



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** AAA Directors **NOTICE #: 122308-1-I-OVCS**  
**FROM:** E. Douglas Beach, Ph.D., Secretary  
**DATE:** **December 23, 2008**  
**SUBJECT:** Notice of Instruction: 2009 Golden Choices Volunteer Awards

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The purpose of this notice is to advise you of activities in connection with National Volunteer Week, April 19-25, 2009. National Volunteer Week is “the” time to thank those who are America’s most valuable assets – volunteers – and call the public’s attention to all that they do to improve our communities. The theme this year is “Inspire by Example.”

The Department of Elder Affairs 2009 Golden Choices Volunteer recognition and celebration will be held in St. Petersburg, Florida, April 22-23, 2009. The Department will recognize exceptional volunteers in the Senior Companion, SHINE, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, AmeriCorps, RELIEF, Guardian ad Litem programs, Eckerd Youth Alternatives (MCP) project, and outstanding volunteers supporting Communities for a Lifetime project.

In an effort to honor as many deserving volunteers as possible, we would like to invite staff and volunteers from all aging network programs to join us in this celebration. Each sponsoring agency or program will be responsible for the expenses associated with its participation in the Golden Choices Volunteer Recognition program.

The sponsorship fee per participant is **\$300** and includes hotel, meals, activities and local transportation to and from all Golden Choices activities and events. Payments for all attendees are due no later than **January 30, 2009**. Your agency may choose to sponsor outstanding volunteers to be recognized as part of the Golden Choices celebration through the use of program recognition funds, local funding or sponsorships. DOEA program managers can assist you with questions regarding the availability of volunteer recognition funds.

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Please complete the attached sponsorship form and volunteer narrative and return it to the Office of Volunteer and Community Services, no later than **Friday, January 30, 2009**. **We will reserve the hotel rooms for all attendees and send detailed information to each nominator and nominee by March 5, 2009**. Agencies are responsible for securing, coordinating and reimbursing all other travel arrangements (excluding hotel arrangements) for their volunteer(s) and staff to and from St. Petersburg.

Forms and checks can be mailed to the attention of ZsaZsa Ingram-Fitzpatrick at 4040 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32399. Should you have any questions, please contact ZsaZsa Ingram-Fitzpatrick at 850-414-2086.