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Dear Friend,

The month of May throughout the United States is “**Older Americans’ Month**”. Older Americans Month has been a time to acknowledge the contributions of older persons in our country. Oneida County Office for the Aging /Continuing Care and the Advisory/Long Term Care Council is once again preparing to celebrate with our annual awards ceremony to be held on May 20, 2010. We plan to celebrate and recognize that Older Americans are living longer, healthier, and more productive lives. The theme for 2010’s Older American’s month throughout the country is “Age Strong! Live Longer!”

The Oneida County Office for the Aging/Continuing Care staff and Advisory/Long Term Care Council are asking you to contribute to the success of the celebration by selecting recipients for the 2010 “**Senior Citizen of the Year**” and for the “**Outstanding Contribution by an Organization**” awards.

Enclosed is a nomination form for your use. The criteria for each award are listed on the form. The form may be duplicated for the use of your members or employees to nominate their choice of seniors, age 60 years or over, and /or organizations deserving of this recognition. All nominations must be submitted to the Office for the Aging no later than April 2, 2010, nominations received after April 2nd will not be accepted. Nomination forms may be obtained by calling the Oneida County Office for the Aging/Continuing Care at (315) 798-5456. Forms are also available at the Parkway Senior Center, North Utica Community Center, Ava Dorfman Senior Civic Center in Rome, and the New Hartford Adult Dining and Activity Center. Forms can also be downloaded from the Oneida County webpage at <http://www.ocgov.net> (Link of OFA/OCC page).

All nominees and nominators will be invited to attend a dinner reception and ceremony on May 20, 2010 from 5 PM to 7 PM.

The purpose of the awards is to recognize senior citizens and organizations of the community for their invaluable efforts helping each other and their community.

The Office for the Aging/Continuing Care is proud to promote with pride the true images of Older Americans in our community and we look forward to your nomination of a deserving individual or organization.

Sincerely,

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