OCA Honors AARP’s Grace Calvelo Rustia for Asian Pacific American Corporate Achievement

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 22, 2015 – Grace Calvelo Rustia, AARP’s Associate State Director of Multicultural Leadership in Pennsylvania, received a National Asian Pacific American Corporate Achievement Award last Friday in Arlington, VA. Organized by OCA - Asian Pacific American Advocates, a national membership-driven organization dedicated to advancing the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans, the award recognizes individuals who exemplify the accomplishments of the employees within their corporation and a commitment to community service.

“AARP is very proud that Grace has been selected by OCA as an extraordinary corporate citizen,” said Daphne Kwok, AARP Vice President of Multicultural Leadership, Asian American and Pacific Islander Audience. “Grace’s leadership in the Asian American community in Philadelphia and the greater Philadelphia area is evident in engagements with multicultural communities bringing conversations and resources on caregiving, AARP’s Fraud Watch Network, personal fulfillment and so much more to people age 50 and older. Her work has been a model for us at AARP in reaching out to our multicultural communities.”

Grace Calvelo Rustia is AARP Pennsylvania’s Associate State Director and focuses on advocacy and community education for older adults. She increased the awareness and presence of AARP in multicultural communities, spearheaded events like the Multicultural Boomer Ball which brought together
leaders and community members from the Greater Philadelphia area for four consecutive years, and brought together a core group of multicultural volunteers who serve at community events. Calvelo Rustia also hosts “Grace@50,” a weekly tele-magazine on The Filipino Channel that chronicles Filipino American success stories and communities.

“These awards recognize the significant contributions corporate individuals are making in our community,” said OCA National President Michael W. Kwan. “We congratulate Grace and thank her for her tireless work on the ground to ensure that our communities have the opportunity to live a fulfilling life.”

For more information about how AARP helps Asian American & Pacific Islander families get more out of life, visit www.AARP.org/AAPI, www.facebook.com/AARPAAPICommunity and www.twitter.com/AARPAAPI.

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