



# Senior Ambassadors Coalition

Our Mission: To enhance the dignity, respect and quality of life for area seniors. **March 2020**

## COVID-19 vs. SAC

Lately we have all experienced something we were never expecting in our lifetime! It is difficult to even recall what "normal" was before COVID-19! This has been very challenging for all of us to say the least.

Senior Ambassadors Coalition is not being able to congregate for the first time in our history! We have had to cancel fundraisers, our regular monthly meetings and even trying to plan ahead as we go without knowing what the future holds! However, I am confident that we will be able to meet again and we may have to reschedule some of our fundraising events, but we will be able to forge ahead! There is an end in sight and we will return to full function one day soon!

This is a time that is forcing us to use technology like we have never done before, which can be rather frustrating and challenging to those of us that are resistant to change of any kind, much less technologically! For those of you who were born with a computer in your hands, please give

us that were not all the time and help we require! I am just very grateful for being able to continue to work remotely from home and for still getting to be paid. There are many that are not! Our prayers are with you all and we are here for you!

At this time, Senior Ambassadors Coalition continues to operate our Transportation, Grocery Delivery, and Vials of Life programs. We will schedule conference call CRCGA meetings if needed.

Don't give up and everyone needs to continue to keep in touch. I will try to continue communicating through our e-mail and I will also keep you all in prayer!

Everyone please stay well and don't take any chances! This is the time that self care is NOT being selfish!

Lisa Hancock  
President  
SAC Board of Directors  
Public Education and  
Volunteer Specialist



## ASCA NEWS

Amarillo Senior Citizens Association (ASCA) has purchased a building in the 2400 block of Southwest 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue for its new headquarters. In October of 2019, Amarillo College and ASCA came to a mutual agreement for the organization to move from the college's downtown campus at 1217 South Tyler Street, due to the college's plans for the creation of an innovation HUB at the downtown location. The last day ASCA can be in the current space is September 30, 2020.

Bob Manning is assisting the ASCA Board of Directors with applying for grant funds to renovate the building. The initial phase of the project requires \$300,000 to secure insurance, convert utilities, asbestos abatement, and interior demolition. The second phase of the project is estimated to cost \$1.1 million and would address mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and roof work.

## The Commons at St. Anthony's

Efforts are underway to convert a portion of the former Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital property into 124 senior housing units. The name of the project is The Commons at St. Anthony's, LLC and will be a development for affordable rental property located near the southwest corner of Amarillo Boulevard East and North Polk Street in Amarillo. The North Heights Advisory Association is involved with the project. The estimated cost of the project will be \$30 million and would provide

124 units, through 36 efficiencies, 45 one-bedroom and 43 two-bedroom units, with monthly rent ranging from \$330 to \$900 based on the area median income.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual SAC Bowl-A-Thon

Mark your calendars! The SAC Bowl-A-Thon, which is a fundraiser for the SAC Transportation Program, will be held on Sunday, July 26, 2020, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Western Bowl. More information to come.



### 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

April 21<sup>st</sup>  
(Canceled)  
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  
(Postponed)

Mother's Day Tea  
May 2, 2020  
(Canceled)

Bowl-A-Thon  
July 26, 2020

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