

Spring 2010

Dear Sponsor,

The Council on Aging – Orange County SmileMakers Guild is currently seeking donations for our upcoming opportunity drawing and we are asking you or your company to partner with us by donating items. The drawing will be held at our *Afternoon of Comedy* fundraising event on September 12, 2010 at The Villa in Orange. The primary objective of the event is to raise money to purchase gifts for over 2,500 older and disabled adults in Orange County who otherwise would be forgotten at the holidays.

The Council on Aging – Orange County is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation serving older and disabled adults in Orange County since 1973. The Council's mission is to promote independence, health, and dignity to older adults through compassion, education, and advocacy. The Council's programs include:

- **Caring Connections Friendly Visitors** provides volunteer visitors to homebound, lonely older and disabled adults.
- **Financial Abuse Specialist Team** promotes awareness of financial elder abuse issues and makes recommendations to appropriate agencies for the investigation of financial abuse cases.
- **Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy** provides free, unbiased information, individual counseling, and limited legal assistance with Medicare and related insurance coverage, HMOs, Medigap Plans, Medi-Cal, COBRA, employer health plans, long-term care insurance, and military benefits.
- **Linkages** performs comprehensive daily living needs assessments of frail elderly and disabled adults to develop and monitor individual care plans that link clients to appropriate community service providers.
- State Certified **Long-Term Care Ombudsmen** protect the rights of 28,000 older adults living in nursing and board and care homes located throughout Orange County.
- Accredited **Continuing Education** programs are presented to allied professionals and the community, featuring topics and issues critical to the support and care of our older adult.
- **SmileMakers** volunteers provide over 2,500 holiday gifts for frail elderly and disabled adults throughout Orange County who otherwise would be forgotten.

Learn more about our organization by visiting our web site at www.coaoc.org. For your records our Federal Tax ID number is 95-2874089.

For your support, we will recognize you in our quarterly newsletter, which is distributed to more than 10,000 businesses and individuals throughout Orange County. ***Your contribution will make a positive difference in the lives of our aging and disabled community.***

Please send all donations to my attention. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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