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Tustin Area Senior Center's Another Choice Meal Voucher Program Back!

TUSTIN, Calif. – The City of Tustin, Tustin Area Senior Center Fund, Inc. and Wendy's Restaurants are proud to offer *Another Choice* Wendy's Meal Vouchers. This meal program provides seniors alternate menus for evenings and weekends and when the Senior Center is closed. Beginning November 1, 2010 the vouchers will be available at the front desk for \$3.25. Senior must be 60 years or older to participate.

“Seniors are a vital part of our community which is why funding and supporting the Tustin Area Senior Center is a priority for Tustin’s Council,” said Mayor Jerry Amante. “When we can partner with a business to answer the needs of members in our community, we have established a partnership that benefits us all. I am proud of this partnership and gratified that it is helping seniors in need.”

Another Choice was originally established in 2001 as an extended program of the Senior Congregate Meal Program. Due to rising costs, the program was no longer able to sustain its price point at \$2.25 and was terminated in 2009. However, the Wendy's located at 13922 Red Hill Avenue in Tustin, has continued to accept all existing expired vouchers.

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Amy Glinkas, from Wendy's was one of the pioneers with former Senior Serv Director, Ret Wixted on starting this pilot program in Tustin. An average of 65 meal vouchers were used monthly by seniors in Tustin who "were disappointed and in need of help for meals. Senior citizens often relied on these meal choices when the Center was closed, especially during Holidays." said Tustin Area Senior Center Fund President, Marc Lopez.

Current Senior Advisory Board Chair Sherry Geyer added, "Another Choice's primary purpose is to help seniors with healthy meal choices that include healthier sandwiches, salads, fruit and vegetable choices on the menu at an affordable price. All of the Senior Advisory Board Members were determined to bring it back and we are thrilled to offer it."

The program officially kicks off on Monday, November 1, 2010 at 4 p.m. at the Wendy's Restaurant located at 13922 Red Hill Avenue, Tustin, CA 92780. Meal vouchers will be available that morning for purchase at the Senior Center Front Desk located at 200 South C Street. For more information, please contact the Center at (714) 573-3340.

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