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Phoenixville Area Senior Center Has Been Awarded \$10,000 by the National Council on Aging to Help Older Adults Get Vaccinated

Phoenixville Area Senior Center is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a \$10,000.00 grant by the National Council on Aging (NCOA) for the COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccine Uptake Initiative. The program is supported with funding from the Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The grant will support Phoenixville Area Senior Center's work in making it as easy as possible for older adults and people with disabilities to get their updated vaccinations and protect their health. The Senior Center will use the funds to reach local Seniors with trusted information and support getting to vaccine appointments. The Phoenixville Area Senior Center also will host 2 vaccine clinics, the first one scheduled for the Health Fair on September 21 at the Phoenixville Area Senior Center at 153 Church Street in Phoenixville, PA. The Second on October 19 during the Oktoberfeast. No appointments necessary. Please bring your Medicare or Insurance card.

Today, nearly nine out of 10 deaths from COVID-19 are among people 65 and over, and 70-85 percent of seasonal flu-related deaths occur in older adults, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. While lifesaving vaccines are available, research shows COVID-19 vaccine uptake has slowed among older adults. Thanks to this grant, the Phoenixville Area Senior Center will organize a robust vaccination program to address this challenge in Northern Chester County and Central Montgomery County.

"Everyone's life changed during the pandemic, especially Seniors. If we can



prevent one person from getting and spreading this disease to others, we have to try." said Julie Gaudan, Executive Director of Phoenixville Area Senior Center.

ABOUT PHOENIXVILLE AREA SENIOR CENTER: The Phoenixville Area Senior Center exists to serve, support and enhance the lives of all senior citizens, 55 years of age and older by providing opportunities in the way of programs and activities designed to promote active, independent, healthy lifestyles. For more information about Phoenixville Area Senior Center, visit www.phoenixville seniorcenter.org.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON AGING: The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is the national voice for every person's right to age well. NCOA believes that how we age should not be determined by gender, color, sexuality, income, or ZIP code. Working with thousands of national and local partners, NCOA provides resources, tools, best practices, and advocacy to ensure every person can age with health and financial security. Founded in 1950, NCAO is the oldest national organization focused on older adults. Learn more at www.ncoa.org and @NCOAging.

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