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**National Council on Aging Honors the PENACOOK
COMMUNITY CENTER for their Innovative
Intergenerational Buddy Bingo Program**

Award Highlights Outstanding Program for Penacook Community Center Seniors

Washington, D.C. (February 11, 2014) – The Penacook Community Center in Penacook, NH, was recognized by the National Council on Aging (NCOA), receiving the “Special Events Award” for its highly successful “**Intergenerational Buddy Bingo Program**”. The award was presented as part of NCOA’s National Institute of Senior Centers 2013 Programs of Excellence.

The Penacook Community Center received the award from the National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC), the nation’s only program committed to supporting and strengthening the country’s 11,000 senior centers. NISC is setting the standard for the future of senior centers by promoting cutting-edge research, promising practices, professional development, and advocacy. NISC also offers the nation’s only National Senior Center Accreditation Program.

“Senior centers act as an important gateway, connecting older adults to crucial services that help them stay active and engaged in their communities,” said James Firman, president and CEO of NCOA. “We congratulate Penacook Community Center for its outstanding efforts to improve the lives of Merrimack Valley seniors and hope that their innovative Intergenerational Buddy Bingo Program can serve as a model for senior centers nationwide.”

“The Penacook Community Center supports a community of all ages” said Deb Cuddahy, Executive Director of PCC. “We value our seniors and take great pride in our ability to integrate seniors into the fabric of our community through innovative intergenerational programming, collaborative ventures and activities with other senior centers, community volunteerism, social activities, healthy eating and active living programs, and community focused events” For more information about the Penacook Community Center and our programs for older adults, please visit our website at www.penacookcommunitycenter.org . For more information on the National Institute of Senior Centers, please visit www.ncoa.org/NISC.

About NCOA

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is the nation's leading nonprofit service and advocacy organization representing older adults and the community organizations that serve them. Our goal is to improve the health and economic security of 10 million older adults by 2020. For more than 60 years, NCOA has been a trusted voice and innovative problem-solver helping seniors navigate the challenges of aging in America. We work with local and national partners to give older adults tools and information to stay healthy and secure, and we advocate for programs and policies to improve the lives of all seniors, especially the most vulnerable. For more information, please visit:

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“Intergenerational Buddy Bingo at PCC”