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SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this Notice is to advise you of activities in connection with National Volunteer Week, April 27-May 3, 2008. National Volunteer Week is “the” time to thank those who are America’s most valuable assets – volunteers – and call the public’s attention to all that they do to improve our communities. The theme this year is “Inspire by Example.”

The Department of Elder Affairs 2008 Golden Choices Volunteer recognition and celebration will be held in Tallahassee, April 29-30, 2008. In addition to recognizing exceptional volunteers in the Senior Companion, STARS and Beyond, SHINE, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, AmeriCorps and RELIEF programs, the department will recognize “Four Generations” of intergenerational volunteers in the following categories:

- Outstanding Intergenerational Volunteer (21 or under)
- Outstanding Intergenerational Volunteer (22-40)
- Outstanding Intergenerational Volunteer (41-59)
- Outstanding Intergenerational Volunteer (60+)

In an effort to honor as many deserving volunteers as possible, we would like to invite staff and volunteers from all aging network programs to join us in this celebration. Each sponsoring agency or program will be responsible for the expenses associated with their participation in the Golden Choices Volunteer Recognition program.

The sponsorship fee per participant is **\$200** and includes hotel, meals, activities and local transportation to and from all Golden Choices activities and events. Payments for all attendees are due no later than **April 15, 2008**. Your agency may choose to sponsor outstanding volunteers to be recognized as part of the Golden Choices celebration through the use of program recognition funds, local funding or sponsorships. DOEA program managers can assist you with questions regarding the availability of volunteer recognition funds.

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Please complete the attached sponsorship form and volunteer narrative and return it to the Office of Volunteer and Community Services, no later than **Friday, March 31, 2008**.

We will reserve the hotel rooms for all attendees and send detailed information to each nominator and nominee by April 4, 2008. Agencies are responsible for securing, coordinating and reimbursing all other travel arrangements (excluding hotel arrangements) for their volunteer(s) and staff to and from Tallahassee.

Forms can be mailed or faxed to the attention of ZsaZsa Ingram-Fitzpatrick at (850) 414-2372. Should you have any questions, please contact Nicole Hargraves at (850) 414-2341.