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Mature Services receives BBB Charity Seal

AKRON — Mature Services Inc. announced Dec. 23 its Better Business Bureau (BBB) Charity Seal agreement has been approved.

According to Mature Services officials, the seal means Mature Services has met the BBB Wise Giving Alliance Standards for Charity Accountability, a set of standards developed to assist donors in making sound giving decisions and to foster public confidence in charitable organizations.

“We are pleased to have received this designation,” said Linda Valentine, president and CEO of Mature Services. “People are necessarily concerned that when they make a contribution to an organization it will be used wisely, and this is just one more way to show people that we put the money we receive to good use. We believe strongly in transparency, and we have posted five years’ worth of our annual reports and yearly audits, and even our federal 990s on our website. Anyone who wants to learn more about us is invited to go to our website or visit our local headquarters.”

On Aug. 6, Mature Services will celebrate its 40th anniversary. Founded in 1975 as a senior citizen program, it has since become an independent, nationally respected organization with offices throughout the state, organization officials said.

“Our mission is to provide high-quality programs to empower the economic, social, physical and mental well-being of older adults as they age,” said Valentine, “and over the years as the needs of the population we serve have grown, so have we.”

Mature Services currently offers employment and training programs, home delivered and congregate meals, home care services, integrated addiction and mental health services, and volunteer opportunities.

Mature Services’ headquarters is at 415 S. Portage Path. For more information on programs, go to www.matureservices.org. To read the BBB Charity Report, go to www.bbb.org/akron, click on the “Charities” tab and type “Mature Services” in the Search field.