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East Baton Rouge Council on Aging Purchases the Gus Young Fire Station

Baton Rouge, LA.- February 28, 2019- The East Baton Rouge Council on Aging (EBRCOA) is proud to announce the agency purchased the Gus Young Fire Station located at 3820 Gus Young Avenue. The property will be the site of EBRCOA's Intergenerational Center and used to promote the "Age-Less" Program. The mission of the "Age-Less" Program is to bring both seniors and youth of the community together for various activities or programs that increase cooperation and interaction between two generations.

"This new program will benefit the community as a whole. For example, there will be opportunities for youth to teach seniors new trends with technology or social media, as well as opportunities for seniors to provide priceless wisdom to the youth. Both groups have so much to teach and learn from each other," said Tasha Clark-Amar, CEO.

The development of the Intergenerational Center will be a huge step towards revitalizing a once blighted area through a partnership with the Rural Development Authority and the Mid-city Baptist Community Fellowship led by Bishop Conway Knighten. The Council has 18 months to renovate the property and place it back into commerce.

"The Gus Young Fire Station has been a priority of mine for the last eight years. My goal has been to bring needed improvements to the area. I am overjoyed that the Council on Aging has taken a huge step towards bringing the Intergenerational Center to fruition and making it a reality," said State Representative C. Denise Marcelle.

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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.