**Working for Seniors** 

### Information for Seniors in Ontario

#### The Ministry for Seniors and

Accessibility works with community organizations to offer supports and services to help seniors stay active, well, safe and socially connected through a range of programs and services. This year, the theme for Seniors Month is Working for Seniors.

### Age-friendly communities

Age-Friendly Communities are inclusive, accessible environments with programs and services that help seniors stay connected. These communities can include:

- outdoor spaces and buildings that are accessible for seniors
- accessible communication and information about services and programs
- improved transportation services and housing for seniors
- more social and civic participation opportunities.

Learn more at <u>ontario.ca/agefriendly</u>.

### Seniors Active Living Centre programs

Seniors Active Living Centre programs help local seniors stay active, become more involved in their community, and meet new friends in person or online. These programs include:

- unique social activities
- learning and educational opportunities
- recreational programming
- the Seniors Centre Without Walls virtual program
- online video sessions.

There are almost 300 programs across the province that serve 115,000 seniors annually.

To find a Seniors Active Living Centre program, please:

- visit the <u>Seniors Active Living</u>
  <u>Centre locator map</u>
- contact your municipality
- call 2-1-1.

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### **Seniors Community Grants**

This program funds local not-for-profit community groups and organizations to deliver projects, supports and resources for seniors that provide opportunities for greater social inclusion, volunteerism and community engagement.

Find information about the program online or send an email to seniorscommunitygrant@ontario.ca.

### Health811

Health811 is a free, secure and confidential service Ontarians can call or access online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to receive health advice from qualified health professionals, such as a registered nurse, locate local health services and find trusted health information.

This service is available in both English and French, with translation support offered in other languages.

- Call: 811
- Toll-free TTY: 1-866-797-0007
- Chat live online
- Visit <u>ontario.ca/Health811</u>

### Seniors Safety Line

Seniors Safety Line is a 24/7, confidential and free resource. It provides counselling, information, safety planning and referrals in 240 languages for seniors in Ontario who are experiencing, or are at risk of, any type of abuse or neglect.

Call Toll-free: 1-866-299-1011.

### More information

Learn more about:

- Seniors Month at ontario.ca/SeniorsMonth.
- ministry programs and services at <u>ontario.ca/msaa</u>.
- resources for seniors with the updated <u>Guide to Programs and</u> <u>Services for Seniors in Ontario</u>.
- for other programs and services available in your area visit: <u>211ontario.ca</u>.
- Seniors' INFOline
  Call: 416-326-7076
  Toll-free: 1-888-910-1999
  TTY: 1-800-387-5559

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### Tips on how you can support Seniors Month 2023

Thank the seniors in your life for all their hard work and show them just how much they are appreciated:

- Send a "Thank You" message, either in person, over the phone, by mail or email, or on social media.
- Nominate a senior in June for an Ontario Senior Achievement Award.
- Post a message on the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility's Facebook page.

#### Tell us what you are doing during Seniors Month

- Join our Seniors Month conversation on Twitter and Facebook by using #SeniorsMonth2023.
- Seniors volunteering and helping in their neighbourhood? Tell us about it!
  Tag us on Twitter: <u>@SeniorsON</u>, and on Facebook: <u>@SeniorsOntario</u>

#### Promote Seniors Month to your friends and family

- Share health and fitness tips for seniors.
- Post info about seniors' events taking place during Seniors Month (via link to community centres/municipalities)
- Feature topics of interest to seniors (retirement, financial scams and fraud, elder abuse, housing, driving, recreation, and learning) in your posts.
- Provide Seniors Month resources to celebrate the month: poster, factsheet, or ideas to celebrate Seniors Month.

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