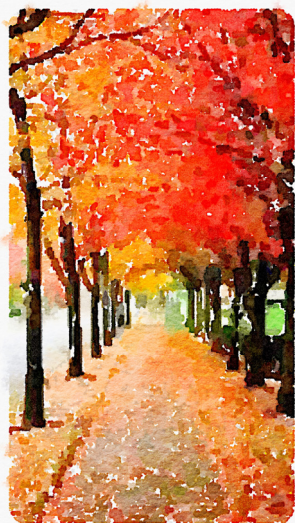


# Household & Outside Maintenance for Elderly (HOME)

Fall 2015



**Celebrating 65 years of Mobilizing the Community to Reimagine Aging**

## HOME Update!

Get an early jump on the Seasonal Yard Clean Up Program and register right away! See the sign-up sheet and tear off located on page 7.

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With the hot weather and frequent rainfalls, we have been busy this summer mowing lawns and working on yard projects! Our program continues to grow as we serve new clients from Minneapolis and the Western Hennepin county suburbs. In the first half of 2015, over 1000 clients benefitted from our services. We continue to provide free Home Health and Safety assessments so call our office today if you are interested. Check out our new bingo opportunity in Minneapolis this Fall.

As always, if you have friends or neighbors who could benefit from our services encourage them to give us a call at the **HOME office at**

**952-746-4046 or e-mail us at [home@seniorcommunity.org](mailto:home@seniorcommunity.org)**

See page 7 to sign up for Fall Bingo!

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20	28	57	75	94
7	37	44	79	83
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2	39	41	66	89
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# Thank You Volunteers



A group of dedicated volunteers from Optum, raking this past spring for a HOME client.

The kindness of volunteers, helped many HOME clients receive assistance with yardwork, painting and other tasks this spring and summer. Many individuals and groups came with happy hearts and willing hands. One client wrote us this note, “The HOME Program is so wonderful, and these super volunteers you sent to my home were exceptional. Please let them know how much I appreciate their generosity, cheerfulness and old-fashioned, hard labor.” Thanks to all the volunteers for their efforts! We hope many will return!

A volunteer group leader wrote, “HOME is a very unique program and it was good to expose our high school age group to the needs of others out there and how they can be of help. They felt they had made a difference in the lives of people.”

If you or a friend would like to become a volunteer, contact Jeanne at 952-767-7894 or [scsvolunteer@seniorcommunity.org](mailto:scsvolunteer@seniorcommunity.org).



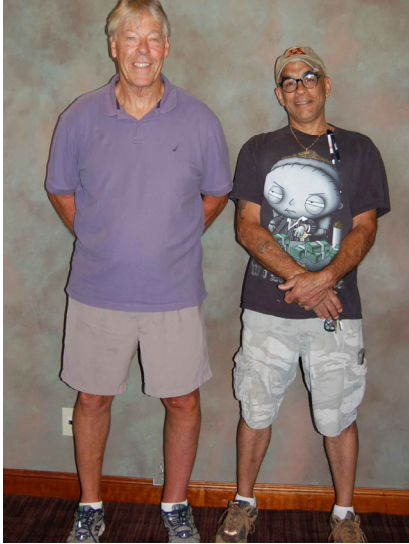
The **free Home Health and Safety Assessment service** continues! This service is made available through grant funding from the state of Minnesota. The assessment offers a one-to-one visit in your home, with a safety assessment expert, who will look for safety concerns including: tripping hazards, grab bars and inadequate lighting around your home. After the inspection, we will work with you to complete the recommended repairs. For any questions about this HOME service or to sign up for a safety assessment feel free to contact Jon at the HOME office at 952-767-7896. You can also sign-up for an assessment on page 7!



## Spotlight On Other Senior Community Services Programs

**Senior Outreach & Caregiver Services** – provides support to friends, spouses, and other family members who help an older adult remain at home. The staff not only assists these caregivers in connecting with needed services and resources for their loved one, but gives support to them as well. Licensed social workers can provide consultation, caregiver support groups, family meeting facilitation, and coaching to the caregiver. For computer-savvy caregivers, the program also offers an online care team tool to provide an efficient method of enlisting other family and friends in sharing the care. For more information or to request service, call 612-770-7005.

# Meet Our New HOME Staff



A big welcome to the new faces to the Handyman Crew! We are so pleased to introduce Robert O'Neel and Steven Williams. Robert has many years experience with home improvement projects and volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity's A Brush With Kindness. Steven brings to us a rich background in rental property maintenance. In addition, Steven has volunteer experience with Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly and St. Theresa Living Center. Both are enjoying meeting our clients and taking care of their minor repairs!

## **New HOME Program Coordinator, Marcy Markovich**

I am new to the HOME Program but not to SCS! Since 2009 I worked at the Crow River Senior Center in St. Michael. It has been such a joy working with all the wonderful people at the senior center. In this new position with HOME, I am enjoying assisting and getting to know our clients. Previously, I have worked in the software industry. This new phase of working with seniors has been so rewarding!



**We are hiring!** Do you know someone that would like to do snow removal this winter season? We are looking for dedicated individuals to provide snow removal for our clients on an ongoing basis. Requirements are a shovel or snow blower, reliable transportation, hard worker, cheerful attitude and able to pass a background check. Interested applicants should contact Marcy Markovich at 952-767-7886 or e-mail [m.markovich@seniorcommunity.org](mailto:m.markovich@seniorcommunity.org).

## **EVERYBODY NEEDS A FRIEND**

A new addition to our volunteer services is Friendly Visitor volunteer! The volunteer will come to your home for an hour weekly to chat, play cards/games, watch tv or other activities that you both enjoy. This is an ongoing meeting, for at least six months. If you are interested, check the "Friendly Visitor" category on the Request Form.





# **DONATIONS FALL 2015**

Listed below are donations received since our Spring 2015 newsletter from clients, organizations, churches, and individuals. Once again, we thank all our donors. A convenient envelope is included if you wish to honor or remember a loved one or friend with your donation.

## **In Memory**

Anderson, Joan.....	My friend Connie
Carr, Betty.....	Cal Carr
Carson, Ronald & Lenore .....	Carolyn C. Carson
Christina, Elaine.....	Husband Paul Christina
Comee, Annie.....	Sons Ron & Bobby
Douville, Marjorie.....	Brother Sonny T.
Fearon, Joan.....	Son John
Franklin, Eleanor.....	John Franklin
Halloran, Alden.....	Patrick Halloran
Hanson, Una.....	My Husband
Houlding, June.....	Donald
Irwin, Marion.....	Robert Irwin
Lange, Mary Ann.....	Rueben Lange
Larson, Beverly.....	Mildred Larson
Moser, Bernice.....	Husband Dennis
Navratil, Monica.....	Tom Navratil
Nordby, Bonnie.....	Joyce
Nyman, Maria.....	Son Michael

## **Thank You - Volunteers**

Alston, Charisse	Norheim, JoAnn
Anderson, Levi & Family	Noterman, Matt
Arbes, Leigh & Family	Olek, Carla & Family
Bloomington City Serve	Olson, Moira
Bloomington Daymakers	Plymouth Covenant Church
Rotary	Rasmussen, Nate & Family
Breck School	Rogers, Bob
Carroll, Dave	Rossi, Nassim & Family
Catholic Heart Workers	Schissel, Meg
Christiansen, Robert	Schwenk, Jon & Brother
Comm. Involvement	Siepkker, Tony
Constance Free Church	Sigmon, Sharon
Crossroads Church	Spectramics Co.
DeBruin-Mapes, John & Donna	Swenty, Sarah
Dranginis, Fran	Sylvester, Angel
Eagle Brook Church	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
Eaton Company	Brooklyn Park
Estes, Robert	Tree Trust Youth Build Program
Girard, Bruce	Treptow, Melisse
Harvest Bible Church	Twin Cities Fed. Co.
Hiawatha Howe School	UHC Optum Group
Hopkins Elks	United Way Caring Connection
Humana Company	U of MN Student Group
JAMF Software Co.	Urban Immersion,
Johnson, Megan	Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches
Johnson, Nicole	Visitation School VIS-TORY Program
Karlsson Consulting Co.	Watson, Ken
Keller Williams Co.	Week of Hope Camp
Kern, Dick	Weitz Company
Koch, Jessica & Friend	Wifler, Augie & Family
Liberty Mutual Ins.	Williams, Inga
Living Word Center	Wooddale Church
Martin, Jeff	
Medtronic Company	
Mercy Seat Church	
Mpls. Community & Technical College	
MN School of Business	
Minnetonka Middle Schl.	
Montes, Merary	
Nemer Fieger Company	

## **In Honor**

Anderson, Paul.....	Elizabeth Anderson, 100 yrs
Bagley, Joyce & Linda.....	Son Larry
Bank, Shirlee.....	My birthday
Cavanaugh, Lorraine.....	My children
Demry, Phyllis.....	HOME Program
Farrell, Dawn.....	Thank you
Feay, Shirlee.....	All my helpers
Gawreluk, Rosalia.....	John who did my fall raking
Hultquist, Harvey.....	The great raking group
Kroonblawd, Corinne.....	My family
Loch, Myrtle.....	Yard raking helpers
Moe, Robert & Barbara.....	Kirk & Kristen
Ritter, Thomas.....	Helpers
Rodgers, Paula.....	HOME Staff
Sanigular, Jean.....	Senior Community Services
Schroedl, Russell.....	Helpers for seniors
Skiba, Carroll.....	Sandie Lamb
Tafarrodi, Zahra.....	Nosrat Banan
Tiemann, Helen.....	HOME Program
Trockman, Rachel.....	Mary Kate Appicelli
Yunker, Rita Kathryn.....	All the volunteers

# Thank you all for your Donations!

Anderson, Dorothy  
Atkinson, Stanley  
Bauer, LaVern  
Beckmann, Kathleen  
Berg, Florence  
Bodene, Charlotte  
Boettner, Judith  
Botten, Emmett  
Bove, Patricia  
Buller, Richard  
Carling, Robert  
Carlisle, Nancy  
Cyr, Joanne  
Day LaVerne  
DeMarais, Nancy  
Edgar, Marcey  
Edina Community Lutheran  
Elhadary, Osman  
Fahnberg, Patsy  
Fawver, Richard & Jenean  
Ferkingsstad, Anne  
Feudner, Milas  
Finegan, Marion  
Floyd, Phyllis  
Fortman, Judith

Foss, Betty  
Fredensborg, K. L.  
Garcia, Richard  
Goldman, Marilyn  
Goldston, Jeanne  
Goosen, Peter  
Gunter, Alice  
Gustafson, Germaine  
Harbison, M. C.  
Haynes, Mae  
Homzik, Peter  
Hitchkiss, Pat  
Iverson, Margaret  
Jenkins, Elaine  
Johnson, Robert  
Johnson, Josephine  
Johnson, Sandra  
Johnson, Julie  
Kamara, Abiseh  
Kelly, Magdalen  
Kormylo, Pamela  
Kristensen, Mark  
Long, Earl & Emma  
Long, Delores  
Luckanck, Josephine

McCubrey, Ruth  
Mikkola, Phoebe  
Miller, J.H.  
Morrison, Beverly  
Muller, Marilyn  
Myrick, Dorothy  
Olmstead, Julia  
Overby, Marilyn  
Parker, LaVonne  
Rasmussen, Emmaline  
Russell, John  
Rygmyr, Elaine  
Stone, Stanley  
Tamborino, Shannon  
Towah, John & Joyce  
Turkington, Donald & Arline  
Van Horn, Ruby  
Velasco, Donna  
Way, John & Dianna  
Westermann, Gordon  
Wilk, Irene  
Wolff, Janette  
York, Leslie  
Zobbi, Kazuko

## We want to hear from YOU!

Send us your feedback – anything that's on your mind – whether good or bad; compliments or suggestions, a funny story, a memorable moment with the HOME program—we want to hear it! Your insights are important and appreciated. If you have a spare minute and a spare piece of paper, write to us or e-mail us at [home@seniorcommunity.org](mailto:home@seniorcommunity.org)! We would love to hear from you.



**“The individual mowing my lawn this season is doing a great job! I cannot begin to tell you how much I appreciate it. Thank you all!”**

**HOME Client**

# HOME Fall & Winter Services

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## Homemaking

Have you been thinking about hiring a homemaker from HOME to help you with general cleaning, vacuuming, grocery shopping, laundry and/or changing bedding? Would you like to free up your time and energy to do the things you enjoy? HOME clients interested in cleaning help can try the first month at a discounted rate. Please call by **October 30th** to receive this special rate. For more information or to get started call Valerie at 952-767-7893.



## Snow Removal

HOME has wonderful workers that will remove snow from your driveway and sidewalk. The snow will be removed within 24 hours of the snow stopping. Snow removal services will be completed in situations where there is **2** or more inches of precipitation present. This is not a one-time service or emergency service, it is recurring, so you would need to sign up for the season. There is a **1** hour minimum. Rates are based on your monthly household income. Please sign up by filling out the attached form and mailing it back to HOME.

## Painting

As the Fall season approaches and more time is spent indoors, have you noticed that there are rooms in your house that need freshening up? Or maybe a painting project you have left off for quite some time? HOME painters can help! Our workers are able to do both interior and exterior painting. Hourly rates are based on your monthly household income. Please sign up by calling Marcy at the HOME program.



## Minor Repairs

Do you have things around your home that need to be repaired? Our outstanding maintenance workers are available to help replace faucets, install grab bars, replace doorknobs, and many other items. There is a **1** hour minimum per visit. Rates are based on your household monthly income. Please sign up by calling Marcy at the HOME program.

## Volunteer Groups

There are fantastic individuals and groups of volunteers available to assist with raking and yard clean-up, starting mid-October (weather dependent). We ask only that you, or someone from your household, be home when a volunteer is present and that you provide compostable bags for leaves and yard-waste. Please sign-up early and let our friendly volunteers help you this season! If you have questions about volunteers contact **Jeanne** at: [scsvolunteer@seniorcommunity.org](mailto:scsvolunteer@seniorcommunity.org) or 952-767-7894.



# Fall/Winter Chore Sign Up 2015

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**We ask that you sign up for outdoor service EACH SEASON (snow removal / mowing) . You will not automatically be on the snow removal list because you had service last year. Service is dependent on the availability of workers and volunteers. Please fill out the form completely. Please check ONLY the items you need. It is NOT necessary to check items of potential interest at a future time. Cut this page on the dotted line and return it to us in the enclosed envelope. HOME WILL CONTACT YOU TO SET UP SERVICE(S) REQUESTED BELOW.** Processing and assigning seasonal workers can take several weeks.

**Please check the services that you would like HOME to complete this Fall/Winter:**

**Snow Removal:** \_\_\_\_\_

Worker may use my equipment: \_\_\_\_\_



**Free Health & Safety Assessment** \_\_\_\_\_

**Enter to win !** \_\_\_\_\_

2 HOURS of Maintenance Light Repair will be offered FREE the winner of the HOME "Get Ready for Winter" drawing.

Our workers can help with your fall chore lists such as furnace filters, turn off outdoor spigots, check smoke detectors and much more!

**Do you like Bingo !** \_\_\_\_\_

Come for the Bingo and stay for the fun!  
We are planning a party **Wed., Oct. 21 at 1:00 PM.** Location: Bremer Way  
3232 Fremont Ave. N.

Minneapolis, MN 55412

Date/time will be confirmed.



## Volunteer Requests:

\_\_\_\_\_ Raking \_\_\_\_\_ Large yard/lots of trees

\_\_\_\_\_ Friendly Visitor (weekly 1 hour visit)

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**Raking generally done mid Oct.— mid Nov. weather permitting**

**Please return all forms by Friday, September 18th, 2015**

## Household and Outside Maintenance for Elderly

### Senior Community Services

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"Join us in our efforts to mobilize the community to reimagine aging."



## Thank you! To all at HOME

*TO HOME,*

*I want to thank you all at HOME for the assistance you provide. In fact, it is amazing to me what you are able to do. Being in my home means a lot and you have helped to make it possible.*

*Thank you!*

*Home Client*

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