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Oasis Joins Forces with WISE & Healthy Aging

Los Angeles, CA (October 3, 2017) – Two premier nonprofit organizations committed to promoting successful aging have developed a new partnership that will provide older adults living in Los Angeles County with a comprehensive range of high-quality and innovative programs.

WISE & Healthy Aging has become the sponsoring organization for Pacific Region Oasis, part of The Oasis Institute's network of 40 Oasis centers across the U.S., and will offer Oasis lifelong learning and volunteer opportunities under a new name, **Los Angeles Oasis**.

"The educational programs and opportunities for volunteer engagement that have made Oasis a nationally-respected community resource for more than 33 years will remain an integral part of what we offer," says WISE & Healthy Aging CEO Grace Cheng Braun. "Our collaboration increases operational efficiency and provides for even more services to advance the quality of life for the older adults in Los Angeles County. We are excited to work with the volunteer leaders, instructors, Oasis participants and partnering agencies in continuing programming at the Oasis centers in Baldwin Hills and the Los Angeles westside."

Oasis participants have access to a robust program of lifelong learning courses, health and fitness classes, as well as opportunities to volunteer. More than 100 older adults participate in the Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring Program each year, working one-on-one with children in the Los Angeles Unified School District (Baldwin Hills and San Fernando Valley) and the Long Beach Unified School District.

WISE & Healthy Aging, a social services organization headquartered in Santa Monica, CA, has been serving Los Angeles communities for more than four decades. With regional offices in Van Nuys, Pasadena, Montebello and Lakewood, the organization administers the City & County of Los Angeles Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program and Elder Abuse Prevention Services, including a wide range of other services on the westside such as adult day care, caregiver support and training, in-home care

management services, transportation, senior healthy lunches, senior recreational programming, mental health services, peer counseling and support groups.

“Bringing together two organizations that lead the field of aging with distinction and experience will have enormous impact going forward,” says The Oasis Institute President Paul Weiss. “This partnership provides more stability for Oasis in Los Angeles and enhances our ability to deliver our most popular and impactful programs. The administrative support, leadership, and new program-partnership opportunities will expand the depth and breadth of successful aging resources for older adults.”

More about The Oasis Institute

The Oasis Institute, based in St. Louis, is a national, nonprofit organization that promotes healthy aging through lifelong learning, active living and volunteer engagement. Founded in 1982, Oasis has a national membership of 360,000 adults and serves 53,000 people annually through partnerships in 40 cities. The Oasis Institute is a Charity Navigator four-star charity, a GuideStar gold charity, and a member of the S&I 100 Index of top nonprofits creating social impact. For more information, please visit www.oasisnet.org.

More about Los Angeles Oasis and WISE & Healthy Aging

For more information about Los Angeles Oasis, visit www.oasisnet.org/LA. Oasis centers in Los Angeles are located in the MACYs stores at the Westside Pavilion in West Los Angeles and Crenshaw Shopping Plaza in Baldwin Hills. WISE & Healthy Aging is a nonprofit, social services organization, headquartered in Santa Monica. The team at WISE & Healthy Aging advances the dignity and quality of life of older adults through leadership, advocacy and innovative services. Certified as a “Great Place to Work” and voted “2016 Best Nonprofit,” WISE & Healthy Aging is the result of a merger in November 2007 of WISE Senior Services and Center for Healthy Aging. Each organization served the community for more than three decades, earning national reputations for innovative and effective programs and services. For more information, please visit www.wiseandhealthyaging.org.

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