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Senior Citizens Inc. of Delaware County is Recipient of National Accreditation

Senior Citizens Inc. of Delaware County, a non-profit organization providing a wide range of programs and activities for older adults, has been awarded national accreditation through the National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC). Joining only 11 other senior centers in Ohio and as one of only 168 throughout the country (out of 15,000 senior centers nationwide), Senior Citizens Inc. has served the older population of Delaware County since 1963 by providing motivating activities to help active older adults remain a vital part of Delaware County through education, recreation, socialization, exercise, and wellness.

The accreditation process is a quality assurance program that examines nine different standards and requires community involvement in the self assessment process. Those reviewed standards include: community, administration, records and reports, fiscal management, governance, evaluation, facility, purpose and planning. An agency must receive a minimum 75% in each standard to be accredited.

"We are quite proud of receiving such a prestigious recognition, one that took over three years of preparation and hard work by our board members and staff to achieve," said Charlene Browning, Executive Director of Senior Citizens Inc. "We feel that this is a validation of our mission to enhance the lives of older adults in our community by offering opportunities to enrich and empower their lives." Senior Citizens Inc. will receive their official accreditation plaque at the National Council on Aging annual conference in Chicago later this month.

Senior Citizens Inc. plans and manages over 300 activity programs offered each month at the Center for Older Adults on Cheshire Rd. in partnership with the Council for Older Adults and currently has over 3,000 members, age 55 and over. For more information about Senior Citizens Inc. or on how to become a member, call (740) 369-5133.