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## Government Accountability Office Visit East Baton Rouge Council on Aging

**Baton Rouge, LA.- February 5, 2019-** The East Baton Rouge Parish Council on Aging will receive a visit from the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), February 6 and 7. The GAO is an independent, nonpartisan agency that works for congress to help the government save money and work more efficiently by examining how taxpayer dollars are spent. The GAO was commissioned by congress to examine the Council on Aging based on its successful nutrition program for older adults.

"EBRCOA is honored to have the GAO visiting our agency," says Tasha Clark- Amar, Chief Executive Officer. "Earlier this month, the GAO held a telephone interview with executive staff to learn more about agency programs and funding to highlight in their report to Congress. The GAO is interested in learning how the Council on Aging spent tax dollars on our Meals on Wheel program, and plan to use our agency as a model for other tax funded agencies throughout the country."

While visiting the Council on Aging, the GAO will receive an in-depth tour of the Meals on Wheels process and visit several senior centers in the parish to learn how nutrition programs for older adults work in states with diverse geographic locations.

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East Baton Rouge Council On Aging: Supporting Independence ~ Serving Seniors

Since 1973, the East Baton Rouge Council on Aging (EBRCOA), a 501c3 nonprofit supported by philanthropic donations and public funds (federal, state, and local), has served the seniors of East Baton Rouge Parish through a spectrum of nutritional and social services such as the nationally recognized Meals on Wheels program and over a dozen community senior centers throughout the Parish. EBRCOA is charged with discovering and meeting the growing needs of this ever-increasing population. Central to EBRCOA's mission – Supporting Independence and Serving Seniors – is proving high-quality services to seniors, the maintenance of their personal independence, and the enhancement of their storied lives while being good fiduciary stewards of public funds and trust.

More information about EBRCOA and its services can be found online at www.ebrcoa.org.