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AIHS Celebrates One Year Anniversary of PACE of Northeast Indiana

Fort Wayne, IN – Aging & In-Home Services of Northeast Indiana (AIHS) is thrilled to celebrate the one-year anniversary of PACE of Northeast Indiana. PACE stands for Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. PACE is a Medicare and Medicaid program that combines clinical and social care to help people meet their health care needs in the community instead of going to a nursing home or other care facility.

In the last year, PACE of Northeast Indiana has seen this integrated model of care impact the lives of seniors in our community. ‘Fred’ was wheelchair bound at the time of enrollment and is now walking 35+ feet independently. This same client has lost over 75 pounds, and thanks to the wound care happening on-site at the PACE center, has been able to reduce wound treatments from 7x a week to 3x a week. ‘Suzie’ joined PACE with no formal caregiver and due to declining health, was on a waiting list for nursing home placement. Because of PACE, ‘Suzie’ received the clinical support needed to avoid nursing home placement and keeps independence in her own home.

“When exploring options to further expand our integrated care offerings in Northeast Indiana, we knew PACE would be a great addition to support seniors in the community,” said AIHS President & CEO Connie Benton Wolfe. “Our extensive knowledge in social care and Parkview Health’s expertise in clinical care makes this partnership unique and successful. We are excited to celebrate this one-year milestone and are looking forward to what the next year brings!”

Eligibility for PACE is simple: you must live in Allen County, be at least 55 years of age, qualify for nursing home level of care and be able to safely live in the community with the assistance of PACE. To learn more about PACE of Northeast Indiana you can visit www.pacenein.org or call 260-469-4148.

To learn more about AIHS’s programs and services, you can visit their website: www.agingihs.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 that bridges health care, behavioral health, and community services to better serve vulnerable, at-risk populations.

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