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**WALKER ANNOUNCES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION AWARD
FOR WILSON SENIOR CENTER**

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker is pleased to announce that the efforts of the Milwaukee County Department on Aging and Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Inc. resulted in national accreditation awarded to Wilson Senior Center through the National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC). There are over 12,000 senior centers in the country of which only 141 are nationally accredited. Wilson Senior Center, located at 2601 W. Howard Avenue, is the fourth center in Wisconsin and the first in Milwaukee to earn the honor.

“There were so many wonderful people involved from the community who gave their time and expertise to put together a truly comprehensive planning document,” said Stephanie Sue Stein, Director of the Department on Aging. Walker congratulated both the Department on Aging and those at Interfaith for working collaboratively on programs to benefit our older citizens.

The accreditation process examines nine different standards and requires community involvement in the assessment process. Those reviewed standards include: Community, Administration, Records and Reports, Fiscal Management, Governance, Evaluation, Facility, Purpose, and Program Planning.

Accreditation is a strong marker of excellence and professionalism that will provide Wilson Senior Center with credibility in the community and a stronger voice when advocating for our citizens aged fifty and better.

Accredited senior centers show that they have the ability to meet the new challenges of our aging population, measure their compliance to national standards, and demonstrate excellence in accomplishing their mission. They report increased visibility and prestige in their communities and enhanced prospects of grant possibilities and an evident strengthening of their operations and programs.

Wilson Senior Center received their official accreditation plaque at the National Council on Aging annual conference in Chicago on March 9, 2007. The center will celebrate its national accreditation and 25th anniversary on June 20 from noon to 2:00pm. Participation at the center is free and open to anyone age 50 or older. Hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm and Wednesdays from 8:30am to 8:30pm. The center is managed by Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Inc. and funded by Milwaukee County Department on Aging. More information is available at www.interfaithmilw.org.

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