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AGEWELL PITTSBURGH WINS \$150,000 GRAND PRIZE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COLLABORATION AMONG NONPROFITS

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AgeWell Pittsburgh, a senior care collaboration between the Jewish Association on Aging, the Jewish Community Center and Jewish Family and Children's Service, was the grand prize winner of the 2017 Lodestar Foundation Collaboration Prize, beating out 350 other entries from across the country. The prize is for \$150,000 that will be shared among the three agencies. The Lodestar Foundation created the prize to raise awareness of successful nonprofit collaborations and to provide a way to share best practices.

AgeWell Pittsburgh serves more than 8,000 seniors a year through programs such as AgeWell At Home/ Care Navigation, HomeMeds (medication assessment to identify seniors at risk for medication issues), Mollie's Meals (home-delivered meals), transportation assistance and social opportunities. It is these types of services not currently supported by the current health care insurance industry that assist in keeping seniors living at home independently and preventing unnecessary hospitalizations. AgeWell Pittsburgh outcomes demonstrate this year after year and have saved the healthcare system hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"Pittsburgh's population is one of the oldest in the country so it is essential for senior services to collaborate," said Deborah Winn-Horvitz, JAA President & CEO. "This grant represents the hard work our three agencies have done over the past 14 years to provide support, food, and healthcare to our most fragile members of our society. I want to thank The Lodestar Foundation as well as the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh and the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania for their support of the AgeWell program."

"We are so proud to be part of this collaborative effort with our AgeWell Partners, the JCC and JF&CS," said Mary Anne Foley, JAA's chief operating officer. "It's the staff's unwavering dedication to seniors that makes the AgeWell program such a success in the community."

If you have any questions about AgeWell services, please contact Nadine Kruman, the JAA Care Navigator who coordinates the AgeWell at home program. She can be reached at 412-420-4000, ext 2252.

Lodestar's goal for creating the prize was to build a database of nonprofit collaboration, a resource to inspire collaboration to maximize impact. AgeWell Pittsburgh will be added to that database, which currently features more than 600 other models of nonprofit collaboration.

About the JAA: The JAA offers comprehensive programs to keep seniors active, safe, independent, and connected to the community. It provides services to seniors **of all faiths, backgrounds, and financial means**, including seniors who no longer have the ability to pay for their own care.

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