

We Couldn't Do It
Without...



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What is the Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities doing to help?



Connecting

Finding ways to help community members stay connected to the many resources Larimer County offers.



Supporting

Incubating programs and resources that will help people thrive as they age.



Creating

Creating opportunities for information to be shared with community members in a forum where their questions can be answered.

Age-Friendly
Communities are a
great place to grow up
and to age in.



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Communities in Larimer County



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OUR VISION:

*Larimer County is a community in which
older adults flourish as they age.*



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Our Mission:
Foster leadership
and strong community
collaborations to
enhance the quality of
life for older adults in
Larimer County.

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Four Priority Groups

- **Housing**- a variety of housing options sufficient to meet individual needs.
- **Health and Wellness**- optimal emotional, physical and spiritual health.
- **Mobility and Access**- transportation options to ensure access to key services and quality of life opportunities.
- **Culture of Aging**- positive community attitudes, values and behaviors with regards to aging.





Using Self-Directed Volunteer Teams (SDVTs)



Teams made up of older adults

Have expertise subject matter

Have time to dedicate to project

Work on project 3-6 months

Set goals, outcomes, timelines

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Zoom Project



- Project Coordinator
- 20 Isolated Adults
- Kindle Fires
- Connecting with family and friends



Online Virtual Catalog-providing connection! Tech-Buddy Support



[Partnership for Age Friendly Communities Virtual Gateways Catalog by PAFC - issuu](#)





Sound Affects- bringing music to care facilities



Rural Food Pantry Red Feathers Lake

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Lifelong Housing-should I stay or should I go

Manufactured Homes/Mobile Home Parks-
resource guide



Profit From Experience

- ▶ PFE is a project created by our Age-Friendly Workplace Initiative team to inform business owners and HR teams about the many benefits of hiring and retaining an age-diverse workforce, including:
 - ▶ Increased productivity
 - ▶ Increased profitability
 - ▶ Mentorship opportunities
- ▶ We recently partnered with the Larimer County Workforce Center to extend outreach across more businesses in Larimer County via the Workforce Innovation Grant.
 - ▶ Employers will find the talent they need
 - ▶ Employees 55+ will be placed in full-time positions



Transportation



- North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO)
 - Received the Outstanding Coordination Initiative of the Year from Colorado Association of Transit Agencies. NFRMPO was able to bring additional transportation options to rural communities in southwestern Weld and southeastern Larimer Counties. Coordinated transportation to vaccine sites.
- One Call/One Click- RideNOCO



A hand is pointing at a colorful transit map with various colored lines representing different routes. The map is slightly out of focus, and the hand is in the foreground, pointing towards the center of the map.

Walkability Assessment

- ▶ Partnership with North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization
- ▶ Community members across generations work as a team to identify barriers that may exist which prevent their communities from being “walkable” by individuals of all ages and abilities
- ▶ Assessment information compiled into a story map and report that will inform community planners

Virtual Volunteer Pilot Project- does this help people feel more connected to community-less isolated?



PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATION

Commissioner's Office

Red Feather Colorado AARP NFRMPO Columbine Health Systems
CHS Center CSU Media Services Office on Aging Wellington Center for Health Aging
for Healthy Aging Lifelong Colorado UC Health Colorado State
Health District DOLA Housing Catalyst Poudre Schools University Extension
Workforce and Laporte Poudre Fire Authority Sharing the Care
Economic Banner Health VOA Bohemian Foundation
Development NOCO HBA P A F C Poudre Libraries CDOT Fort Collins
CSU Center Neighbor to Neighbor Partnership For Age-Friendly RAFT Department of Senior Advisory Board
for Public Division of Housing Next50 Initiative Health and Environment CSU
Deliberation Columbine Health System Fort Collins CHAFA Windsor Human Development
El Pomar Foundation Thompson Libraries United Way Community Planning, and Family Studies
Estes Park A Little Help Loveland Infrastructure and Resources
ENGINEERING Dementia Friendly Communities
Loveland Housing Authority Thompson Schools CSU INSTITUTE FOR
Eldercare Network Berthoud VIA THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT



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Bridging the Gap: Fostering Intergenerational Connections

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What are the Benefits of Intergenerational Connections?



- ▶ Decreased social isolation
- ▶ Learning opportunities/mentorship
- ▶ Opportunities to pass information on across generations
- ▶ Increased understanding of values and priorities of other generations

Intergenerational Conversations

- ▶ Partnership with Colorado State University's Center for Public Deliberation
- ▶ Individuals across generations come together in person to share perspectives and experiences
- ▶ Conversation topics are structured and aim to foster meaningful perspectives on a topic affecting community members across generations





GenHERous

- ▶ Partnership with CSU's Center for Public Deliberation
- ▶ Women representing every generation between ages 18 and 99 are grouped into cohorts
- ▶ Creates a space for authentic stories about women's lives
- ▶ Fosters a compassionate perspective of ourselves and other women across generations

Colorado State University

- ▶ Partner with professors in various departments to offer learning opportunities for students
- ▶ We offer a variety of opportunities for students to engage in
 - ▶ Internships
 - ▶ Service learning
 - ▶ Mentorship
 - ▶ Co-teaching classes on campus or online





Additional Launched Projects

- ▶ Senior Access Points: a wealth of online resources across Larimer County for older adults, their caregivers, and family members
- ▶ Completion of the Social Isolation Action and Implementation Plan for Larimer County
- ▶ A Little Help
- ▶ Neighbor to Neighbor- HomeShare