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Interages Celebrates 25 Years of Serving Montgomery County

County Executive Isiah Leggett Honors Interages
Event Mistress of Ceremonies: JC Hayward, Anchor of WUSA 9

Wheaton, MD (March, 2011) – Interages celebrates 25 years of service to Montgomery County residents as the local leader in intergenerational programming. On May 5th, Interages will host a 25th Anniversary Celebration from 6 to 9 pm at VisArts Center in downtown Rockville. County Executive Isiah Leggett will honor Austin Heyman, founder of Interages, for his leadership and commitment to providing outstanding programs throughout the County.

“This celebration will be the biggest and most momentous event since our founding” says Interages Executive Director, Carol Croll. An exciting lineup of community supporters and public officials will join Leggett in honoring Interages and Mr. Heyman including Maryland Congressman Chris Van Hollen. Executive Director of Generations United and internationally sought-after speaker Donna Butts will be the keynote speaker. To highlight the evening, one of Washington’s most respected and award-winning broadcast journalists, JC Hayward of WUSA 9, will emcee the event.

The anniversary celebration will honor Interages and its founder for 25 years of excellent programming and accomplishments in intergenerational activities. Responsible for connecting older adult volunteers with children and youth since 1986, Interages improves a child’s chance for success and provides community engagement for seniors. With programs impacting over 30,000 local children and older adults in 100+ schools and 50 senior facilities, there is much to celebrate. Please join Interages for a delightful evening on May 5th from 6 to 9 pm at VisArts Center in Rockville, Maryland.

For event and sponsorship information, please contact Carol Croll at 301-949-3551.

About Austin Heyman: Austin Heyman founded and served as the Director of Interages and the Montgomery County Intergenerational Resource Center from 1986-1997. Governor Parris Glendening appointed Austin as a delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Aging. Senator Paul Sarbanes appointed Austin as a delegate to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging. Congresswoman Constance Morella nominated Austin and Interages for the Public Services Round Table Award. Austin was a member of the Leggett Administration Transition Team and was appointed in 2007 as a Senior Fellow in the Office of the County Executive, Office of Community Partnerships. In 2010, Austin was inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. He continues to serve as a member of the Board of Interages.

About Interages: Interages is regarded as a national leader, assisting professionals and organizations in developing intergenerational programs for Montgomery County communities. The mission of the organization is to create a more age-integrated community by promoting improved communication, understanding, and quality of life for older adults and youth. Interages serves the community by championing mutually beneficial volunteer opportunities for older adults and youth to interact and learn from one another while fostering respect between generations and appreciation of diversity. Some of Interages’ programs include: Dialogues Across the Ages, Grandreaders, Intergenerational Bridges, Project Share and Makeover Madness.