



NEWBRIDGE NEWS

Your Connection to Successful Aging

JUNE 2020



Our Plan to REOPEN

NewBridge will begin to reopen our offices to the public on a limited basis to conduct essential business in June. Our offices have been thoroughly cleaned and staff will gradually return to the workplace.

We know that older adults are anxious to get out of isolation and also hesitant for fear of being exposed. Because the older adult population is at a higher risk for developing serious complications, local health experts are recommending that older adults continue to stay at home as much as possible.

We have developed a plan for restoring NewBridge services and program operations using the *Badger Bounce Back* plan created by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. For more information about the plan, check the DHS website: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov

NewBridge is committed to promoting the health and safety of our participants and staff. We will not rush to open programs or activities that put people at risk.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Providing older adults a bridge to successful aging.

VISION

A Community Where All Older Adults Live Their Best Life.



A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Why complete the 2020 Census?

Census results determine how billions of dollars in federal funding are distributed. In 2016, Wisconsin received over \$12 billion through 55 federal spending programs guided by data from the 2010 Census. Older adults are a significant percentage of the U.S. population. The distribution of federal dollars is influenced by how many older adults are counted in the Census. These federal dollars help support local programs for older adults such as housing, health care, transportation and mental health services. *That is why it is important that you be counted in the 2020 Census.* It is very easy and takes less than 5 minutes to complete. Fill out the census on the website: www.2020census.gov or contact NewBridge for assistance.

Make yourself count!

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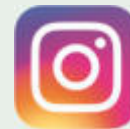
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COVID-19 SERVICES

Case Management

“Your connection to community resources”

Social workers are available by phone (608) 512-0000 and by email info@newbridgemadison.org to help older adults and connect them to resources.

Food Bridge Delivery

“Your connection to wholesome groceries”

Groceries are delivered to the door by a volunteer from a food pantry and continued when needed.

Necessity Kit Delivery

“Your connection to cleaning & hygiene products”

Necessity kits will be delivered to the door by a volunteer. Kits may contain depending on availability: toilet paper, soap, sanitizing wipes, toiletries, etc.

Funded in part by Madison Community Foundation.

Bridge Buddies

“Your connection to a friendly caller”

Volunteers are matched with older adults to do safety check calls and/or social friendly calls.



LED Activities

Meet the LED participants via Zoom. They meet on Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00 pm and Saturdays from 11:00 am-12:00 pm. If you'd like to join email LED@newbridgemadison.org to get the link.

Classes & Activities

Find online classes & activities on our website!

Take-Out Meals

“Your connection to nutritious meals”

Meals are available to pick up at the following locations for older adults 60+. While there is no charge for these meals, donations are accepted via mail to NewBridge, 1625 Northport Dr. Madison, 53704. Participants will be given a pick-up time when they order.

Call to order Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

Orders are due by Thurs. 10:00 am, 1 week prior.

LJ's Sports Tavern and Grill, 8 N. Patterson St.

Friday between 3:00-4:00 pm

1 Meal – Hot Fish Fry

Order with Candice (608) 512-0000 Ext. 4006

NewBridge West Office, 5724 Raymond Rd.

Wednesday between 3:00-4:00 pm

1 Meal Catered by Kavanaugh's Esquire Club

Order with Candice at (608) 512-0000 Ext. 4006

Mt. Zion Church, 2019 Fisher St

Monday between 10:00 am-12:00 pm

2 Meals Catered by Kavanaugh's Esquire Club

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Kavanaugh's Esquire Club, 1025 N. Sherman Ave.

Wednesday between 3:00-4:00 pm

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Meal Delivery for HOME BOUND ONLY

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Friday between 3:00-4:00 pm

2 Meals Catered by Kavanaugh's Esquire Club

Order with Kristen at (608) 512-0000 Ext. 2001

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Messiah Lutheran Church, 5202 Cottage Grove Rd.

Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Not taking new participants.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
01 Honey Baked Chicken Broccoli, Yams Pears, Ambrosia Salad MO - Veggie Honey Baked Chicken Strips	02 Meat Sauce Spaghetti Noodles Wax Beans, Green Salad Peaches, Brownie MO - Marinara Sauce	03 Lemon Dill Baked Fish Baked Potato, Fruit Cup Sugar Cookie MO - Veggie Wrap	04 *Italian Sausage Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes Orange, Chocolate Ice Cream MO - Veggie Dog	05 Sweet/Sour Chicken Brown Rice, Peas Banana, Rice Pudding MO - Veggie Sweet/Sour Salad - Hummus
08 *BBQ Pulled Pork Chickpea Salad Carrot Raisin Salad Melon Mix, Vanilla Pudding MO - Black Bean Burger	09 Chicken Stew Broccoli, Tropical Fruit Carnival Cookie MO - Veggie Stew	10 Egg Salad Coleslaw, Pickled Beets Strawberry Jell-o	11 Chicken and Gravy Carrots, Green Beans Orange, Cake MO - Veggie Chicken	12 Fish Sandwich Cheese, Yams, Coleslaw Fruit Cup, Lemon Italian Ice MO - Egg Salad Sandwich Salad-Chick. Cranberry Bacon
15 *Meatballs in Marinara Over Penne, Carrots Broccoli Slaw, Pineapple Cheesecake Brownie MO - Veggie Meatballs	16 Sloppy Joe Carrot, Black Eyed Pea Salad Banana, Chocolate Pudding MO - Chickpea Joe	17 *Saucy BBQ Ribs Calico Baked Beans Potato Salad, Tropical Fruit Strawberry Shortcake MO - Hummus Wrap	18 Cheeseburger 4 Bean Salad Vegetable Blend Pineapple Fluff MO - Garden Burger	19 Chicken Noodle Soup Mixed Green Salad Pears, Pumpkin Bar MO - Tomato Soup Salad - 7 Layer
22 Beef Stew Biscuit, Green Beans Apple Sauce, Vanilla Pudding MO - Tomato/Cheese Sand.	23 *Pork Loin in Gravy Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables Mandarin Oranges Frosted Marble Cake MO - Multigrain Burger	24 Chicken a la King Brown Rice, Green Beans Corn Salad, Banana Raspberry Sherbet MO - Soy a la King	25 Traditional Meatloaf Sweet Potato, Broccoli Apple Juice Cup Choco Chip Banana Cake MO - Veggie Wrap	26 Cheese Tortellini Bake Bread Stick, Spinach Oranges, Blueberry Crisp MO - Cheese Tortellini Salad - Chef's
29 Pot Roast with Gravy Mashed Potatoes, Carrots Orange Juice, Coffee Cake MO - Veggie Meatballs	30 *Sausage Egg Bake Fruit Cup, Mini Biscuit Spiced Apples Tapioca Pudding MO - Veggie Egg Bake	Meals provided by: Dane County Consolidated Food Services Division <u>Messiah Lutheran Church Tuesday/Thursday & Romnes Sites ONLY</u> All menu items are prepared in kitchens that are not allergen-free. We cannot guarantee that food allergens will not be transferred through cross-contact. No substitutions allowed. MO: Meatless Option		

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COVID-19 GET INVOLVED - VOLUNTEER

For more information, contact David Wilson at (608) 512-0000 Ext. 2006 or DavidW@newbridgemadison.org

Our organization and the older adults in our community rely on the power of volunteers to provide quality services to those in need especially during this time of uncertainty.

Bridge Buddy Callers

DESCRIPTION—Volunteers are matched with older adults to do daily safety check calls and/or weekly friendly calls. No person to person contact!

TIME COMMITMENT—Flexible

IMMEDIATE NEED—20+ volunteers

Food Bridge Delivery Drivers

DESCRIPTION—Delivery food pantry items from The River Food Pantry and/or St. Vincent de Paul and/or Middleton Outreach Ministry Food Pantry drive-through pick up to an older adults front door. No person to person contact!

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TIME COMMITMENT—2-4 times per month

IMMEDIATE NEED—20+ volunteers

Sewing Volunteers

DESCRIPTION—Sew masks for our older adults, staff and volunteers. Materials are not provided.

TIME COMMITMENT—Flexible



LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help an older adult stay independent by volunteering to mow their lawn for the 2020 summer season





Our Plan to Reopen Continued...

NewBridge recognizes that not all of our programs carry the same risk and we will evaluate each program taking this into consideration. But we will require participants to follow essential safety measures, wear face coverings, practice social distancing, and monitor group sizes.

Some services, such as home visits with case managers and footcare clinics, will open sooner than others. At this moment, we anticipate that the majority of NewBridge services and programs, held in social settings, will not reopen any earlier than August or September.

In the meantime NewBridge is offering a variety of COVID-19 services to meet the emergency needs of older adults (see page 4).

NewBridge is also offering a variety of virtual

classes and the NewBridge staff and Bridge Buddy volunteers are communicating regularly with older adults by phone.

NewBridge is also committed to keeping the interactions between our volunteers and older adults safe as we resume services. Volunteers will gradually resume helping older adults, in consultation with the NewBridge volunteer coordinators, as they feel safe and comfortable. Volunteers will be required to wear protective equipment and practice social distancing until NewBridge lifts those restrictions.

This is a very unsettling time for all of us. There are so many uncertainties and different opinions about how to handle this pandemic and when to reopen services but we are following recommendations from Public Health.

It will take longer for some to feel safe returning to our exercise programs or congregate meal sites and that is okay. **We know the importance of social interaction in our lives but we want you to return when it is the right time for you.**

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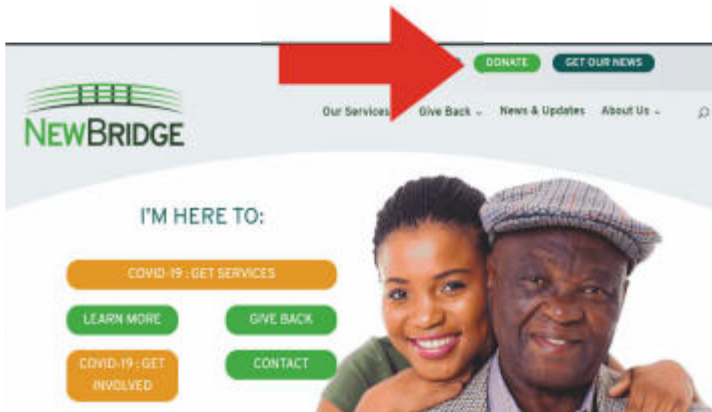


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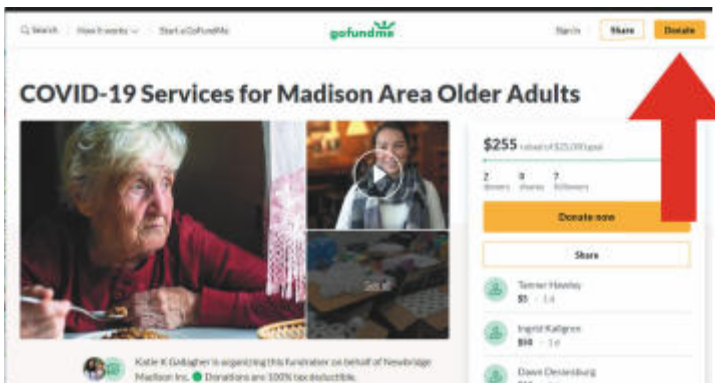
Did you know we have over 19,500 older adults living in Madison WI? These are the people who are being hit hardest by COVID-19 and are unable to leave their home. We know they are going to need our help through this.

Our organization and the older adults in our community rely on the power of donors to provide quality services to those in need especially during this time of uncertainty. **There are a variety of ways you can donate today:**

- Financial donation via our website newbridgemadison.org



- Financial donation via Go Fund Me gofundme.com/covid-19-services-for-older-adults



- Financial donation mailed to our main office at 1625 Northport Dr. #125 Madison 53704
- Cleaning supply and hygiene product donations for our Necessity Kits. Accepted Mondays 10:00 am-Noon at our west office, 5724 Raymond Rd.
- Select NewBridge Madison, Inc. as your charity to receive donations from eligible Amazon purchases! On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) search for NewBridge Madison, Inc. and select our agency. Then start shopping, it's that easy. Amazon will automatically send NewBridge your donations!

Because of your generous support, as of mid-May we have received over \$60,000 in donations to support our COVID-19 services. Thank you!

Incentives to Donate

Did you know, the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) encourages charitable giving from both individuals and corporations?

Individuals can deduct up to \$300 of donations, even if they don't itemize on their tax return. This means that a lot more people can receive a tax benefit from making charitable contributions.

Elimination of cash donation cap for individuals. Individuals can now contribute 100% of their adjusted gross income (AGI) in 2020 to public charities if they want. For more information visit forbes.com

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

NewBridge Summer Concert Series

The July concerts will be rescheduled. We are planning for our August concerts and will provide more information in the July newsletter, on our website and Facebook.

NewBridge Black Tie Bingo fundraiser is rescheduled for Tuesday, October 6 at the Monona Terrace. Our team is working on a virtual fundraiser if the rescheduled date will not work due to the venue and crowd size.

Senior Day at the Mallards Ballpark, June 18 is canceled. The Mallards stadium is being repurposed as a drive-in theatre.

NewBridge provides volunteer help at the below events:

BratFest 2020 is canceled, “... with the uncertainty of what healthy social distancing might look like in August, we decided it would be best for everyone to cancel this year’s event and begin looking forward to Memorial Day Weekend 2021.”

American Family Golf Tournament is canceled, “In light of the ongoing COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, we have made the decision to cancel the American Family Insurance Championship scheduled for May 30-June 7, 2020.”

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COVID-19 IMPACT REPORT

Our office was closed to the public Wednesday, March 18 and NewBridge staff was working remotely through the “safer at home” order. We’ve been able to help hundreds of local older adults and we continue to serve those in need as our city slowly reopens.

Week of April 13-17

- 121 General Voicemails
- 56 Case Management Calls
- 249 Older Adults receiving Food Bridge Deliveries (groceries from a food pantry)
- 29 Necessity Kit Deliveries (cleaning and hygiene items)
- 494 Take-Out Meals

Week of April 20-24

- 90 General Voicemails
- 52 Case Management Calls
- 264 Older Adults receiving Food Bridge Deliveries (groceries from a food pantry)
- 39 Necessity Kit Deliveries (cleaning and hygiene items)
- 642 Take-Out Meals

Week of April 27-May 1

- 91 General Voicemails
- 43 Case Management Calls
- 273 Older Adults receiving Food Bridge Deliveries (groceries from a food pantry)
- 27 Necessity Kit Deliveries (cleaning and hygiene items)
- 6 Older Adults Matched with Friendly Caller Volunteers “Bridge Buddies”
- 863 Take-Out Meals

Week of May 4-8

- 67 General Voicemails
- 39 Case Management Calls
- 278 Older Adults receiving Food Bridge Deliveries (groceries from a food pantry)
- 30 Necessity Kit Deliveries (cleaning and hygiene items)
- 20 Older Adults Matched with Friendly Caller Volunteers “Bridge Buddies”
- 895 Take-Out Meals

We track our impact weekly and post our report on our website and Facebook. Check it out!

Feedback from some of the older adults we’ve been able to help:

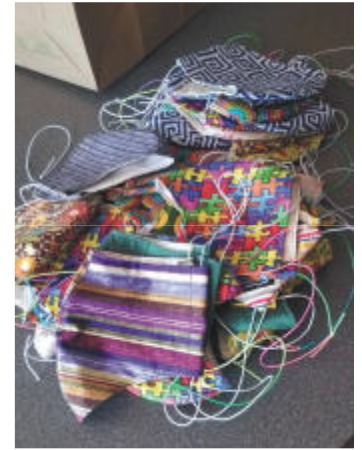
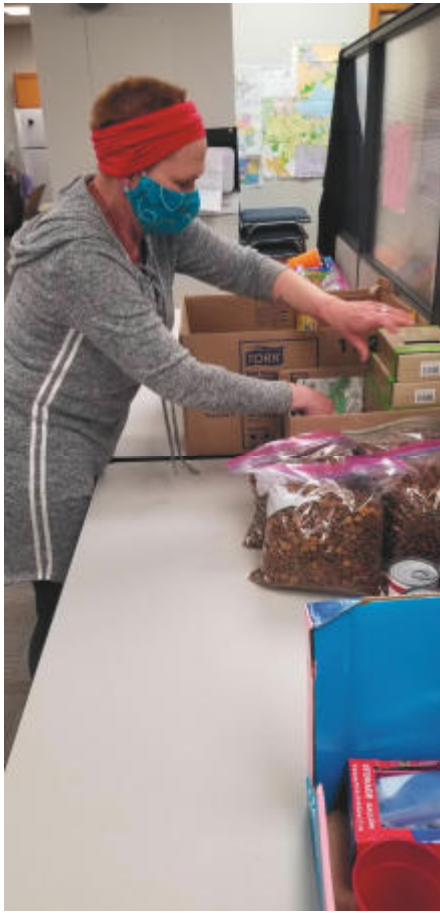
“You are a God sent to so many people, especially in these trying times. God Bless.”

“Thank you so much for the necessity bags! Please forward my thanks & appreciation to the volunteers & donors!”

“Let me begin with a big THANKS. Your work is appreciated. I pick up the meals weekly and it is almost the only thing I go out to do so it gets me out of the apartment and see what is going on. The social aspect of getting out is greatly appreciated as well as the nutrition.”

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- City of Monona
- Dane County Department of Human Services Transportation Programs
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- Doundrins Distilling
- Edgewood College students
- Gallagher Tent and Awning
- Kavanaugh's Esquire Club
- LJ's Sports Tavern and Grill
- Madison Community Foundation
- Middle Outreach Ministry Food Pantry
- Messiah Lutheran Church
- Monona Senior Center
- Mt. Zion Baptist Church
- Northside Business Association
- RSVP of Dane County
- Schlecht Family Foundation
- SSM Health at Home-Meals on Wheels
- St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
- The River Food Pantry
- Transit Solutions
- United Way of Dane County
- Willy St. Co-Op
- Our **HUNDREDS** of **VOLUNEERS** and **DONORS**

Madison Public Library Launches Curbside Pickup

Madison Public Library will offer curbside pickup service starting Monday, May 11, at all Madison Public Library locations (with the exception of Alicia Ashman Library, which is currently in renovation).

Curbside pickup will allow library customers to:

- Pick up existing holds currently on the shelves at all libraries except Alicia Ashman
- Place holds on specific items currently available in libraries, online via LINKcat or by calling 608-315-5151

- Ask library staff to make recommendations and place holds for other materials available at specific libraries by calling (608) 315-5151

To learn more on how curbside pickup will work, visit the Madison Public Library's website: www.madisonpubliclibrary.org



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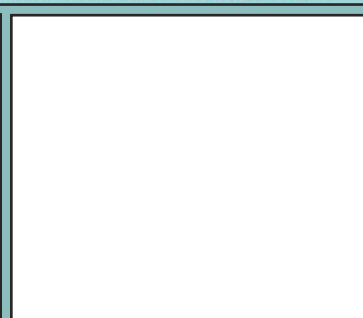
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Thank you for taking the time to fill this out.

COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESOURCES

WiFi Resources

The Dream Bus bookmobile is now operating as a mobile WiFi hotspot. It will be parked at the following locations Monday through Thursday. *Please observe social distancing guidelines.*

- 10:00 am-12:00 pm: Close to the corner of Monterey Dr. and Trailway St. near Warner Park
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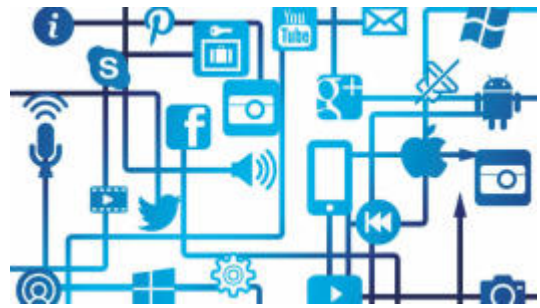
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The Internet and Phone Helpline
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COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Transportation and Delivery Options

Dane County Department of Human Services Transportation is providing a variety of services:

- Group Access Service: Group Grocery Shopping.

These trips to the grocery store are usually in a group but now the program is transporting a maximum of two passengers at one time. If you live in Madison, Monona or Middleton call Transit Solutions directly (608) 294-8747.

- Rides to essential doctor appointments
- *Dane County Delivers: Senior Grocery Solutions* - Grocery Shopping and Delivery. Food pantry pickups are also available.

For more information, contact the Transportation Call Center at (608) 242-6489 or email at transportationcallcenter@countyofdane.com



Community Food Resources

As things are changing daily be sure to call the site first to make sure food distribution is still occurring.

General COVID-19 emergency service questions, call 211 or (877) 947-2211 available 24 hour a day.

Catholic Multicultural Center

1862 Beld St, Madison, (608) 661-3512
Monday-Friday 4-5 pm and Saturday and Sunday 11 am-12 pm

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Middleton Outreach Ministry, 3502

Parmenter St., Middleton, (608) 836-7338
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River Food Pantry, 2201 Darwin Road,

Madison, (608) 442-8815
Tuesday-Thursday 10 am-5 pm and Friday, 10 am-6 pm

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 2033 Fish

Hatchery Rd, Madison, (608) 257-0919
Monday, Tuesday and Friday 10:30 am-2:30 pm, Thursday 2:30-6:30 pm and Saturday 9:30-11:30 am.

Free COVID-19 Community Testing Site

- Alliant Energy Center: 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison, WI 53713



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**This site will be open until at least June 6, please call Public Health before going to make sure this site is still testing after June 6 (608) 266-4821*

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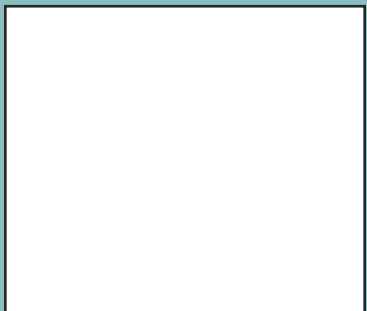
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WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE

June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Elder abuse encompasses a range of behaviors including physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, unreasonable confinement or restraint, and financial exploitation. In 2019, Dane County Adult Protective Services investigated 498 calls of elder abuse. Seventy-six percent of those calls were substantiated as elder abuse. Of those calls, nearly 36% were for reports of financial exploitation. Sixty-seven percent of the abusers were family or close friends of the victim. Researchers estimate that individuals over the age of 60 lose over a billion dollars annually because of financial exploitation. One study found that financial exploitation occurs in 1 out of 18 cognitively intact, community-dwelling adults each year.

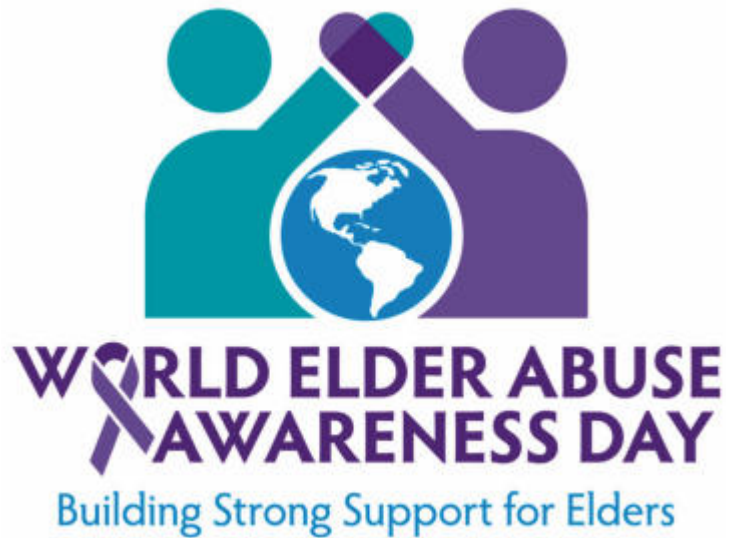
As we get older, it becomes more difficult to get everything done in a day that we need to. Elderly individuals commonly rely on trusted family members and friends to handle some of their day-to-day responsibilities, such as paying bills and shopping. No one likes to think that someone they trust will take advantage of them. But, unfortunately, this situation occurs far too often. It is ok to have someone help you with your financial obligations and it can be done in ways that limit the risk of financial exploitation.

Joint bank accounts are often quick and easy ways to give someone access to your money to manage your expenses. However, because they are quick and easy, they are also ripe for financial exploitation. Adding someone to a joint bank account makes them a joint owner of all of the money in the account. Even if only one person deposits money in the account, every account holder is authorized to withdraw and spend the money in the account any way that they please. Joint bank accounts also hold a “right of survivorship”-- when one account holder dies, the remaining account holder is entitled to the balance of the account, regardless of any will or other estate planning. Only open a joint account with someone if every account holder is considered an owner of the money within the account.

Consider alternative arrangements with your bank that would give someone access to your accounts without making them a joint owner. Instead of opening a joint account, designate a trusted individual as an authorized agent. This can often be achieved just as quickly as opening a new account by filling out a form supplied by your bank. Designating someone as an authorized agent gives them the access that they need to account funds, but also places on them a fiduciary duty to act within the best interest of the person they are assisting. If the agent violates that duty and takes advantage of the individual, they can be held liable.

Protect yourself from being at risk of financial exploitation. Before giving someone access to your accounts, discuss with your bank the pros and cons of different available arrangements. Tell your bank what your goals are for granting someone access and ask what they think the best arrangement would be to achieve those goals. Take your time. This is an important decision that should not be rushed. Regardless of what arrangement you choose, check your account statements monthly and report suspicious activity to your bank. Never give anyone your password to view online accounts. It is much simpler to take precautionary measures now than to attempt to recover lost funds later.

Lauren Hamvas is an attorney with the Elder Rights Project at Legal Action of Wisconsin, which provides free civil legal assistance to individuals who have been victims of elder abuse. If you would like assistance, contact our intake line at (844) 614-5468.



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What Seniors Need to Know

There are still 2 important elections in 2020:

- August 11: State Partisan Primary for General Election
- November 3: State General Election and Presidential Election

For more information about each election go to <https://elections.wi.gov/>

To check your registration, request an absentee ballot, find your municipal clerk, confirm your polling place, or start the registration process go to MyVote.wi.gov.

Registering to vote: If you moved or are new to Wisconsin you will need to register.

- If you have a valid, unexpired Wisconsin driver license or WI DMV ID card, and your current name and address are in the Division of Motor Vehicles data base, you can register online up to 20 days before an election. If you need to update your address at the DMV you can do that at tinyurl.com/DMVchanges. Then complete your registration at MyVote.wi.gov. The address on your physical DL or ID does not matter and does not need to be changed.
- Don't have a current WI driver license or ID card? You can register by mail up to 20 days before Election Day, in person at your clerk's office until the Friday before the election, at an in-person absentee early voting location (if open), or on Election Day. You will need to provide proof of residence (POR) when registering. For examples of acceptable POR go to myvote.wi.gov/en-us/ProofofResidence,

An approved photo ID will be required:

- You can use a Wisconsin driver license, a Wisconsin state ID card, a US passport, or military ID with expiration dates of November 6, 2018, or later. A Veterans Affairs card that is unexpired or has no expiration date can also be used. The address on a photo ID does not have to be current. Out-of-state Driver licenses are **not** acceptable. For a complete list of approved photo IDs go to bringit.wi.gov.
- If you don't have an acceptable photo ID you can get a free ID at the DMV. If you have an out-of-state driver license you would need to surrender that license to get the WI ID. Non-expiring ID cards are available free for people age 65 and older who no longer drive. For information about the DMV process see wisconsin.gov.

Seniors and people with disabilities who are indefinitely confined (have a problem getting to the polls) can vote by **Permanent Absentee Ballot** and are exempt from the photo ID requirement. They must be registered to vote at their current address. To apply for a Permanent Absentee Ballot, contact your municipal clerk or check the "indefinitely confined" box on the MyVote.wi.gov link when requesting an absentee ballot online. City of Madison residents can contact their clerk at www.cityofmadison.com/clerk.

Anyone who needs help getting an ID or a ride to the DMV can call the Voter ID Coalition at (608) 285-2141 for assistance.

League of Women Voters of Dane County
lwvdanecounty.org/voting-information

Senior Farmers' Market Vouchers and Distribution

An Update from the May Newsletter

Due to COVID-19, distribution of farmers' market vouchers will be predominantly through mail.

The Area Agency on Aging of Dane County offers vouchers to seniors for use in purchasing \$25 worth of fruit, vegetables or herbs at farmers' markets and roadside farm stands in Wisconsin during the 2020 season (June to October).

The vouchers are distributed on a first come/first serve basis to those 60 or older, who have gross incomes under \$23,606 per year (or \$1,968/month) for a one person

household and \$31,894 (or \$2,658/month) for a two person household, and live in Dane County. One set of vouchers per household regardless of household size.

Past participants will receive an application in the mail along with instructions for this year's program. For those who have never participated in the program and wish to apply, contact AAA Dietitian Alyce Miller (608) 261-5678. Vouchers and applications will be distributed via mail. Vouchers may not be mailed until June 1.

We are monitoring the situation as COVID-19 continues. For the most current information on farmers' market vouchers, contact your local senior services center or Alyce Miller at (608) 261-5678. Updates will also be made on Area Agency on Aging's website.

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Home Chore

“Your connection to helping hands”

Matches Case Management clients who need basic household chore help with individual volunteers/volunteer groups who provide assistance and friendly visitation. Free for eligible Madison/Monona older adults (60+).

Food Bridge

“Your connection to wholesome groceries”

Offers monthly food pantry delivery for Case Management clients at nutritional risk throughout Madison and Monona. This service is a collaboration between NewBridge Madison, the River Food Pantry, and RSVP of Dane County. Free for eligible Madison/Monona older adults (60+).

Bridge Buddies

“Your connection to a friendly caller”

Offers weekly friendly chats or daily reassurance calls for Case Management clients. Free for eligible Madison/Monona older adults (60+).



Nutrition Sites

“Your connection to nutritious meals”

Serves nutritious weekday meals and provides socialization for older adults at multiple Madison/Monona locations. Details listed in monthly newsletter and website. Cost for older adults (60+) is an anonymous donation. Cost for 60 and under, full cost of meal. Transportation available through Transit Solutions with donation. 24-hour advance reservations required for meal and transportation.



Representative Payee & Guardianship Service

“Your connection to trained volunteers”

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Medical Equipment Loan Closet

“Your connection to health equipment”

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Cultural Diversity Activities

“Your connection to your peers”

Activities for African American and Latinx older adults to help reduce isolation and connect older adults to community services. Activities focus on socialization and health education. Latinx activities offered in Spanish only. Free for African American and Latinx Dane County older adults (60+).



Classes & Activities

“Your connection to golden opportunities”

Social, educational, and exercise classes at various community sites. Details listed in monthly newsletter and website. Free or low cost for older adults (60+) with scholarships available.

LED Activities (Living Every Day)

“Your connection to enjoyable experiences”

Activities for the young at heart who have a sense of energy and enthusiasm. These activities include educational, social, and fitness opportunities. For older adults (55+) who live in Madison and Monona. Any expenses are paid for by the participant.

COVID-19 Specific Services on page 4.

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