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Merger of Metrocrest Social Services & Senior Adult Services effective August 1st

The merger of Senior Adult Services with Metrocrest Social Services is now official according to Tracy Eubanks, Chief Executive Officer of Metrocrest Social Services. Eubanks confirmed that the process was finalized with the office of the Texas Secretary of State effective August 1st.

“This is a major accomplishment,” stated Eubanks. “We’ve combined a wide range of aid services under a single organizational structure to better serve our community. Everyone involved is proud of this achievement.”

The organization will be rebranded with the introduction of a new name and logo in the fall. A mid-October relocation of Senior Adult Services employees and operations to the Metrocrest Social Services offices on Hutton Drive in Farmers Branch is planned.

Members of the newly created Board of Directors are Gary Blanscet, Cindy Colangelo, Paul Crooks, Sonja Dodds, Carol Franzen, Anthony Hill, Lee Horn II, Paula Jandura, Gene Jeffries, John Oliver, John Pruitt, Diane Moreau Randall, John Roppolo, Lou Sartor, R. Wayne Saunders, Bob Slaten, Coby Sparks, Jack Viveros, Susan Watson, Lawrence Whaley and Craig Woodfield.

Several senior clients are already participants in *Eat Smart, Live Strong*, an early effort by the agencies to combine services. For the past three months, monthly distributions of commodity foods to qualifying

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seniors moved to the 1,200 square foot Metrocrest Social Services food pantry in order to include additional foods such as fresh produce. Purdy-McGuire is the quarterly sponsor of this new *Eat Smart, Live Strong* program.

Metrocrest Social Services is a 501(c)(3) providing emergency aid including rent, utilities, food, assistance with employment and financial education to area individuals and families. Incorporating the programs provided by Senior Adult Services such as home-delivered meals, home repairs, transportation, and independent living support is expected to provide opportunities to strengthen services, streamline operations and to ultimately provide a higher level of service to the local community.

Eubanks announced that a *Seasons of Service* awards luncheon is planned for Tuesday, October 29th at Addison's Crowne Plaza Hotel to celebrate the power of volunteerism which is vital to the success of nonprofit operations. "It's a great opportunity," Eubanks noted, "to join us in acknowledging the dynamic power of community involvement which enables agencies such as ours to help those in need."

For additional information on the newly merged organization, contact Tracy Eubanks, CEO of Metrocrest Social Services, at 972-446-2100 or teubanks@metrocrestsocialservices.org.

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