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### **Friendly Visitor Program Volunteer Training**

Lebanon, OH – February 28, 2017 - The Friendly Visitor Program, sponsored by Warren County Community Services, Inc. (WCCS), will provide a volunteer training Wednesday, April 12, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Training will be held at WCCS' 741 Center – 570 N. State Rt. 741 – Lebanon, OH.

The primary goal of WCCS' Friendly Visitor Program is to eliminate loneliness among our aging population. Loneliness is one of the major factors both in physical and mental health decline. Being alone, without social support, often leads to depression and self-neglect among the elderly. "Friendly Visitor volunteers are a tremendous asset to the continuum of care for older adults in our community," says Dolce Hoffman, RSVP Volunteer Program Director.

The WCCS' Friendly Visitor Volunteer Program matches trained volunteers to older adults who may be living alone, may be at risk for institutional placement, or may need additional support to maintain independence. Volunteers must be special people who enjoy working with older adults. All volunteers must pass a criminal background check and drug screen.

“Our community is greatly enriched by the wisdom and experience of caring volunteers. WCCS helps volunteers, 55 and over, locate the opportunities where their talents and skills are best used” said Hoffman. For more information or to register for the training, call Dolcee at 513-695-2252 or by email at [dolceeh@wccsinc.org](mailto:dolceeh@wccsinc.org). Please register by Friday, April 7, 2017. Space is limited.

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**About WCCS:**

For more than 50 years, WCCS has served as the community's primary link for social services in Warren County, WCCS operates a wide range of programs and services that:

- Allow seniors and families to obtain and maintain long-term housing
- Assist families and individuals with emergency needs, employment and rising energy costs
- Help older adults to remain active and independent
- Prepare children to succeed in school