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PACE of the Southern Piedmont Celebrates National PACE Month with Congresswoman Alma Adams

Charlotte, NC (September 11, 2017). **Congresswoman Alma Adams** will show her support for PACE (Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly) with a visit to ***PACE of the Southern Piedmont*** on Monday, September 18, 2017 from 10:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. Various community partners along with local and state legislative offices will also be present for the celebration.

PACE of the Southern Piedmont provides services to qualifying seniors 55 and older in Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Union, and Stanly counties. Since opening in July of 2013, individuals are able to live safely in the community with PACE support at time of enrollment.

“***PACE of the Southern Piedmont*** has offered over 4500 member months of participants served in the last 4 years. With a healthy and healing approach for our participants and compassion for our caregivers, we are able to support older adults in our community to live healthier lives in their own homes,” states **Renee Rizzuti, CEO, PACE of the Southern Piedmont.**

Govern Roy Cooper officially proclaimed September PACE Month in North Carolina (NC). The proclamation acknowledges the importance of PACE in our NC communities by stating, “the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging and Dual Eligibles Advisory Committee recognize the value of PACE and recommend that PACE become more widely available.”

“PACE is a unique model of care that looks at the whole person and how best to support that person to have better health, quality of life and satisfaction. It also works hand in hand with their caregivers, decreasing burnout and allowing them to continue working while having the peace of mind that their loved ones are receiving the care that they need,” said **Linda Shaw, Executive Director of NC PACE Association.**

In North Carolina there are 11 PACE programs that have served over 3,500 participants in 36 counties since its inception in 2008. Nationally there are 239 PACE centers serving over 40,000 PACE enrollees in 31 states.

The theme for National PACE Month in September is “Driving Independence,” celebrating the role of PACE drivers and other interdisciplinary team members in promoting independence for seniors.

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PACE (Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly) is a fully-integrated, provider-based model of care that revolves around an interdisciplinary team of doctors, nurses, therapists, social workers, dietitians, drivers and others directly providing much of the care and services each senior needs. PACE programs coordinate and provide all needed preventive, primary, acute and long-term care services so older individuals can continue living in the community. The PACE model of care is centered on the belief that it is better for the well-being of seniors with chronic care needs and their families to be served in the community whenever possible. For more information on PACE of the Southern Piedmont visit www.pacesp.com.