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AIHS in partnership with Parkview Health, Announces Opening of PACE (Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) Center for Integrated Social and Clinical Care in our Community

Fort Wayne, IN – Aging & In-Home Services of Northeast Indiana (AIHS) announces the grand opening of their new PACE (Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) Center. PACE programs coordinate and provide all needed preventive, primary, acute and long-term care services so participants can continue living in the community. The former Aging & In-Home Service headquarters at 2927 Lake Avenue has been remodeled into the PACE Center and has been approved by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the State of Indiana for operation.

AIHS in partnership with Parkview Health (Parkview), brought PACE of Northeast Indiana to Fort Wayne, IN making this the fifth PACE Center in Indiana. The strategic partnership between AIHS and Parkview allows participants in the PACE program to receive the best in clinical and social care in our region.

PACE is an innovative Medicare and Medicaid program that helps people 55 years of age or older meet their health care needs in the community instead of going to a nursing home or other care facility. Through the Interdisciplinary Team, PACE programs provide a continuum of care across clinical and social settings and even include prescriptions, transportation, and meals. PACE organizations provide care and services in the home, the community, and at the PACE center.

The first step to becoming a PACE participant is determining your eligibility. To become a participant of PACE of Northeast Indiana you must meet these eligibility requirements: 55+ years of age, living in the PACE service area, qualify for Nursing Home level of care, and be able to safely live in the community with the help of PACE services. For more information, please visit <https://www.pacenein.org/enrollment-process>

AIHS President & CEO Connie Benton Wolfe said, “We are honored to be able to offer an innovative model of integrated care to area residents. The PACE program allows peace of mind to families and seniors, especially those with significant care needs by offering the entire continuum of care and services to seniors while maintaining their independence in their home for as long as possible.”

“Parkview is committed to making healthcare accessible to those who need it. The partnership between AIHS and Parkview allows us to provide expert medical care to those in need in our community. The PACE center is an expansion of the Parkview services, and we are grateful for the opportunity,” said Parkview Chief Clinical Integration Officer Dr. Greg Johnson.

For more information, please visit <https://www.pacenein.org/>



Aging & In-Home Services of Northeast Indiana, Inc. (AIHS), a federal and state designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC), is a non-profit community-based organization with a mission to promote dignity, independence, and advocacy for older adults, persons with disabilities and their caregivers. AIHS has gained national recognition as a community leader transforming the traditional social services model into an integrated care model which bridges health care, behavioral health, and community services to better serve vulnerable, at-risk populations.

Parkview Health is a not-for-profit, community-based health system serving a northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio population of more than 850,000. Parkview Health's mission is to improve health and inspire well-being in the communities it serves. With more than 13,000 co-workers, it serves as the region's largest employer. Parkview Health includes 10 hospitals and an extensive network of primary care and specialty care physicians. The flagship Parkview Regional Medical Center campus includes services such as the Parkview Cancer Institute, Parkview Heart Institute, Samaritan flight and ground transport program, Parkview Ortho Hospital, a certified stroke center, verified adult and pediatric trauma centers, Women's & Children's Hospital and an outpatient services center. Parkview Health has been designated a Magnet® health system for nursing excellence.

The PACE Model of Care is recognized among consumers, health care providers and government leaders as the most innovative, accessible, valuable and effective model of care promoting the highest level of independence for individuals with significant health care needs.