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Nominations for The 2011 C. Colburn Hardy Older Advocate Award
*Recognizing Volunteer Advocates Making a Difference in
the Lives of Older Floridians*

For the past twelve years, an outstanding elder person living year-round in Florida has received **The C. Colburn Hardy Older Advocate Award** for volunteer efforts demonstrating vision, advocacy and leadership regarding the future of the growing aging population in the state of Florida.

It is once again time to nominate and recognize an individual who practices the values articulated by C. Colburn Hardy when he wrote: “Hopefully, some of the projects in which I was involved helped to make the world a better place in which to work, to live, to love and to have our being.”

The C. Colburn Hardy Older Advocate Award is presented to an individual who has consistently made significant contributions to policies, programs and services for older Floridians. This individual should serve as an advocate who volunteers their time, energy and expertise toward making a difference that has State-wide impact. Activities and efforts can range from policy-making to new program development to service improvements. Additional information, including Award criteria and Nomination forms can be accessed at www.cchoaa.com or www.ccolburnhardyolderadvocateaward.com. The deadline for submission of nominations is **Friday, April 20, 2012**.

Presentation of the 13th Annual Award is an event that is recognized by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs in its ongoing efforts to support outstanding senior volunteer advocates. Presentation of the Award will be made by the leadership of the Department of Elder Affairs and the Area

Agency on Aging of Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc. at the Prime Time Celebration in Palm Beach Gardens on **Thursday, May 10, 2012.**

The award is presented by the Honorable Dorcas R. Hardy, Colburn's daughter, and former Commissioner of Social Security. The Selection Committee is comprised of Ms. Hardy, Carole Green, former Secretary of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, John Stokesberry, former awardee and CEO of Alliance for Aging, Cathy deHeron, formerly CEO of Palm Beach/Treasure Coast Area Agency on Aging and several other representatives of Florida's aging network.

Former Award winners include: *Joseph Schwartz*, a former pharmaceutical industry executive leading innovative statewide senior education and training programs (2010); *Linda Rubens, R.N.*, Vice Chair of Florida Statewide Advocacy Council and Executive Director of Mt. Carmel Jacksonville Independent Living Center (2009); *Norma Lemberg*, consummate citizen advocate and innovator of programs for seniors (2008); *William (Bill) Humphrey*, leader of the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (2007); *Austin Curry*, Senate President of the Florida Silver Haired Legislature (2006); *John Stokesberry*, former Executive Director, Alliance for Aging, Miami (2005); *Norman Bungard*, Florida Silver Haired Legislator (2004); *Stanley P. Godleski, Ed.D.*, Trustee Emeritus, Hospice of Southwest Florida (2003); *Willis N. Murray*, Advocacy and Education Specialist at the Alliance for Aging (2002); *Jose Colon*, SHINE Area Coordinator for Central Florida (2001); *William E. Hale, M.D.*, Director Emeritus of the Florida Geriatric Research Program of Morton Plant Mease Health Care (2000); and *E. Bentley Lipscomb*, former Executive Director, Florida AARP (1999).

For more information about C. Colburn Hardy, award criteria, nomination forms, contact information, and award presentation, please visit www.colburnhardyolderadvocateaward.com or www.CCHOAA.com

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