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SENIOR OUTREACH SERVICES CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY: A “MIRACLE ON 79TH STREET”

*Dr. Peter DeGolia, Vickie Johnson, and Dr. Barbara Messinger-Rapport to be honored for their
contributions to seniors in the community*

August 20, 2009 Cleveland – Senior Outreach Services, Inc. (SOS) is celebrating 30 years of service to older adults in the Greater Cleveland area. The Miracle on 79th Street celebration on Friday, September 25th from 6-9pm will also honor the contributions that three individuals have made to seniors in the community. **Dr. Peter DeGolia**, Director of Geriatric Medicine at University Hospitals; **Vickie Eaton Johnson**, Executive Director of Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation; and **Dr. Barbara Messinger-Rapport**, Interim Chair of Geriatric Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic will each receive the Dr. Henry D. Ziegler Award for Service to Elders in the Community.

We will also have an interactive unveiling of a joint collaboration between SOS seniors and Cleveland artist Neal Hamilton; a mural depicting the 30 years of service to SOS will be unveiled and completed that evening by guests. The finished mural will be mounted in the Garden Room of the center. Individual tickets for the event are \$90; for more information about sponsorship opportunities, contact Saroya Queen-Tabor at (216) 231-0003.

About Senior Outreach Services

Senior Outreach Services, Inc. (SOS) is a nonprofit agency established in 1979 and founded on the principles of African village life in which a community reveres and cares for its elders. SOS is an award-winning provider of supportive services and innovative programs that empower

mature adults to take an active role in their health and well-being. The agency's mission is to help older adults and their families improve their health, independence and quality of life through community outreach and support.

What began with Street Health Workers, volunteers of the Fairfax community assisting their elder neighbors at home, has expanded to a suite of home care services, nutritious meal preparation and health and wellness activities for mature adults in a number of Cleveland neighborhoods and neighboring communities on the east side. In 2008, SOS provided nearly 91,000 meals to homebound and nutritionally at-risk elders; helped elders remain independent and at home with nearly 20,000 hours of homemaking and personal care; and helped more active older adults maintain their health and independence with over 1000 hours of health and wellness activities and programs. Senior Outreach Services' website address is www.soscleveland.org.