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### SENIOR TRANSPORTATION CONNECTION HONORS LYNDHURST MAYOR JOE CICERO DURING 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA

**CLEVELAND – August 3, 2015 –** Senior Transportation Connection (STC) celebrates its 10th Anniversary of providing transportation to older adults in Cuyahoga County on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2015 with its first gala dinner. The event honors retiring Lyndhurst Mayor Joe Cicero, a founding STC board member and past board chair.



The event begins at 6:30 pm at Acacia Reservation Clubhouse, 26899 Cedar Rd., Lyndhurst. Emcee is WKYC-TV anchor Russ Mitchell. First Interstate Properties President Mitchell C. Schneider is event chair and Executive Sponsor. The evening includes dinner, cocktails, music and program amid the scenic Cleveland MetroPark setting. A “mission auction” will raise funds for an STC bus named in Mayor Cicero’s honor that will serve Lyndhurst residents. Proceeds will help STC replace older vehicles, add new models and expand the agency’s capacity.

Janice Dzigiel, STC’s executive director, praised the mayor’s service: “For a decade, he has guided our growth with good humor, generosity and energetic advocacy. He has been with us from the beginning, so he was a natural honoree for this milestone anniversary year.”

About one-third of STC riders require mobility assistance and use a wheelchair, walker or other device. Trained drivers escort and assist passengers from their door to the vehicle. The not-for-profit organization was founded when Cuyahoga County transportation providers organized to create a coordinated, shared service model. Mayor Cicero saw potential immediately. “Of course, I immediately saw benefits to seniors staying connected to their community, accessing life activities,” he explained. “But STC also has presented a unique

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opportunity for communities to work together to improve services to our constituents while managing our budgets. I have a deep passion for STC and the service it provides to our seniors.”

Tickets to the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary are \$100 each and sponsorships are available. Call STC at 800-983-4782 to participate.

### **About Senior Transportation Connection**

The non-profit STC provides transportation for nearly registered 20,000 residents of 37 zip codes across 71 percent of Cuyahoga County. Passengers are mostly age 60 or older, with mobility challenges due to age, lack of access, disability, frailty or inability to drive. Social service agencies, 26 municipalities, and Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) contract with STC paying most of the costs for each trip. Riders pay a nominal portion of the fare. Destinations include medical appointments, including dialysis and treatment; senior centers for meals and social activities; grocery shopping and personal errands. STC drives nearly one million miles each year, delivering about 130,000 trips. For more information, visit [www.ridestc.org](http://www.ridestc.org) or call 800.983.4782.