SeniorLinks Information

☐ Yes, I/we want to start SeniorLinks in our neighborhood.

Neighborhood/Homeowner Association Name: _____

Contact Person:

Name _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Best time to be reached _____

E-mail (if available) _____

Return to: Molly Kostenbauder, SeniorLinks Facilitator, City of Orlando, Office of Communications & Neighborhood Enhancement
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NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS 55 AND OLDER

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SeniorLinks...

Welcome to SeniorLinks

The purpose of SeniorLinks is to create a network among the City of Orlando's homeowners/neighborhood or resident associations to identify and establish regular contact with isolated senior citizens living in their neighborhoods. SeniorLinks is a grass roots initiative which is easily tailored by the homeowners/neighborhood association to fit the needs of the neighborhood's residents who are 55 years and older.

SeniorLinks is a partnership involving your homeowners/neighborhood association, the City of Orlando Mayor's Committee on Aging, the City of Orlando Office of Communications & Neighborhood Enhancement, SENIORSFIRST, Inc., and the Central Florida Health and Human Services Information Helpline.

7 Steps to Implementing SeniorLinks Through Your Neighborhood Association

- Elect or appoint a SeniorLinks Liaison to your association board or create a SeniorLinks Committee
- Inform the Office of Communications & Neighborhood Enhancement (CNE) by mailing in the SeniorLinks Information Form
- Recruit SeniorLinks volunteers in your neighborhood
- Schedule a training session with the Office of Communications & Neighborhood Enhancement
- Identify seniors interested in receiving SeniorLinks information
- Distribute information periodically to senior neighbors
- Report program progress and activities to the homeowner/neighborhood association and the Office of Communications & Neighborhood Enhancement

Neighborhood Benefits:

- Contributes to the quality of life in the neighborhood
- Identifies special needs of neighbors
- Educates senior citizens about local programs, including emergency preparedness
- Engages youth and families in regular communication with seniors
- Promotes neighbors helping neighbors

Individual Benefits:

- Neighbors get to know neighbors
- Neighborhood support system helps senior citizens with everyday concerns and needs
- Seniors learn about and use resources to address social, economic and health needs

Projects & Ideas

Here are a few suggestions and ideas to promote SeniorLinks and to keep your senior residents involved in their neighborhood:

- Host a morning coffee or other get together for the seniors.
- Invite seniors to association meetings and ask neighbors to escort them to and from the meetings.
- Encourage social gatherings and outings among the senior citizens.
- Recruit neighbors to become SeniorLinks volunteers.
- Set a time before or after regular association meetings for senior social time.