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SAGE HONORS VOLUNTEERS WITH LUNCHEON



[PHOTO CAPTION – left to right]

Three Generations of SAGE Volunteers - Eighty-year-old Christopher O'Leary, his daughter Laura Happ, and his grandson CJ Happ, (age 11), celebrate "National Volunteer Week" at SAGE Eldercare's Volunteer Luncheon. The event was recently held to honor the strong core of about 800 volunteers who donate time and energy to support the many programs of SAGE, a major community resource for the elderly and their families.

For over two years, Laura and her father Christopher, both residents of Berkeley Heights, have been making deliveries in their town every Friday for the SAGE Eldercare Meals on Wheels (MOW) Program. CJ joins them during the summer months and on his school breaks. “They have a great time volunteering together, bonding with one another as well with people in the community,” says Happ.

SAGE Eldercare is in constant need of volunteers to keep their client-centered health, social and support services running smoothly. To learn more about the volunteer opportunities at SAGE, please call Marianne Kranz at 908-598-5514, or email mkranz@sageeldercare.org. Please visit our website at www.sageeldercare.org to see the latest offerings and news at SAGE.

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SAGE Eldercare supports the independence, well being and quality of life of older adults, their families and caregivers, through the provision of client-centered health, social and support services. Founded in 1954, SAGE is both the oldest and one of the few nonprofit eldercare agencies in the United States that offers a broad and comprehensive array of services under one roof that assist elderly, often frail, adults to remain independent in their own homes. SAGE Eldercare programs include: HomeCare; Meals on Wheels; Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center; InfoCare free information and referral service; Fall Prevention Initiative; Home Repair Service; Grocery Shopping and Errand Service; Bill Paying Service; PREP caregiver support group; and SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program). SAGE Eldercare serves over 5,000 older people and their families annually in Union, Essex, Morris and Somerset counties. For more information, call 908.273.5550 or visit www.sageeldercare.org.

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