



Senior Ambassadors Coalition

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

CHRISTMAS EVENT

On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, the Senior Ambassadors Coalition held a drive by and drop off donations event at Central Church of Christ. Baskets of personal care items were collected from the generous folks who participated, and the baskets will be distributed to senior adult clients of Adult Protective Services.

The Jim Holston Community Service Award was presented to Ken Branum in the Commons Room at Central Church of Christ. Ken was honored for his 18 years of community service to senior adults. He has been involved with Senior Ambassadors Coalition since 2005. Ken served on the Senior Ambassadors Coalition (SAC) Board of Directors from 2010 through 2012, and served as President of the Board during 2011. He is currently serving a second term on the SAC Board of Directors and is Vice President of the SAC Board. Ken has served on the SAC Vials of Life Committee since 2007 and the SAC Eldercare Conference Committee since 2009.

Ken is a strong advocate for senior adults and caregivers. He began working with senior adults as the Director of the Alzheimer's Association from 2002 through 2004 and is a Certified Dementia Practitioner. Ken has served many senior adults in the community during his professional career. He worked as chaplain for Accolade Home Care and Hospice from 2004 through 2017. In 2017, Ken began working for High Plains Senior Care and High Plains Senior Care Hospice as chaplain and community liaison. Ken has supported and participated in the annual Alzheimer's Walk for several years. He also serves on the Older Americans Month Committee and the Caregiver Conference Committee of Area Agency on Aging. Ken has become known for donating muffins and for preparing and donating barbeque meals for fundraising events.

Ken is a fun-loving, kind, generous human being. He has demonstrated a willingness to give of himself and his time to the community and has truly "made a difference" in the lives of senior adults. We are blessed to have Ken living in and serving our community.



Lisa Hancock (left) presenting the Jim Holston Community Service Award to Ken Branum.



Adult Protective Services staff receiving donations for the APS Silver Star Room



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SENIOR FALL FESTIVAL

The Senior Fall Festival was canceled this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Senior Fall Festival Committee is working on creating a new event and will reveal those plans to us in 2021.

GOLF FOR GROCERIES TOURNAMENT

The annual Golf For Groceries tournament was canceled this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The SAC Golf For Groceries Committee is hopeful that a tournament will be scheduled for 2021.

GRANT RECEIVED FOR SAC HUNGER RELIEF PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce that the SAC Hunger Relief Program has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Mary E. Bivins Foundation as part of the 2020 Healthy Seniors Grant Program. We are so grateful for this charitable gift!

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, Laura Reyher, Kalee Tucker, and Kelli Tiffin.

Volunteers who deliver the food to our clients include: Leslie Kaluzniak, 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

2021 SAC Board

Lisa Hancock, President
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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, Virtual
or at Central
Church of Christ**

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

SAVE THE DATE

Eldercare Conference
Date to be Determined

Mother's Day Tea
Date to be Determined

Bowl-A-Thon
July 2021

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