



# SENIOR AMBASSADORS COALITION

Our Mission: To enhance the dignity, respect and quality of life for area seniors.

March 2011

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Just what is a volunteer, anyway? A couple of definitions include, “a person who offers himself for a service without obligation to do so,” and “a person who performs a service willingly and without pay.” The participants in the Senior Ambassadors Coalition (SAC), a 501 (c) (3) organization, and the Senior Ambassadors Coalition Advocates (SACA), a 501 (c) (4) organization, are all volunteers, who represent a large diverse group of individuals, companies and organizations that provide services for aging adults. SAC and SACA are partner organizations, and coordinate efforts to serve senior adults and caregivers.

The SAC Vision Statement is: “Through collaboration communicate, educate and empower our community to improve access to and availability of resources and services for senior adults and caregivers.” SAC works to provide services, charitable assistance, and educational programs to benefit senior adults.

The SACA Vision statement is:

“Advocating on behalf of the aging population in the Texas Panhandle through the legislative process, promotion of public and private services and informing the general public on aging issues.” SACA works on behalf of senior adults for legislative issues, programs and services that benefit the senior population.

Committees of SAC and SACA are composed of dedicated volunteers. Volunteers have given hundreds of hours of time to accomplish the work of all the committees.

SAC committees:

Community Investment Committee – Pursues grant funding and other financial resources for SAC programs.

Elder Abuse Awareness Committee – Plans and promotes activities that raise awareness of elder abuse.

Eldercare Conference Committee – Plans and coordinates educational outreach activities, including an

annual conference, regarding senior and caregiver issues and services.

### Hunger Relief Through Grocery Delivery Committee –

Coordinates a grocery delivery and food program, to serve senior adults unable to shop for themselves, and who live in poverty.

### Transportation Committee –

Coordinates a transportation voucher program, to serve homebound senior adults, who lack any source of transportation.

### Vials of Life Committee –

Produces and distributes Vials of Life and educational information to senior adults about disaster preparedness.

SACA committees:

### Community and Media Outreach Committee –

Activities include planning and recommending targeted issues to be addressed, and implementation to reach the general public and media.

Finances & Fund Raising Committee - Develops plans for raising funds

necessary to carry out the SAC mission, works with all committees, and plans activities to raise funds.

**Senior Fall Festival Committee** – Plans and coordinates activities for an annual free health fair for senior adults and caregivers.

**Legislative and Advocacy Outreach Committee** - Follows legislative issues, alerts the organization and SACA Board about issues, makes recommendations about issues to be pursued, and represents the organization in an attempt to influence outcomes.

Please consider joining one or more of the SAC and SACA committees, if you are not currently involved with any of them. We need you!

### **WELCOME BACK!**

Bill Archinal, with Caring Senior Service, has returned to Amarillo, after a three-year absence. Bill has been involved with SAC for many years, and recently volunteered to chair the SACA Legislative and Advocacy Outreach Committee. Please contact Bill at 373-8940, if you are interested in serving on this committee.

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#### **SAC & SACA**

##### **Committees**

Elder Abuse Awareness  
Eldercare Conference  
Community Investment  
(Pursuit of grants)  
Hunger Relief Through  
Grocery Delivery  
Transportation  
Vials of Life  
Community & Media  
Outreach  
Finances & Fund Raising  
Senior Fall Festival  
Legislative & Advocacy  
Outreach

#### **SAC Meeting Dates: 12 Noon, at ASCA**

**April 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**May 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**June 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**July 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**August 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**September 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**October 18<sup>th</sup>**

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Eldercare Conference**  
**April 14, 2011**

**Mother's Day Tea**  
**April 30, 2011**

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