

**May is Older Americans Month**

Around the nation, older adults make their marks every day as volunteers, employees, employers, parents, grandparents, mentors, and advocates. They offer their time, talents, and experience to the benefit of our communities.

This year’s Older Americans Month theme, *Make Your Mark*, highlights older adults’ unique and lasting contributions to their communities—everything from sharing a story with grandchildren to leaving a legacy of community action.

In the spirit of this theme, here are a few ways to make your mark this May and all year long:

**Volunteer your time**. Your faith community, local schools, shelters, food kitchens, and hospitals always need support. Help a neighbor or a member of your congregation by prepping a meal, picking up groceries, or giving them a ride. Or, take time to pass on your knowledge. Why not tutor a student who could use extra help in math, music, or science?

**Share your story**. There are so many ways to do this, from showing your grandkids around your old neighborhood to writing a book. Take a class and learn how to express yourself with the arts! Or, assemble a photo album of important moments in your life.

**Get involved in your faith community and neighborhood**. Teach Sunday School, join a homeowner or resident association, organize a block party, or sign up for a book club or other social group. Have a green thumb? Small projects like planting flowers in your yard or cleaning up the community park have a big impact.

***Prayer****: We are grateful for our seniors and the grace, wisdom and love they impart. Thank you for older adults who have touched our lives, and for all that they continue to teach us.*

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