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DUET: PARTNERS IN HEALTH & AGING RECEIVES \$460,000 GRANT FROM VIRGINIA G. PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST

(Phoenix, AZ) – Family members who care for aging loved ones in Maricopa County will have expanded tools, resources and support from Duet: Partners In Health & Aging thanks to a three-year, \$460,000 grant from Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust.

Highlights of the grant funding include a new, highly sustainable caregiver-to-caregiver volunteer program to better serve isolated and overwhelmed caregivers; expansion of services for caregivers from diverse, underserved communities including Spanish-speaking caregivers; new models of service to increase socialization and connectedness, such as book clubs and caregiver movie gatherings; and the ability to grow Duet’s current services by 20% annually, including support groups and personalized guidance.

Featuring renowned researcher and psychologist, Dr. Pauline Boss, Duet will also create a series of professionally produced videos based on Dr. Boss’s book, “Loving Someone Who Has Dementia.” Dr. Boss’ resiliency-based techniques for coping with ambiguous loss and reclaiming hope amidst grief resonate deeply with caregivers. The series of short videos, used as part of facilitated discussion groups, will help give caregivers the tools they need to navigate the losses associated with their journeys.

According to Duet Executive Director Elizabeth Banta, “Duet’s vision is a community where every person ages with compassion, dignity, and hope. This grant will move us far closer to achieving that vision – as we guide and support the growing wave of family caregivers needing help to persevere in their challenging roles. We are profoundly grateful to Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust for their major investment that will bring improved health and well-being to thousands of people in our community.”

“Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust is pleased to support Duet’s efforts to enhance mentoring and services for caregivers. Both Duet and Piper Trust are committed to helping older adults remain healthy,

independent, and productive. We are humbled by these selfless caregivers; their well-being also plays a critical role in healthy aging and independent living,” said Susan Pepin, M.D., President and CEO, Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust.

About Us: Duet is a non-profit, interfaith organization that promotes health and well-being through a broad range of services to homebound adults, caregivers, faith communities and grandparents raising grandchildren. Duet’s free-of-charge services are available in the greater Phoenix area. To volunteer, donate, or ask for help, go to www.duetaz.org or call (602) 274-5022.

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