

The Upside Of Aging

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2022 BASKETS OF BOUNTY

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The Baskets of Bounty program for 2022 was a huge success. The Commission on Aging (COA) was able to provide gift bags to over 160 clients who reside in Grand Traverse County.

A sincere thank you to Comfort Keepers for coordinating and promoting our food drive in November and to those who participated and donated.

We also appreciate the numerous walk-ins and the monetary gifts that were received to help with our annual project..

Baskets of Bounty would not be possible without generous contributions from our community. The COA staff and our seniors are very grateful and look forward to another successful year in 2023.



CLIENT ASSESSMENTS

Commission on Aging policy requires that all clients who receive in-home services have a yearly in-home assessment. Yearly COA assessments are provided by our Registered Nurses, Emily Rice and Deb Cook. If you have not recently had an assessment, you will be hearing from one of our nurses in the next few weeks or months.

Although the COA requires these assessments on a yearly basis, you may not have had an assessment in the past couple of years. The COVID pandemic and a shortage of staff kept us from performing all of our assessments over the past couple of years, so we are currently playing catch up on getting those assessments completed.

We require assessments for several reasons. It is important that we assess your home for both your safety and the safety of our workers. We also discuss the services you are eligible for (from both the COA and other agencies) to make sure you are receiving all the help you may need. And lastly we update your income information to make sure that you are not being overcharged for COA services.

Our Assessment Nurses have a wealth of expertise and knowledge, and they are looking forward to meeting with you. The COA thanks you in advance for your cooperation with our assessment process.

Caring for those who cared for you, since 1975



Reminder we close for lunch. Our office is open 8:00 am to Noon, **closed Noon-1:00 pm**, and open 1:00 to 5:00 pm weekdays, except holidays
Upcoming Holidays: Presidents Day 02/20/23. Offices are closed no services provided.

Sharps Disposal

We like to do at least one annual discussion on the importance of safely disposing of sharps. Sharps should not be disposed of in the same manner as other “garbage”.

Clients should use a FDA-approved sharps container when possible. Otherwise, a rigid plastic container that can be sealed and labeled properly is a good alternative.



When the sharps container becomes full, be sure to seal and label it, and place the container into your trash. Do **NOT** dispose of sharps filled plastic containers with your recyclables.

According to the Grand Traverse County RecycleSmart Website, current places that are accepting sharps for disposal are:

Sixth Street Drugs
 1020 Sixth Street, Traverse
 City, Michigan, United States
 (231) 946-4570

Grand Traverse County
 Public Services Building
 2650 LaFranier Road,
 Traverse City, MI, 49686
 (231) 941-5555

Please contact the participating provider or business to inquire for business hours, return policy, cost, or if any rebates are involved.

March Birthdays And Anniversaries



Birthdays

Jenny R. 3/3
 Jenny G. 3/4
 Alicia S. 3/7
 Deanna L. 3/12

Anniversaries

Suzanne B. 6 years
 Deanna L. 1 year