



The Social Development Commission offers a variety of programs for Milwaukee County's older adult population. Some seniors may need a little extra help at home. Others, more active, are looking for volunteer opportunities. SDC offers programs to fit a variety of needs.

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Senior Companion Program

SDC's Senior Companion Program helps older adults maintain an independent lifestyle at home. Those who receive care are typically elderly individuals who are homebound, live alone in their own home and may be at risk for institutional placement.

Senior Companion volunteers help.

Each Senior Companion volunteer, age 55 or older, cares for two to four adult clients. The Senior Companion volunteer assists with simple chores like grocery shopping. They provide transportation to medical appointments and many program participants enjoy fun outings together like a movie.

The SDC Senior Companion program also gives a break to primary caretakers serving the household.

- Senior Companions serve 15 to 40 hours per week.
- Volunteers receive pre-service orientation, mileage reimbursement, training, supplemental insurance while on duty.
- Some volunteers may qualify to earn a tax-free hourly stipend.

Foster Grandparent Program

In 1960, a White House Conference on Aging highlighted the need for all older people to stay active. Organizers believed this could be accomplished if Americans found a way to serve their country. Ultimately, this led to the creation of the Foster Grandparent Program.

Foster Grandparents are role models, mentors, and friends to children with educational and social needs.

Volunteers age 55 and older serve youth at various locations, including Milwaukee Public Schools.

Volunteers also serve young people at organizations that:

- Help children learn to read and provide one-on-one tutoring.
- Care for premature infants or children with disabilities.
- Help children who have been abused or neglected.

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