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MATURE SERVICES CELEBRATES RSVP VOLUNTEERS AT ANNUAL RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

Volunteers praised with “Lending a Hand” themed celebration on May 11, 2017.

Akron, Ohio (May 16, 2017)— Mature Services of Akron held their annual RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at Guy’s Party Center on May 11, 2017.

Volunteers and community members, including keynote speaker Dan Flowers, President & CEO of the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, gathered together at the event to celebrate the more than 18,000 hours of service donated by volunteers in 2016. Many of the volunteers in attendance have been involved with RSVP for 20 years.

Cathy Lance, Director of RSVP, commented on the volunteers' hard work, dedication, and generosity. “We are pleased to continue our tradition of honoring our volunteers. The work they do in ‘lending a hand’ is so important to the people they serve—their dedication truly personifies our theme.”

Keynote speaker Dan Flowers was chosen based on his exceptional history of contribution to the local and national hunger-relief community. He is the former vice-chairman of Feeding America’s National Affiliate Council, and the immediate past Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Ohio Association of Food Banks.

Flowers praised Mature Services volunteers and their commitment to helping out. “Mature Services has been a premier partner of the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank for decades. Since long before I started this job 14 years ago, your people have been faithful servants to this community’s Foodbank. Because of the long term assignments you provide, Mature Services workers become part of the Foodbank family and their contributions have been incredibly valuable.”

As Karen Hrdlicka, President and CEO of Mature Services, stated, “Our collaboration with the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank has impacted multiple programs within our agency. They support our food pantry and Meals on Wheels programs and serve as a host site for our RSVP volunteers and participants in our Senior Community Service Employment Program. Each agency is made stronger and serves a broader audience as a result of working together.”

Sponsors of the event included SummaCare, the R.C. Musson and Katharine M. Musson Charitable Foundation, and the Akron Community Foundation.

For information about RSVP of Summit & Medina Counties (a division of AmeriCorps/SeniorCorps), please call Cathy Lance at 330-253-4597 x166, or email to clance@matureservices.org.

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About RSVP

RSVP's mission is to provide diverse volunteer opportunities for people 55 and older. The program is a nationwide network of experienced adults who contribute their time and talent to important programs that strengthen communities. The program supports older Americans who wish to remain active and make a difference in their communities.

About Mature Services

Mature Services, Inc. has provided services to the aging community since 1975. The agency provides high quality programs to empower the economic, social, physical, and mental well-being of adults as they age. For information about our programs and services, visit our website at www.matureservices.org, or call 330-253-4597.