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Dear Friend:

Each May the nation celebrates Older Americans' Month to recognize older Americans for their contributions throughout their community. This year's theme is "*Blaze A Trail*". Our focus is on raising awareness about issues facing older adults, and to highlight the way older Americans are advocating for themselves, their peers, and their communities.

Oneida County and the Office for the Aging and Continuing Care Advisory/Long Term Care Council are once again preparing to celebrate in the month of May to honor seniors with our annual Older American Awards ceremony.

The Oneida County Office for the Aging/Continuing Care staff and Advisory/Long Term Care Council are asking you to contribute to the success of the celebration by selecting recipients for the **2016 "Outstanding Contribution by a Senior Citizen or Couple" and for the "Outstanding Contribution by an Organization or Business"** awards.

All nominees and nominators will be invited to attend a reception to honor our recipients and nominees.

Enclosed is a nomination form for your use. The criteria for each award are listed on the form. The form may be duplicated for the use of your members or employees to nominate their choice of seniors, age 60 years or older, and business or organization deserving of this recognition. All nominees must be submitted to the Office for the Aging no later than **April 01, 2016, nominations received after April 1st, will not be accepted.**

Nomination forms may be obtained by calling the Oneida County Office for the Aging/Continuing Care (315) 798-5456. Forms are also available at all local senior centers. Forms can also be downloaded from the Oneida County Webpage at <http://www.ocgov.net> (Link of OFA/OCC page).

The Office for the Aging/Continuing Care is proud to promote with pride the true images of Older Americans in Oneida County. We look forward to your nomination of a deserving individual, organization and/or business.

Sincerely,

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