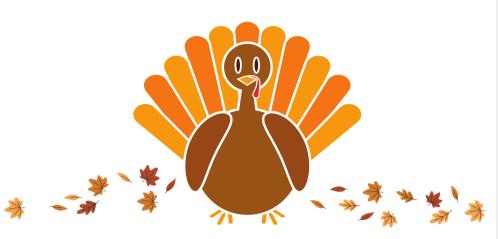


# Senior Companion Program Newsletter

### November 2024



#### Happy November!

As November unfolds, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to you. This month is a time of reflection, and we are incredibly thankful for your support, engagement, and commitment to our community.

With the summer days coming to an end, we get to prepare for the colder weather and shorter days. Please remember that the time changes on Sunday, November 3, 2024. The time will fall back an hour and we get to enjoy an extra hour of sleep!

We also wanted to mention that SCP will no longer have a fax machine. We are slowly transitioning into electronic timesheets/mileage logs. Please feel free to drop off, email, or text a picture to (505) 270-0572 of your paper timesheets and mileage logs.

SCP is also getting ready for our Winter Recognition. We will be celebrating our volunteers on Thursday, December 5, 2024 at El Pinto Restaurant. We will be sending invitations via mail soon!

Thank you for being an essential part of our program. We wish you a November filled with warmth, joy, and gratitude!

#### -SCP Team

### **Program Hours**

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

### Senior Companion Program Staff

Viridiana Rodriguez-Flores, Program Supervisor Jenna Stanton, Case Management Coordinator Vacant, Office Assistant

### **Contact Information**

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### Special Dates & Announcements

11/01: Timesheets & Mileage Logs Due
11/11: Veteran's Day: CLOSED,
No Clients
11/12: In-Service Training
11/15: Timesheets & Mileage Logs Due
11/26: Timesheets & Mileage Logs Due
11/28-29: Thanksgiving Holiday: CLOSED,
No Clients



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.

### **In-Service Training**



Please join us for an educational in-service training at Los Volcanes Senior Center. Michael Macdonald from NM Hearing Aid & Tinnitus Center will be doing a presentation on hearing and hearing loss, tinnitus, dementia and its relation to hearing loss, and the brains inability to understand speech. He will also go over ways to keep ears clear of earwax.

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:00am - 11:30am



Los Volcanes Senior Center 6500 Los Volcanes Rd NW. Albuquerque, NM 87121 \*Lunch will be provided

**NM Hearing Aid** & Tinnitus Center nmHearingAid.com

# Care Companion Program (CCP)

The Senior Companion Program and the NM Aging and Long-Term Services Department are working together to help isolated senior citizens living in long-term care facilities and nursing homes in Bernalillo County. This new pilot program will allow volunteers to visit clients at the partnered facilities and still qualify for program benefits. Volunteers will receive a stipend, meal and mileage reimbursements.



If you are interested in the new Care Companion Program or need more information please contact the SCP Office.

## **Political Participation**

A reminder that these activities are not allowed and will not be paid. Please refer to page 23 in the SCP Handbook. Please call the office if you have any questions or concerns.

### **Political activities:**

"Senior Companion volunteers shall not take part in any political or electoral activities with their clients". This includes assisting with voter registration, gathering information about candidates, providing transportation to voting site, etc.

# **Timesheets & Mileage Logs**

Friendly reminder to submit timesheets and mileage logs on time to get processed in a timely manner.

### Friday, November 1, 2024 Thursday, November 14, 2024 Tuesday, November 26, 2024

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

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Please notify the SCP office if you will attend the event and receive program benefits.

The Senior Companion Program will be closed on Monday November 11, 2024 in observance of Veterans Day.

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# Annual Senior Holiday Donation Drive

The Department of Senior Affairs is collecting donations of NEW items to share with seniors in need this holiday season.

Donations will be delivered to older adults enrolled in our Care Coordination program. Help us spread some holiday cheer with your generous donations to homebound seniors!

#### Bring donations to your local senior or multigenerational center before November 27, 2024

#### **NEW Items needed:**

- Protein Drinks
- Adult Depends
- Scarves, hats, and socks
- Cleaning Supplies
- Laundry Detergent
- Manicure & Grooming sets
- Tissue & Toilet Paper

For more information, drop-off locations hours and directions, please call

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#### Foster Grandparent Program/ Senior Companion Program Advisory Council Needs your Leadership & Experience

Forming a new Advisory Council, sponsored by the City of Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs. Community minded individuals are needed to serve as Council Members for two very important programs that have been assisting children & schools and senior to senior companions in the City of Albuquerque for over 40 years.

The purpose of the FGP/SCP Advisory Council is to serve in an advisory capacity to the Program staff in matters affecting planning and formulation of local policy. Council members assist in promoting community support for the Program. The Council helps evaluate the effectiveness of the Program and may serve as a grievance body. Council Members also help in developing local resources through fundraising to supplement the Volunteer Recognition budget.

FGP: Help kids learn and guide students to higher academic achievement. The Foster Crandparent Program (FCP) connects role models like you with schools and programs to serve young people with exceptional needs. Volunteers serve an average of 20 hours a week and receive meals while serving. Stipend and mileage available to those that qualify. SCP: Help a senior live independently. Serve as a friend and provide assistance to seniors who have difficulty with daily living tasks or who are lonely. The Senior Companion Program (SCP) aims to keep seniors living in their own homes and to provide respite to family caregivers through home visits. Volunteers serve an average of 10 hours a week. Stipend and mileage available to those that qualify.

More information : FGP: 505.764.6421 SCP: 505.764.1007 fgp@cabq.gov jmstanton@cabq.gov

Scan to see our registry on Amazon

(505) 764-6400

**OR Code** 

#### **Senior Affairs Lunch Menu**



EMBER 2024

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.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
28	29	30	31	1
<ul> <li>Carne Adovada</li> <li>Spanish Rice</li> <li>Corn</li> <li>Tortilla</li> <li>Pear</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Breaded Chicken Patty w/ Green Chile &amp; White Gravy</li> <li>Sweet Potato</li> <li>Green Beans</li> <li>Apple Slices w/ Peanut Butter Cup</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mummy Loaf in Swamp Water (Meatloaf w/ Gravy)</li> <li>Mashed Potatoes</li> <li>Sliced Carrots</li> <li>Jell-O</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Omelet w/ Mushrooms &amp; Spinach</li> <li>Hash Browns</li> <li>5 Way Vegetable Blend</li> <li>Yogurt</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pot Roast (Potatoes, Celery, Carrots)</li> <li>Italian Blend</li> <li>Ancient Blend</li> <li>Mandarin Oranges</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>
4 • Pork Loin w/ Gravy • Rice Pilaf • Corn • Dinner Roll w/ Margarine • Diced Pears • 1% milk	5 • Green Chile Cheeseburger • Italian Blend Vegetables • Tater Tots w/ Ketchup • Orange • 1% milk	6 • Chicken Fajita w/ Fajita Blend • Diced Potatoes • Pinto Beans • Red Apple • 1% milk	7 • Broccoli Mac & Cheese • Normandy Blend • Cherry Cobbler • 1% milk	8 • Steak Fingers w/ White Gravy • Red Potatoes • Succotash • Sugar Cookie • 1% milk
VETERANS DAY	<ul> <li>Ham w/ Pineapple Glaze</li> <li>Biscuit w/ Margarine</li> <li>Sweet Potatoes</li> <li>Mixed Fruit</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Meatball Sub Sandwich w/ Mozzarella</li> <li>Diced Potatoes w/ Ketchup</li> <li>Normandy Blend</li> <li>Mandarin Oranges</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>	14 • Omelet w/ Mushrooms & Spinach • Hashbrowns • Stewed Tomatoes • Yogurt • 1% milk	<ul> <li>Green Chile Chicken Enchiladas</li> <li>Pinto Beans</li> <li>Spanish Rice</li> <li>Vanilla Pudding</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>
18	19	20	21	22
<ul> <li>Cajun Salmon</li> <li>Fettuccine Alfredo</li> <li>Steamed Carrots</li> <li>Granny Smith Apple</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Beef w/ Peppers &amp; Onions</li> <li>Black Beans</li> <li>Imperial Blend</li> <li>Banana</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Beef Tips w/ Elbow Macaroni</li> <li>Roasted Carrots</li> <li>Sliced Beets</li> <li>Vanilla Pudding</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pasta Primavera w/ Alfredo Sauce</li> <li>Northwest Blend</li> <li>Breadstick</li> <li>Peaches</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Breaded Cod Fish w/ Tarter Sauce</li> <li>Steamed Red Potatoes</li> <li>Peas</li> <li>Orange</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>
25	26	27	28	29
<ul> <li>Rotisserie Chicken</li> <li>Rosemary Potatoes</li> <li>Corn w/ Red Peppers</li> <li>Grapes</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Carne Adovada w/ Red Chile</li> <li>Flour Tortilla</li> <li>Pinto Beans</li> <li>Spanish Rice</li> <li>Pineapple</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Herb Roasted Turkey w/ Gravy</li> <li>Stuffing w/ Gravy</li> <li>Green Bean Casserole</li> <li>Dinner Roll</li> <li>Pumpkin Cake</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>	Happ	y consistence