

# Generations

RESOURCES FOR AN IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE

# Communiqué

## “Livable Communities” topic of IN Place seminar

Generations hosted an IN Place Seminar July 8th at Vincennes University to highlight issues related to strengthening the aging population’s choices on where and how to live their lives.

Phil Stafford, Director of the Center on Aging and Community at Indiana University, shared the local results of a statewide survey conducted earlier this year to determine whether communities were ready to meet the challenges presented by the “graying of America.”

Sandy Markwood, CEO of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, provided information on “Developing Livable Communities for all Ages.”

Kathryn Lawler, Consultant to the Atlanta Regional Commission, talked about Atlanta’s Aging in Place initiatives.

The seminar was held in conjunction with the Mayors’ Roundtable to encourage partnerships between government, businesses and communities to create livable communities for all ages.



Pat Summers talks with Phil Stafford during a break. Stafford provided the local results of a statewide survey conducted to determine if communities were “elder friendly.” Copies of the local survey results will be available later this summer.

### STAFF NEWS

► Generations’ Link-Age Director Connie Deckard and Options Counselors Jill Steele and Amy Tolliver successfully completed the intensive Alliance of Information and Referral Systems’ certification examination and are now Certified Information and Referral Specialists. Connie Deckard was also a presenter at the Alliance of Information & Referral Systems 30th I&R Training and Education Conference in Houston, Texas.



Sandy Markwood, n4a CEO, left, stopped by the Link-Age Department to congratulate the Options Counselors on winning a national award. From left, are Jill Steele, OC Coordinator, Jennifer Herceg and Amy Tolliver.

## Generations’ Executive Director honored at Aging Well Retreat

At right, State Rep. Kreg Battles surprised Anne Jacoby June 3 by presenting her with the Governor’s Distinguished Hoosier Award during Generations’ Aging Well Retreat at VU. The award recognized Anne’s accomplishments on behalf of older adults during her 30 plus years in the aging network.



## EngAGE and Link-Age to receive national awards

Two Generations’ programs were selected by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging to receive 2008 n4a Aging Achievement Awards. Our Link-Age Department won in the Information and Referral category and our EngAGE initiative was chosen in the Community Planning category. Generations’ staff will receive the awards at the n4a Annual Conference July 20-23 in Nashville, Tenn.

## Program offers caregivers support, services

Generations’ Caregiver Network provides caregivers with information, assistance, counseling, support groups, training, short-term respite and supplemental services. For information on Generations services, contact an Options Counselor at 800.742.9002 or check out our new web site at [www.generationsnetwork.org](http://www.generationsnetwork.org).



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MCCF grant to benefit meal program

Martin County Community Foundation awarded Generations’ Martin County Meals on Wheels funds to purchase new insulated delivery bags and to provide shelf-stable meals for clients to use during inclement weather.



## Kudos go to ...

- ▶ Patty Dreiman, Knox County RSVP Director, whose work plan for Food Distribution has been posted on the National Service Resource Center as part of the Senior Corps Work Plan Library.
- ▶ Anne Jacoby, Laura H. Smith and Connie Deckard for providing statewide ADRS training to AAA directors and staff in June.
- ▶ Sharon Weiss and Stacey Kahre for competing in the 2008 SIS Women's TRYathlon.
- ▶ Options Counselors Jill Steele, Amy Tolliver, Jennifer Herceg and Kevin Bezy for keeping up-to-date on flood relief resources and answering a larger volume of calls from flood victims in June.
- ▶ Sheri Phillips who was recently selected to chair the Healthy Aging Committee for the Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging.
- ▶ Amy Tolliver and Crystal Woods from Glenburn Community Center for facilitating the Greene County Caregiver Workshop in May.

## Calendar

**July 24th**—Senior Games at Vincennes University's PE Complex. Call Ann Cardinal at 1-800-742-9002 or 812-888-5158 for more information.

**September 25th**—Generations Advisory Council meeting.

**October 2nd**-11th Annual Age of Excellence awards banquet at VU's Green Activities Center.

**Save the Date**—The next Aging Well Retreat will be June 9, 2009.



**New EngAGE project—Petersburg Mayor Jon Craig is partnering with Generations to form a local steering committee to evaluate his town's readiness as it pertains to the needs of the aging population. He is pictured here at the June 5th kick off meeting in Petersburg. EngAGE helps communities become "good places to grow up and good places to grow old." For more information, contact Sheri Phillips at 1-800-742-9002.**

## SEEKING AGE OF EXCELLENCE NOMINEES

Do you know someone who has demonstrated excellence in the areas of caregiving, community service and volunteerism, by or on behalf of another individual? If so, now is your opportunity to recognize them for the difference they are making. Generations is seeking Age of Excellence nominees from Knox, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Martin and Pike counties. For a nomination form or information on the 12 award categories, contact Jane Hall at 812-888-5138; [jhall@vinu.edu](mailto:jhall@vinu.edu)

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