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**Division of Aging & Disability Services**  
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To: DHS Advisory Councils  
Senior Club Presidents  
Senior Services Provider Network  
Warren County Libraries  
Warren County Municipal Clerks



From: Scott Burd, Executive Director *Scott A Burd*

RE: **2017 Mary Louise Christine Outstanding Senior Citizen of Warren County**

Older Americans Month is a time for our nation to celebrate older adults and their contributions to our communities. Each May, this annual observance offers a special opportunity to learn about, support and recognize our nation's older citizens. The national theme for Older Americans Month 2017 is "***Age Out Loud***" which emphasizes the ways older adults are living their lives with boldness, confidence and passion while serving as an inspiration to people of all ages.

To celebrate Older Americans Month, the Warren County Aging Services Advisory Council annually conducts a county-wide search for an older adult to honor with the **Mary Louise Christine Outstanding Senior Citizen of Warren County Award**. We seek your help in identifying a Warren County senior whose service to their community has benefited other residents to the extent that you feel they are deserving of this distinction.

In addition to the honoree's name being permanently memorialized on a plaque displayed in the Wayne Dumont, Jr., Administration Building, the 2017 Outstanding Senior Citizen of Warren County will be presented with a **meritorious plaque** by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and celebrated at a reception on **May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Independence Township Senior Center**.

Each nominee for the award will receive a special Certificate of Appreciation. All nominees and their guests, will be invited to attend the reception on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

If you have someone you would like to have honored, please complete the enclosed nomination form and forward it to the Division of Aging & Disability Services no later than **Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.**

For your convenience, criteria and guidelines containing additional information regarding the Mary Louise Christine Outstanding Senior Citizen Award is attached.

Thank you for your assistance. As always, if you should have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact this office at 908-475-6591 or toll free 1-877-222-3737.

ENCL:        2017 nomination form  
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C:        S. Buskirk, Human Services Director

**Mary Louise Christine**  
**Outstanding Senior Citizen of Warren County**

**Nominations shall include:**

- Name, address and age of the nominee
- A narrative and/or list of accomplishments, and the reason(s) why the person is being nominated for the award. Limit narrative to less than 500 words
- Please also include the name, address and phone number of the person submitting the nomination
- Mail or deliver the nomination form and any supporting documentation to:
  - Warren County Division of Aging and Disability Services  
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**Eligibility criteria to be nominated:**

- Be at least 60 years of age
- Be a resident of Warren County, NJ
- Be currently involved in a volunteer activity that demonstrates commitment to their local community or the County of Warren at large
- Promote an active living lifestyle and are passionate about what they do
- Have unselfishly and without regard to personal recognition, donated of themselves their skills and their time to benefit and impact upon all residents of the County of Warren
- Self-nominations will not be accepted
- If a person received this award previously, they may be nominated again, but may not receive the award more than twice

**Judging Criteria:**

- Previous award winners will evaluate applications submitted for this award
- All information will be held in confidence by judges
- Information submitted will not be returned unless a request is made

**Judges will evaluate the following:**

- Total scope of activities, including years of service and time commitment
- Innovative service to the community
- How this person has touched the lives of other people in the community
- Variety of services and involvement in organizations
- Services provided should be primarily performed in Warren County

**2017 Mary Louise Christine  
Outstanding Senior Citizen of Warren County**

**NOMINATION FORM**

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**Name of Nominee for Outstanding Senior:** \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Name & Address of Person and/or Nominating Organization/Agency:**

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please note: You (or a representative from the nominating agency/organization) will be asked to attend the awards ceremony for the individual(s) you nominated.**

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**RATIONALE**

Describe why this individual is being nominated for the award. Please outline all known civic and community involvements including volunteer, charity or any other activity which distinguishes this person as an outstanding senior citizen. Information you provide will be used in the selection process. **Please be as specific as possible and use additional pages to list all accomplishments and activities. Please limit any additional narrative to 500 words.**

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Criteria for the M.L. Christine Outstanding Senior Citizen of Warren County is attached.

**NOMINATIONS DUE BY:**     **Wednesday, May 3, 2017**

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