

Senior Services Coalition

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Dear Senior Services Coalition Supporter:

Since 1963, neighborhoods across the nation have joined in the annual commemoration of May as Older Americans Month—a proud tradition that shows our nation's commitment to celebrating the contributions and achievements of older Americans.

An important way we can honor the seniors in the Greater Williamsburg area is to ensure that our community is a healthy, safe place for people to live as they age. Locally, the Senior Services Coalition works year-round to organize services that help people stay healthy and independent, and have access to the services they need.

Did you know that one out of every four area residents is age 60 or over and that more than 40% of local citizens over 65 years old have at least one chronic illness? Did you know that one of every five women over age 60 in the City of Williamsburg live below 200% of the poverty level? Older women in James City and York Counties don't fare much better with 13% and 16% respectively, living below 200% of the poverty level.

The Senior Services Coalition (SSC) is comprised of healthcare providers, our local governments, and community members like you, working together to address the growing needs of area seniors. We invite you to become a part of the SSC by becoming a member, participating on one of our many active committees, and by providing financial support for the Coalition.

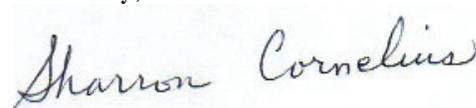
For almost ten years, the Senior Services Coalition has been working collaboratively with local organizations to help seniors live independently. We have:

- Created the RIDES Program (now run by the Historic Triangle Senior Center);
- Developed and begun implementing the Community Action Plan on Aging;
- Created a family caregiver training program;
- Assisted older job seekers to obtain skills to reenter the job market;
- Promoted www.PADRN.org, an online directory of vetted service providers.

As we celebrate Older Americans Month, we invite you to join us. Your donation will allow SSC to continue working to make the Greater Williamsburg area a healthier community that supports the independence of its seniors.

Learn more about how you can become involved and view our "Annual Report to the Community" by visiting our website at www.SeniorServicesCoalition.com.

Sincerely,



Sharron Cornelius
Chair, Senior Services Coalition



Diane Hartley
Director

Yes, I would like to support the work SSC is doing on behalf of seniors and their families.

First Name

Last Name

Home Address

City/State/Zip

Email Address:

Phone:

Enclosed is my check for: \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other \$ _____

*Make checks payable to SSC/PAA. The Peninsula Agency on Aging (PAA) is the Fiscal Sponsor for SSC and is a 501 (c) (3) organization. Please do not recognize my name publicly for this support

Please add me to your email list. I will receive the SSC quarterly newsletter, which provides information about senior issues and resources.

I would like to learn more about the SSC and the Community Action Plan on Aging Committees in order to consider being a volunteer. Please contact me via phone [] email [] or send information to me at the address listed above [].

The SSC relies on grants, memberships and donations to organize the community's efforts toward making the Greater Williamsburg area a more livable community for older adults.

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