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Clayton County's Senior Centers Receive National Senior Center Accreditation

RIVERDALE — Clayton County Senior Services Department will celebrate their senior centers' achievement of National Accreditation on Friday, September 20 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Lee St. Park in Jonesboro. The Accreditation Celebration will feature live music, performances and food trucks. The Clayton County Board of Commissioners and local representatives will be in attendance.

J. Charley Griswell Senior Center, Frank Bailey Senior Center and Kinship Care Intergenerational Center are currently the only senior centers in the state of Georgia to hold accreditation status through the National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC).

"Pursuing and obtaining the NISC accreditation organized our efforts in providing quality programs and services within our senior centers, created a more ethical department, and enhanced our image and credibility," Senior Services Director Tori Strawter-Tanks said. "The accreditation gave us an organized and systematic process to closely look at our Senior Center operations for improvement. This accreditation allows Clayton County Senior Services to have leverage in the form of nation prestige and to lead the way in setting an example for the state of Georgia".

NISC offers the nation's only National Senior Center Accreditation Program. Accreditation provides official recognition that a senior center meets the nine standards of senior center operations, which are: purpose, community collaboration, program planning, evaluation, financial management, governance, administration/human resources, record keeping and facility.



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With the accreditation status, Kinship Intergenerational Center, Frank Bailey Senior Center and J. Charley Griswell Senior Center are “changing the face of aging” by providing members with fitness classes, aquatics, arts and crafts, events, day and overnight trips, technology classes and much more. For more information about the senior centers, visit www.claytonseniors.com.

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