



Calhoun County Senior Services



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Dear Community Partner:

Calhoun County Senior Services is pleased to distribute its 2021 program brochure to our community partners. In 2021, the Ramps for Accessibility program switched vendors and is now operated by Senior Services of Southwest Michigan. This program is open to low-income Calhoun County homeowners, age 60 and over, who need a ramp installed to increase accessibility to their home. Those who are interested can call 269-382-0515 x 315 or 866-200-8877 x 315 to get more information and complete an intake.

In 2020, 5,458 seniors were served by the twenty-two different programs funded by Calhoun County Senior Services. Due to COVID-19, most programs saw a decrease in the number of seniors served from the previous year. 2021 numbers continue to be down, but we hope these numbers will begin to increase as our communities safely reopen and return to normal. Below a few key programs have been highlighted that are continuing to operate and provide valuable service to Calhoun County seniors.

Senior Transportation is operated by Community Action and provides in-county transportation Monday through Friday. Older adults can use this service to get groceries, go to doctor's appointments, or even visit a friend or relative who lives elsewhere in the county. This service is free, but a \$2 donation is appreciated. Interested seniors can call 269-565-4144 to complete an intake and schedule their ride. Rides should be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance.

Senior Fitness & Fun operates several seated exercise sites across the county and has switched to outdoor walking clubs due to COVID-19. Classes are free to any Calhoun County older adult, age 60 and over. Pre-registration is required by calling 269-441-0948. All classes are monitored by a nurse, and participants' vitals are taken each week.

Benefits Counseling is offered throughout the county, at no cost to participants, but is currently offered over the phone. Certified counselors can help answer a wide range of questions regarding Medicare and Medicaid coverage, and help beneficiaries make the best health care coverage decisions for their unique situation. Counselors are available in Battle Creek, 800-803-7174; Marshall, 269-781-0846; and Albion, 517-629-3842.

Upcoming **COVID vaccine clinics** are continuing to take place at locations across the county and again, are of no charge to interested individuals. Clinics are now operating on a walk-in basis, and there are also many drive-thru options available. To continue reopening, it is important that everyone who is able get vaccinated. Information on upcoming clinics can be found on the County's website at calhouncountymi.gov/covidvaccine or by calling the Calhoun County Public Health Department's COVID Vaccine hotline at 269-969-6990.

Sincerely,

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