Area Agency on Aging 1-B’s Philanthropic Statement for Support

We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with nearly five decades of experience in supporting older adults in Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties. Our agency helps seniors access the services and programs they need to live independently and with dignity in their own home or community.

Our mission is more important now than ever. With over 760,000 seniors in our service region, we are the trusted resource for seniors and family caregivers. According to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), between 2020 and 2025, the population of older adults in our service area will increase by 53 individuals daily. By 2045, there will be nearly one million seniors in these same counties who may reach out to us to help them maintain their safety and independence.

Where will these seniors be without the Area Agency on Aging 1-B?

Many of these older adults may need help with personal care, transportation, home-delivered meals and other services such as understanding their Medicare coverage. Without our programs and services, seniors may not be able to remain living independently in their own home.

Our mission is simple but all that we do is not. We oversee vital programs including our two in-home care programs that help coordinate and pay for services such as personal care, homemaking and transportation for older adults. We coordinate health and wellness programs and facilitate workshops for family caregivers to help them navigate their critical roles. A vetted network of community partners helps us care for our older adults through services such as Meals on Wheels, home injury control, caregiver relief services and social meal programs. We also fund and monitor adult day programs for memory-impaired seniors that provide caregivers with needed respite while ensuring their loved one is receiving quality care.

Our Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) helps beneficiaries understand their Medicare options, reports fraud and abuse and helps answer coverage questions. The award winning myride2 program will help seniors access appropriate and affordable transportation and even provide training on how to use local transportation systems. Our agency is now offering the Long Term Care (LTC) Ombudsman program to improve the quality of care and quality of life experienced by residents who reside in licensed long term care facilities.
We are deeply proud of all that we do – and our staff’s commitment to our mission. But we cannot do everything – and this is where we need you. Will you help us help them?

Again, our mission is simple but all we do is not. We rely on our Annual Fund as the foundation of our fundraising efforts. Our agency is traditionally funded by monies from the government, most of which are earmarked for specific programs and initiatives. These monies are unable to fully support all that we do to ensure seniors can remain independent and safe in their home or community. Today’s ever-changing environment demands that we diversify our funding sources now to ensure we can meet the future needs of the rapidly aging population. Gifts to our Annual Fund help us withstand unexpected programmatic deficits, changing capital needs, and operational and staffing fluctuations which directly impact our ability to thoroughly care for our seniors.

Without donations to support our Annual Fund, our agency's traditional funding sources are limited in scope and do not afford us with the flexibility to support all that we do or all that we want to do. As the population ages, more seniors will need additional care and resources and in order to serve all those who need us, we need to prepare well, and we need to prepare now. We represent over 760,000 seniors in our service areas and that number is only increasing. Our Annual Fund helps ensure that we have the financial flexibility and autonomy to keep abreast of our seniors' dynamic needs as they age. We hope you will assist us in furthering our mission and sustaining our level of excellence as we continue to care and support the older adults in southeast Michigan.

When you give to AAA1-B, you are making a difference in the lives of so many seniors! Your donation remains in the six counties that we serve and helps support every aspect of our mission. Our need is real; our need is now.

Will you help us meet our needs today and, in the future? Your dollars will help us keep seniors safe and independent.

As a trusted resource, we have always been there for our older adults and their families. Just like our mission, making a gift is simple.

Please visit www.aaa1b.org/donate and make or pledge your secure gift today.