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Waterford School District, 1150 Scott Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328

Waterford Senior Center Receives National Accreditation

December 3, 2007, Waterford, Mich. – The Waterford Senior Center celebrates the renewal of its national accreditation status. In 2001, the Waterford Senior Center was the 4th in Michigan and just the 52nd nationwide to receive this five- year honor. The Center was granted a one-year extension in 2005 to allow the dust to settle during the move to the Leggett Campus on Pontiac Lake Rd. After much planning and preparation for the future, the Center successfully completed the second accreditation process in November. To date 149 senior centers nationally that have completed the accreditation process and only 38 of these centers have completed the process twice.

Accreditation status is bestowed by the National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC), a constituent unit of the National Council on Aging, and is an effort to promote formal, national quality controls and standards for the nation's 15,000 senior centers. The Accreditation Board bases the five-year accreditation on an intensive self-evaluation process, peer review, an on-site visit, adherence to standards and guidelines that are set by NISC, and a recommendation to accredit. Accreditation demonstrates outstanding leadership and commitment to quality programs and services to older adults. The Waterford Senior Center is commended for its vision, collaborative partnerships, and the wide scope of programs offered.

According to Lannette Amon, Waterford Senior Center Coordinator, achieving the second national accreditation was as intensive as the first. "Since national accreditation confirms that the center continually uses best practices and offers quality

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programming and services to the community, the process was as thorough as it was in 2001. Today's seniors are ever-changing so the programs and services that are offered to them should be too." Amon adds that this national accreditation will benefit the center in many ways. "The process has identified our goals and objectives. It has set our path for the future."

The Waterford Senior Center, a division of the Waterford School District, recently celebrated its 33rd year of service. The center provides a wide range of programs and services to over 2500 members, in addition to an even higher number of seniors who are not members of the center. Services and programs include recreational activities, information and referrals, health and support services, Encore Adult Day Services, transportation, lunch programs, educational and volunteer opportunities.

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