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GIVE THE GIFT OF LOWLINC THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

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The perfect gift for your senior loved one this holiday season could be a membership in LOWLINC, the new service organization set to launch in early 2016. Standing for **Lake of the Woods...Living Independently in Our Community**, LOWLINC serves LOW residents who want to remain in their homes as long as they can, independently, safely and comfortably.

LOWLINC members can take advantage of a wide range of benefits, provided by their volunteer neighbors in the Lake of the Woods community. With one phone call or email members can request an array of services, including the following:

Transportation. Volunteers whose driving records have been checked with the DMV will drive members to and from errands, meetings, appointments and shopping.

Friendly Visitor Services. LOWLINC members who so desire can sign up for check-in phone calls and visits for chatting, reading and playing games.

Home Services and Maintenance. Volunteers will perform light home maintenance chores such as changing light bulbs, organizing and filing, handyman-type repairs, light gardening, short-term pet care, and waiting for deliveries.

Convenience Services and Errands. LOWLINC members can request mail pickup, trash runs to the compactor, prescription/dry cleaning/laundry drop off and pickup, free notarization and other miscellaneous errands.

Computer Technology and Assistance. Computer-savvy volunteers will help members set up computers and software, Internet, and email. Other services could include online shopping and online reservations.

Referrals to Vetted Service Providers. LOWLINC will act as a clearinghouse for recommended businesses and non-profit service providers who have undergone an application and vetting process, including follow-up to confirm that work has been completed satisfactorily.

Social Activities. Members will be offered fun opportunities to get together with their neighbors and friends at LOW community events, book discussions, meals out, etc.

LOWLINC is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to enabling Lake of the Woods residents to continue living fully and independently in their homes for as long as possible. While serving the Lake of the Woods community, we are not affiliated with Lake of the Woods Association and our operations have no impact on LOWA's assessment or fees. Members pay an annual fee to support the requirements of the volunteer organization, including insurance, printing, legal filings and a part-time scheduling coordinator. LOWLINC's fees are \$400 for an individual and \$500 for a household.

A membership in LOWLINC could be the perfect gift this holiday season! For more information on LOWLINC membership or how you can support LOWLINC with an end-of-the-year contribution, please visit our website at <http://lowlinc.org/> or contact LOWLINC President Jeff Flynn at 540-273-5078.