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DEPARTMENT OF ELDERLY SERVICES
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Department of Elderly Services

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Monthly Report/Key Indicators August 2004

The Department of Elderly Services seeks to improve the quality of life of Danbury area citizens who are age 50 or better through the use of social, educational, spiritual, physical, creative, intergenerational, multicultural, and animal/nature programs. It is our goal to help put an end to boredom, helplessness, and hopelessness through outreach and innovative and spontaneous program offerings.

The department of Elderly Services continues to work toward changing the image and myth commonly believed regarding older individuals. We do this through our innovative programming and the image it conveys to the public via the media. We continue to work to provide timely information to our senior population through our municipal agent's office and to stay abreast of recent news and information as it relates to Danbury Seniors.

Major Objectives - Fiscal Year 2004/2005

- Implement New Intergenerational Program

July 7, 2004 - Farm on the Moove - Grandchildren and great-grandchildren and seniors participate at petting zoo at Elmwood Hall

July 19, 2004 - Children age 10 - 13 from Wooster School Camp work with Elmwood Hall seniors to weed around the building

July/August, 2004 - Student from Immaculate high at 14 spent one day per week over the summer volunteering at Elmwood Hall.

- Increase multicultural Programs.

Femina Melodia concert lead by Reverend Jane Gregory in July.
Multicultural concert and African Drumming.

Quarterly "International Food Festival Pot Luck" Two have taken place last fiscal year featuring foods and dancing from Latino, Polynesian, Asian, Indian, Irish, and Italian cultures. Will continue this on bi-monthly basis.

Monthly Senior Activity Group - Spanish speaking program to start in November. Working with Marianella Madrano-Marra, who will lead group. Next planning meeting Thursday, August 19th.

Reach out to each cultural community to form partnership in programming to celebrate different cultures each fiscal quarter.

Spanish language class for beginners starts Oct. 12 with teacher Josefina Bustamonte.

- Animal/Nature Programs

Puppies Behind Bars Visit, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

Therapy Dog Visit, 2nd Friday of each month.

Animal Assisted Therapy Dog Skills Training Class in partnership with HART Programs, Inc.