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PRESS RELEASE

Franklin County Seniors Get Top-Notch Service

Franklinton and Louisburg Senior Centers are "Centers of Excellence"

Louisburg, July 20, 2006: Franklin County's Senior Centers have received top accolades for their service to Franklin County's seniors. In late June, both Franklinton and Louisburg Centers were re-certified as "Centers of Excellence" by the North Carolina Department of Aging. The award signifies the highest level of certification awarded by the state.

The State Division of Aging has set forth high standards that include performance in information and referral services, various types of assistance to meet the needs of senior citizens, as well as outreach to special populations and the community as a whole. Other criteria examined consist of programs and activities of quantity and quality, advocating for the rights and benefits of older adults, planning and evaluating programs that include input from older adults, training staff and other operational issues, projects and innovation in aging and intergeneration services, and mentoring other senior centers. Franklin County is proud to announce both the Franklinton and Louisburg Senior Centers not only passed, but exceeded expectations in these areas. Both were certified independently from each other through the Franklin County Department of Aging for the first time in 2003 and will be expected to re-apply as "Centers of Excellence" in 2009.

For additional information on Franklin County Senior Centers, please contact Roxanne Bragg-Cash, Franklin County Department of Aging Director (919) 496-1131 or visit Franklin County's website at www.co.franklin.nc.us.

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