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FAIRFIELD MEDICAL CENTER HONORED AT 2007 GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON AGING

LANCASTER, Ohio (November 29, 2007) – Governor Ted Strickland recognized Fairfield Medical Center at the Aladdin Shrine Center in Columbus, Ohio, November 28, 2007, for being on the AARP list of the Best Employers for Workers over 50. As the keynote speaker, Governor Ted Strickland not only honored Fairfield Medical Center, but also signed AARP's "Divided We Fail" pledge.

The Ohio Governor's Conference on Aging brought together many business leaders and human resource professionals to focus on the many challenges companies face in recruiting and retaining seniors in the workplace. Fairfield Medical Center believes that a desirable group of employees are older employees that carry with them years of experience that is truly priceless. Mina Ubbing, CEO of Fairfield Medical Center, commented, "The AARP award is a real honor. The best part of this is that Fairfield Medical Center employees were interviewed as part of the award process. It is their feedback to AARP that made this award possible."

It is written within the proclamation that, "I, Ted Strickland, Governor of the State of Ohio, join with AARP and the Ohio Department of Aging in saluting Fairfield Medical Center for its innovative programs and policies that make the Center a welcoming place to work for all its employees, especially the untapped resource of older workers."

Dominic Prunte, Fairfield Medical Center Vice President of Human Resources, accepted the proclamation on Fairfield Medical Center's behalf, commenting, "I want to thank AARP for sponsoring this award and am honored to receive this certificate today from Governor Strickland on

behalf of Fairfield Medical Center. We learned a lot about ourselves through participating in this process and completion of the application. The older workers bring so much to the Center, expertise, loyalty, dependability, motivation, and good judgment, to name a few. We could not provide the outstanding services to the community of Fairfield County without the leadership, mentoring, and involvement of our older workers. Thank you for allowing me to receive this honor!”

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Caption for photo attached (from the left):

*Barbara E. Riley, Director of the Department of Aging, Dominic Prunte, Fairfield Medical Center
Vice President of Human Resources, and Governor Ted Strickland*