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Media Advisory

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

*Governor Rick Snyder Proclaims September as
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Month*

Detroit, Michigan (September 12, 2018) – Grandparents are a foundation for a child when the parent is not present and traditionally, this roll has been regarded as a second tier of support for the family system. Raising a second generation brings many rewards, including the fulfillment of giving our grandchildren a sense of security, developing a deeper relationship, and keeping the family together.

Across the U.S. grandparents are raising over 2.4 million grandchildren and the number is expected to continue to increase. In Michigan, there are over 66,700 grandparents who are responsible for their grandchildren; therefore Governor Rick Snyder has proclaimed September as Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Month.

On **Friday, September 14, 2018** the Proclamation and Resolution will be introduced at the Statewide Michigan Kinship Care Conference at Sacred Heart Major Seminary at 9:30am. Sacred Heart Major Seminary is located at 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit, MI 48206.

This will be the 11th Annual Conference whose theme is “Unmasking your DNA” will looking at today’s current issues facing kinship caregivers and the role our DNA plays in the choices we make in life. There will be information and resources to enlighten and address issues and challenges grandparents and relative caregivers face with raising their grandchildren.

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About Detroit Area Agency on Aging

Established in 1980, the Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA) is a nonprofit agency that serves older adults, adults with disabilities and caregivers residing in Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Harper Woods and the five Grosse Pointes. We are one of 16 Area Agencies on Aging in the state of Michigan and 622 in the nation. Our mission is to educate, advocate and promote healthy aging to enable people to make choices about home and community-based services and long-term care that will improve their quality.

For more information, please call (313) 446-4444 or visit www.DetroitSeniorSolution.org.

About Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Committee

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Committee (GRGC) is a collaboration of agencies working together to support a network of organizations, share resources, advocate for kinship/grandparents rights, communicate and plan events that will help grandparents and kinship caregivers.

Created in 2001, the GRGC network with local agencies to discuss important issues affecting kinship caregivers and grandparents raising their grandchildren in the metropolitan Detroit area.

Under the sponsorship of DAAA, the committee collaborates to provide a series of annual educational, social and respite events throughout the year, such as the:

- Statewide Michigan Kinship Conference
- Mother's Day Luncheon
- Black History Month Celebration
- Backpack/Back-to-School Event
- Respite Retreat
- Holiday Gift Card Distribution

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