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Senator Linda Gray  
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Dear Senator Gray:

The Area Agency on Aging, Region One is holding its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual *Caring Spirit Awards* luncheon from noon to 1:30pm on Friday, October 6, 2006, at the Ritz-Carlton Phoenix. This yearly event recognizes individuals and organizations whose caring and commitment have made a difference in the quality of life of older adults in our community.

As part of our 25<sup>th</sup> celebration, we will be honored to present a special "*Friends of Aging*" award to you for your advocacy and support of older adults by your sponsorship of Senate Bill 1046. We also plan to present an award to Governor Napolitano for including funding for aging services in her Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. I am very pleased to learn from our *Caring Spirit Awards* committee that you will be able to join us for the luncheon.

The event is attended by around 400 guests, including aging services professionals, volunteers and dignitaries. We will be presenting a total of seven awards, to recognize professionals, volunteers and organizations for their contributions. Each year, APS prepares short video segments on each honoree for the event, and we will have them contact you to schedule a videotaping session of about 30 minutes.

The Area Agency on Aging greatly appreciates your commitment to helping the aging population, and we will be pleased to recognize your efforts with this award.

Sincerely,

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