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To: DHS Advisory Councils
Senior Services Provider Network
Warren County Libraries
Warren County Senior Clubs
Warren County Municipal Clerks
Faith Based Organizations

From: Lakshmi Baskaram, Executive Director 

RE: **2021 Mary Louise Christine Outstanding Senior Citizen of Warren County**

Older Americans Month is a time for our nation to celebrate older adults and their contributions to our communities. Each May, this annual observance offers a special opportunity to learn about, support, recognize and celebrate our nation's older residents. The national theme for Older Americans Month 2021 is "**Communities of Strength**" which highlights the strengths of older adults and the aging network, with special emphasis on the power of connection and engagement in building strong communities.

To celebrate Older Americans Month, the Warren County Aging Services Advisory Council annually conducts a county-wide search for an older adult to honor with the **Mary Louise Christine Outstanding Senior Citizen of Warren County Award**. We seek your help in identifying a Warren County senior whose service to their community has benefited other residents to the extent that you feel they are deserving of this distinction.

Individuals who have been previously nominated, but were not selected as the outstanding senior citizen, can be re-nominated for this year.

We realize that COVID has hit our community very hard over the last year. Several of our community volunteers from senior clubs, firehouses, police departments, religious organizations and other agencies have played a vital role in assisting our seniors remain independent in the community. If you are aware of an outstanding senior citizen who made a difference to your community, this is your opportunity to nominate them for the Outstanding Senior Citizen of Warren County Award.

The honoree's name will be permanently memorialized on a plaque displayed in the Wayne Dumont, Jr., Administration Building and the 2021 Outstanding Senior Citizen of Warren County will be presented with a **meritorious plaque** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners.

Each nominee for the award will receive a special Certificate of Appreciation.

If you have someone that you would like to have honored, please complete the enclosed nomination form and forward it to the Division of Aging & Disability Services no later than **Friday, April 16, 2021.**

For your convenience, criteria and guidelines containing additional information regarding the Mary Louise Christine Outstanding Senior Citizen Award are attached.

Thank you for your assistance. As always, if you should have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact this office at 908-475-6591 or toll free 1-877-222-3737.

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Mary Louise Christine
Outstanding Senior Citizen of Warren County

Nominations shall include:

- Name, address and age of the nominee
- A narrative and/or list of accomplishments, and the reason(s) why the person is being nominated for the award. Limit narrative to less than 500 words
- Please also include the name, address and phone number of the person submitting the nomination
- Mail or deliver the nomination form and any supporting documentation to:
 - Warren County Division of Aging and Disability Services
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Eligibility criteria to be nominated:

- Be at least 60 years of age
- Be a resident of Warren County, NJ
- Be currently involved in a volunteer activity that demonstrates commitment to their local community or the County of Warren at large
- Promote an active living lifestyle and are passionate about what they do
- Have unselfishly and without regard to personal recognition, donated of themselves their skills and their time to benefit and impact upon all residents of the County of Warren
- Self-nominations will not be accepted
- If a person received this award previously, they may be nominated again, but may not receive the award more than twice

Judging Criteria:

- Previous award winners will evaluate applications submitted for this award
- All information will be held in confidence by judges
- Information submitted will not be returned unless a request is made

Judges will evaluate the following:

- Total scope of activities, including years of service and time commitment
- Innovative service to the community
- How this person has touched the lives of other people in the community
- Variety of services and involvement in organizations
- Services provided should be primarily performed in Warren County

**2021 Mary Louise Christine
Outstanding Senior Citizen of Warren County**

NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee for Outstanding Senior: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Address: _____

_____ Phone: _____

Age: _____

***Name & Address of Person and/or Nominating Organization/Agency:**

_____ Phone: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

***Please note: You (or a representative from the nominating agency/organization) will be asked to attend the awards ceremony for the individual(s) you nominated.**

RATIONALE

Describe why this individual is being nominated for the award. Please outline all known civic and community involvements including volunteer, charity or any other activity which distinguishes this person as an outstanding senior citizen. Information you provide will be used in the selection process. **Please be as specific as possible and use additional pages to list all accomplishments and activities. Please limit any additional narrative to 500 words.**

Criteria for the M.L. Christine Outstanding Senior Citizen of Warren County is attached.

NOMINATIONS DUE BY: **Friday, April 16, 2021**

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