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### ***Monday Summit to Address Indiana's Long Term Care & Fiscal Crisis***

INDIANAPOLIS - ***The Moving Forward Summit on Long Term Care Reform*** will take place Monday, November 15, at 10:00 a.m. The event will be held downtown Indianapolis, 31 West Ohio Street, at the Radisson City Centre.

The Summit is being sponsored by The Generations Project, a collaborative of eleven leading civic organizations, to address the growing human and fiscal crisis resulting from Indiana's system of long term care. Advocates and health care administrators from Indiana and other states will be on hand Monday to make the case that in order to stem this crisis, Indiana must rebalance its spending on publicly funded long term health care.

By 2025, Indiana's 65 and older population is expected to increase to over 1.2 million, making it the second largest age category in the state. Within this population, it is estimated that at least 60% of people 75 and older will require some form of long term care during the remainder of their life.

"With a \$1.6 billion dollar budget for long term care in 2004, Indiana cannot afford to wait to transition its system of long term care," said John Cardwell, Director of The Generations Project. "A system of care that utilizes more home and community based care options will save the State money and provide appropriate care for Indiana's senior citizens and persons with disabilities," Cardwell concluded.

Monday's Summit will focus on how Indiana can and must reform its system. The day's events will include panel discussions covering how long term care issues impact Indiana business and overall quality of life; how other states have achieved long term care rebalancing; and what Indiana must do to implement Senate Enrolled Act 493 – the law passed unanimously by the 2003 Indiana General Assembly.

***An estimated 200 individuals – including citizens, public officials, legislators, advocates, and health care professionals are expected at The Moving Forward Summit to address this critical issue.*** Among many other things, The Generations Project will illustrate that - for the people and the economic well-being of Indiana - now is the time to move forward with long term care reform.