



# Senior Ambassadors Coalition

Our Mission: To enhance the dignity, respect and quality of life for area seniors. **December 2019**

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

On Friday, December 13, 2019, the Senior Ambassadors Coalition held its annual Christmas luncheon in the Pavilion Auditorium of Northwest Texas Healthcare System. Baskets of personal care items were collected from those attending the luncheon, and the baskets will be distributed to senior adult clients of Adult Protective Services.

The Jim Holston Community Service Award was presented to Melissa Carter. Melissa was honored for her 15 years of community service to senior adults. She has been involved with Senior Ambassadors Coalition since 2004. Melissa served one term on the Senior Ambassadors Coalition (SAC) Board of Directors from 2010 through 2012, and served as Treasurer of the Board from 2011 through 2012. Melissa served on the SAC Transportation Committee beginning in 2007 and co-chaired the Committee from 2008 through 2017. She created the forms used for the SAC Transportation Program, provided training for the

Program, and managed and tracked the monthly vouchers and payments to the SAC Transportation Program service provider. Melissa has also served on the SAC Hunger Relief Through Grocery Delivery Committee and the Community Resource Coordination Group for Adults (CRCGA).

Melissa is a strong advocate for senior adults and caregivers. She began working with senior adults in 2004 through the Area Agency on Aging as a Benefits Counselor and is currently the Director of Area Agency on Aging. She has served many senior adults in the community during her professional career. Melissa is the current President of the Texas Association of Area Agencies on Aging and has been a member of the organization for several years. Melissa has been active with the Panhandle Regional Organization to Maximize Public Transportation for many years. She also served on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Senior Services Development Advisory Board. Melissa is frequently asked to speak at conferences

and workshops to share her expertise.

Melissa is an extraordinary leader, educator, and a kind, generous human being. She has demonstrated a willingness to give of herself and her time to the community and has truly “made a difference” in the lives of senior adults. We are blessed to have Melissa living in and serving our community.



Jaime Sharp (left) presenting the Jim Holston Community Service Award to Melissa Carter



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

### **SENIOR FALL FESTIVAL**

The Senior Fall Festival was held on October 17, 2019. There were over 80 festival vendors, and approximately 500 participants. The event raised \$12,500 to support SAC programs. We thank Co-Chairs, Jennifer Oliver and Toby Burge, and the rest of the Senior Fall Festival Committee, for their hard work and dedication.

### **GOLF FOR GROCERIES TOURNAMENT**

The annual Golf For Groceries tournament was held on September 20, 2019, at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The tournament raised \$10,200 for the SAC Hunger Relief Through Grocery Delivery

Program. Many thanks to Toby Burge and Christine Brandt, Co-Chairs of the Golf For Groceries Committee, and the rest of the committee for all their hard work in making this a successful event.

### **SAC Hunger Relief Program Volunteers**

We want to recognize all the people who volunteer for the SAC Hunger Relief Program. Volunteers who have helped this year with packing the food boxes every month include: Shirley Harrold, Jessica Martinez-Garcia, Laura Reyher, Michelle Verret, and Kelli Tiffin.

Volunteers who deliver the food to our clients include: Leslie Kaluzniak, Jeremiah Wall, Norma Mata, Jaime Sharp, Sheila Bearden, Sharayah Carpenter, and

Shirley Harrold, Susan Hammett, Juliann Fulton, Dani Grill, and Alan Abraham assist as back-up drivers for the delivery routes.

We could not provide this food for our clients without you. Thank You!



Food Boxes and Food Bags to be delivered to clients of the SAC Hunger Relief Program

### 2020 SAC Board

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### SAC Committees

Elder Abuse Awareness  
Eldercare Conference  
Hunger Relief Through  
Grocery Delivery  
Transportation  
Vials of Life  
Community & Media  
Outreach  
Development Committee  
Cents For Seniors  
Mother's Day Tea  
Bowl-A-Thon  
Golf For Groceries  
Senior Fall Festival

We welcome your help  
on any committees  
you may wish to join.

### SAC Meeting Dates: 12 Noon, at Central Church of Christ

January 21<sup>st</sup>  
February 18<sup>th</sup>  
March 17<sup>th</sup>  
April 21<sup>st</sup>  
May 19<sup>th</sup>  
June 16<sup>th</sup>  
July 21<sup>st</sup>  
August 18<sup>th</sup>  
September 15<sup>th</sup>  
October 20<sup>th</sup>

### SAVE THE DATE

Eldercare Conference  
April 9, 2020

Mother's Day Tea  
May 2, 2020

### SAC WEB SITE and Facebook Page

Visit the SAC Web Site at  
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