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FAMILYLINKS' VINTAGE SENIOR CENTER RE-OPENS

Allegheny County Authorizes First Senior Center to Re-Open During COVID-19

Pittsburgh, PA (June 16) – Familylinks announced today that the agency’s affiliate, Vintage Senior Center for Active Adults, will re-open for on-site activities on June 21, 2021. Vintage is located at 401 N. Highland Avenue in East Liberty, and typically serves more than 1,300 older adults each year by providing a number of wellness, exercise and education activities. Vintage is the first senior center in Allegheny County to receive approval to re-open by the County’s Department of Human Services.

Stacey Vaccaro, president and CEO at Familylinks, stated, “Familylinks joins in welcoming active adults back to Vintage to resume the many activities that support their physical and mental well-being. COVID-19 restrictions were especially difficult for seniors, often contributing to isolation, loneliness, and limiting options for social interactions that are so vital. We also recognize a significant accomplishment for Vintage as it was recently awarded continued accreditation status by the National Council on Aging/National Institute of Senior Centers. Vintage is one of only 2% of senior centers in the U.S. to meet these stringent performance standards.”

Ann Truxell, Executive Director at Vintage, commented, “We are looking forward to seeing our seniors in-person and to resuming our many activities. We were fortunate to be able keep in touch with so many of our participants during COVID-19 restrictions in 2020 and early 2021 by providing 2,990 wellness calls, 7,389 informational mailings, and 5,240 distributions of food and home goods. We were also able to provide 435 vaccinations at Vintage and arrange for an additional 235 vaccination appointments. As we re-open, our schedule of activities is now available at <https://www.vintageseniorservices.org/documents/Vintage-June21-News.pdf>.”

Familylinks serves nearly 9,000 people annually in western Pennsylvania. These individuals range from children to seniors, in a variety of neighborhoods, income groups and beliefs. They all have one thing in common - in their time of need, Familylinks is here for them. To learn more about Familylinks and the services available to the community, please visit www.familylinks.org or call 1-866-583-6003.

Vintage Center for Active Adults works to improve and influence the experience of aging in our community. In addition to on-site activities and programs, Vintage provides comprehensive information and referral services to meet the needs of seniors in Allegheny County. To learn more, visit www.vintageseniorservices.org.

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