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**Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services Presents ‘Vision’ Award to Cigna**

**AUSTIN – September 17, 2015 ―** The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) is proud to announce the recipients of its 9th annual Vision Awards which honor volunteers and partners who give their time and talents to enrich the lives of older Texans and people with physical or intellectual disabilities.

This year’s “Partner Appreciation Award” is presented to Cigna, major sponsor and statewide partner of the Texercise and Age Well Live Well programs. Cigna has provided volunteer support and resources to help advance awareness of DADS wellness programs throughout Texas. Through their efforts Cigna helped educate and motivate Texans to engage in healthier activities and make important lifestyle changes.

“In Texas and around the world, we have seen the best way to help people achieve their personal health goals starts with looking at the whole individual. By matching the best tools and services with a person’s abilities, we can make a measurable impact on their health and productivity,” said Mike Koehler, president for Cigna in South Texas. “We carry this approach through to our partnerships within the community we serve. Working with DADS, we’ve been able to make a greater difference in the lives of more seniors and individuals with disabilities in Texas.”

“Thanks to the efforts of these volunteers and partners, DADS is able to enhance services and help thousands of aging Texans and people with disabilities live with greater dignity, wellness and choice. This award honors all they do,” said DADS Commissioner Jon Weizenbaum.

DADS will honor all of this year’s Vision Award winners Thursday during the annual ceremony in Austin. Media are welcome and encouraged to attend. Details are below.

**Location**: 701 West 51st St., Austin, TX 78750

**Date**: Thursday, September 17, 2015

**Time**: 2:00 p.m.

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