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New Jersey Foundation for Aging Announces Grantees receiving funds in 2012

Trenton- The New Jersey Foundation for Aging (NJFA) is pleased to announce that grants have been awarded to four exceptional organizations in New Jersey, Volunteer Guardianship One on One's Guardianship Center, Pascack Valley Meals on Wheels' Lenape Harvest Nutrition Project, Isles, Inc's Demonstration Garden Project at LIFE St Francis and Samost Jewish Family and Children's Services of South Jersey's Senior Services Program.

Support for Volunteer Guardianship will expand assistance to those who are volunteer guardians. This statewide program includes developing in person courses, providing online resources and using technology to make their website a resource center and classroom for guardians.

The Pascack Valley Meals on Wheels program will reach out to the Ramapough Lenape Indian Nation in Bergen and Passaic Counties to assist them with food, nutrition education and chronic disease management. This isolated community of Lenape Indians, which is recognized by New Jersey, but is not recognized by the Federal government, is in much need of resources to protect their tribe, such as good nutrition and access to healthy foods.

In NJFA's continued commitment to senior health and nutrition, the funding to Isles Inc, will assist them in creating a demonstration garden at LIFE St. Francis, a PACE center, this garden will be an example of how a community garden for seniors and persons with disabilities, can be started and maintained. The garden will feature raised beds, shade, ornamental plants and produce which can be harvested.

NJFA is proud to be funding a program in the Southern part of NJ, the Senior Services Program at Samost Jewish Family and Children's Services, will reach seniors in Cumberland County. The program will assist homebound seniors by providing case management. Case manager's will develop a care plan for the seniors and connect them to other needed community resources.

NJFA believes strongly in working toward making New Jersey a great place to age well and believes these programs will help older adults do that. The Foundation is pleased to continue its Community Grant Program, through which more than \$370,000 has been awarded since 2000, serving more than 25,000 NJ residents. NJFA congratulates this year's grantees and wishes them much success with their programs.

To learn more about the work of the Foundation visit www.njfoundationforaging.org or call 609-421-0206. The New Jersey Foundation for Aging was established in 1998 to create ongoing financial support for aging services in New Jersey. Its mission is to expand innovative approaches in the delivery of services that enable older adults to live in the community with independence and dignity.

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