz

Take Charge of Your Health

Dr. Janice Hooker-Fortman