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AGING CONNECTIONS ANNOUNCES NONPROFIT INCORPORATION

Committees Formed to Drive Mission and Vision

SOUTH BEND, IN August 11, 2020 Aging Connections of Michiana Inc. [ACOM], a volunteer driven organization, announced today its incorporation and the appointment of chairs for its mission-critical committees. ACOM serves as a connection point for community aging-focused resources and those searching for services, thus achieving together what cannot be done alone. As a grass roots, cooperative venture of individuals and regional organizations collaborating in partnership, we will catalyze and promote education and services for the benefit of Michiana's aging community.

Malana Maher, the organization's founder, has over 30 years' experience of dedicated and compassionate work helping individuals navigate the landscape of available housing and care resources in the greater Michiana area. Ms. Maher stated, "Connecting our member organizations with individuals from the community searching for resources is one of our two primary missions. It is daunting for someone to ferret out the many options which align with their needs, both short term and long term." She continued, "our second mission is to serve our regional professionals by providing them opportunities to enhance their professional knowledge, as well as share that knowledge with the Michiana Community through educational events."

For an all-volunteer organization to succeed it is critical to appoint Committee Chairs with the same passion for and understanding of the needs of our aging population s and age-related obstacles along with the knowledge of all regional resources. "It is with great pride and humility to announce our Committees and Chairs. Each Committee Chair is also a member of the ACOM Board of Directors" Maher stated.

- Membership - Patty Vandergrift, Community Liaison at Always Best Care Michiana
- Education – Michael McConnell, Director of Business Development at Vertis Therapy
- Veterans – Sarah Youngs, Community Relations at Center for Hospice Care & Tammy Higginbotham, Owner of Care Patrol of Michiana
- Public Relations and Advocacy – Kathleen Murphy, Marketing Director at The Milton Home
- Elkhart – Jennifer Abel, Director of Marketing & Admissions at Riverside Village
- Goshen & Kosciusko – Marlies Selent-West, Marketing at Goshen Home Medical

As of today, ACOM has a membership of 110 individuals representing organizations providing care and services from every aspect of aging services including, but not limited to, group homes, independent & assisted living communities, medical & non-medical home care, short-term recovery after a hospitalization, long-term or nursing home care, day centers, and therapy services.

ABOUT

Aging Connections of Michiana Inc. connects individuals with the resources, education, access to information and organizations providing housing and care options. As a knowledge-based entity, individuals can navigate the complex landscape of available options, ensuring their wishes and needs are matched with the best available resources to support them emotionally, intellectually, spiritually, and financially. For more information about ACOM visit AgingConnectionsofMichiana.com, call (574) 340-0110 or send an email to: info@agingconnectionsofmichiana.com