

Senior Companion Program Newsletter

March 2025



Spring is here, and with it comes a season full of opportunities to connect, learn, and stay active! Whether you're looking to explore volunteer opportunities, expand your technology skills, focus on your health and wellness, or simply enjoy time with friends and family, we have something for everyone in the months ahead. I'm happy to share some of the exciting things coming your way this spring!

On March 14th, you're invited to the AmeriCorps Seniors Volunteerism Fair at Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you're 55 or older and looking for ways to give back, this event is a wonderful opportunity to explore volunteer programs like Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions, as well as opportunities with other local organizations.

Then, on April 11th, join us for the 50+ Senior Tech Connect Fair at North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. With hands-on tech coaching, informative booths, and exciting prizes, it's a great way to boost your confidence with technology while having fun.

Looking ahead to May, we're pleased to host National Senior Health and Fitness Day once again on May 28th at North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico, this event is all about celebrating healthy aging with group exercise demonstrations, a mini health fair, free health screenings, low-impact walking events, and more!

As we approach the summer months, we're also excited about the upcoming grand reopening of the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center splash pad. This newly renovated space will be designed for all ages and abilities, providing a safe and fun way to cool off as temperatures rise. Grandparents, we encourage you to bring your grandchildren and enjoy making memories together!

There's so much to look forward to this season, and I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events. Let's make this spring one to remember!

Sincerely, Anna M. Sanchez, Director



Program Hours

Monday-Friday: 8am-5pm Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Senior Companion **Program Staff**

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Special Dates & Announcements

3/03-3/31: Site Visits 3/06: Timesheets & Mileage Logs Due 3/09-3/15: AmeriCorps Week 3/14: Extra Opportunity - Volunteer Fair හි Pie Day 3/20: Timesheets & Mileage Logs Due

3/24-3/26: Annual Income Eligibility Review



The Senior Companion program focuses on providing assistance and companionship to older adults who have difficulty with daily living tasks. AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers keep seniors independent longer and provide respite to family caregivers, while enhancing their own health and longevity as they serve their community.

Annual Income Eligibility Review

AmeriCorps Seniors require all SCP volunteers to do an Annual Income Eligibility Review. Income eligibility reviews are done every year to ensure that volunteers can continue to receive program benefits, such as stipends. Stipend volunteers cannot exceed the program's income eligibility guidelines set by the state of New Mexico.

Please call the office to set up a meeting at (505) 764-1007. Bring 1099 tax form and/or other forms that identify any type of income.

SCP will be doing Annual Income Eligibility Reviews at Barelas Senior Center from March 24 through March 26, 2025.



AmeriCorps Survey

The AmeriCorps Office of Research and Evaluation and AmeriCorps Seniors.is conducting a national study on virtual volunteering. The University of Maine is surveying AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Foster Grandparents Program, Senior Companions Program, and Senior Demonstration Program) about their experiences with technology and volunteering. This includes all volunteers, regardless of whether you consider yourself to use technology in your volunteer assignment(s).

The aim of this survey is to better understand the perspective of volunteers on these topics.

Your decision to participate in this survey will not impact your volunteering experience. Participation in the survey is entirely optional.

- The survey is anonymous.
- Participants must be at least 18 years old.
- It will take about 15-20 minutes.
- At the end of the survey, there will be a link to a form to enter a raffle to win one of ten \$100 Visa gift cards as a "thank you" for your time.

The survey was sent via email early February and will close in April 2025. Please contact the SCP of if you have any questions or concerns.



Site Vists

For the month of March, SCP will be conducting site visits to volunteer stations and in-home sites. During the visit, we would like to see how each volunteer and client is doing, how we can better address client's needs, and make any schedule/program changes if needed. Please advise your clients about the site visits. We will do our best to accommodate every client and volunteer.



The Case Management Coordinator will be reaching out to every volunteer to schedule appointments. Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

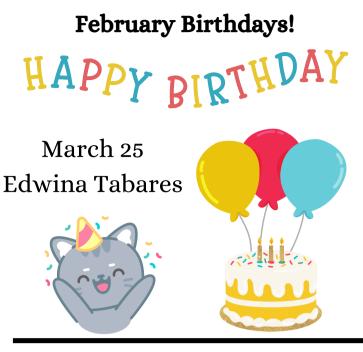
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SCP News and Deadlines







Timesheets & Mileage Logs

Friendly reminder to submit timesheets and mileage logs **before 2:00pm** to get processed in a timely manner.

> Thursday, March 6, 2025 Thursday, March 20, 2025

It is very important that your timesheet is signed by you and the station supervisor (if applicable).

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Senior Affairs Lunch Menu





As part of the New Mexico Grown state initiative, every Thursday, the Department of Senior Affairs will feature a vegetarian meal that incorporates locally sourced fruits, vegetables, beans, or chile into the menu. New Mexico GROWN

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Brussel Sprouts Dinner Roll Margarine Yogurt	4oz 4oz 1ea 1pc 6oz	Chicken Tamales Mushrooms Pinto Beans, Spina & Bell Peppers Mixed Berries 1% Milk	4oz	Baked Ham Pineapple Sauce Brown Rice Green Beans Yogurt 1% Milk	3oz 1oz 4oz 4oz 4oz 8oz	Cheese Lasagna Roasted Veggies Dinner Roll Margarine Jell-O 1% Milk	4oz 4oz 1ea 1pc 4oz 8oz	Lemon Pepper Salmon Roasted Potatoes Brussel Sprouts Peaches 1% Milk	4oz 4oz 4oz 4oz 8oz
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Mushrooms A Sauteed Spinach A Mixed Berries	4oz 4oz 4oz 8oz	Salisbury Steak Green Chile Gravy Mashed Potatoes Roasted Veggies Dinner Roll Margarine Pear 1% Milk	2oz	Turkey Tetrazzini Corn Dinner Roll Margarine Jell-O 1% Milk	8oz 4oz 1ea 1pc 4oz 8oz	Macaroni & Broccoli Brussel Sprouts Sweet Potato Mash Pineapple Cupped 1% Milk	4oz 4oz 4oz 4oz 8oz	Lemon Baked Tilapia Tartar Sauce Mashed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Apple 1% Milk	4oz 1pc 4oz 4oz 4oz 8oz