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# The Upside Of Aging

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DID YOU KNOW THE  
NEXT CENSUS WILL TAKE  
PLACE IN 2020?

*Be counted in Michigan!*

Important senior services depend on your participation. Billions of federal dollars are allocated to states based on an accurate Census count.

## WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

- For every person not counted in Michigan, the state loses \$1,800 each year in federal funds for critical programs, including older adult services.
- The Census determines how billions of federal dollars are allocated for schools, businesses, roads and services for older adults in Michigan.

## HOW CAN I BE COUNTED IN MICHIGAN?

- You will get a unique code by mail in March to use when responding.
- You can respond to *Census 2020* as of April 1 online or by phone,
- If you spend more than six months in Michigan each year, use the unique Census code sent to your Michigan address in March or wait until you get home to respond.
- If the Census does not receive a response from you, a Census questionnaire will be mailed to you and a Census representative may come to your home to collect information.

## WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- Census workers will never ask for your Social Security number.
- Your responses are secure and cannot be used against you in any way!

**Call our office for more information at (231) 922-4688**

\* \* \* REMINDERS \* \* \*

- >The Commission on Aging will be closed Monday, **February 17** in observance of *President's Day*
  - >*Daylight Savings* begins on Sunday, **March 8**
  - >AARP free tax appointments are still available. Call us at **231-922-4688** to schedule, as they are filling up fast
- Reminder: COA office is *closed* for lunch between 12-1pm**

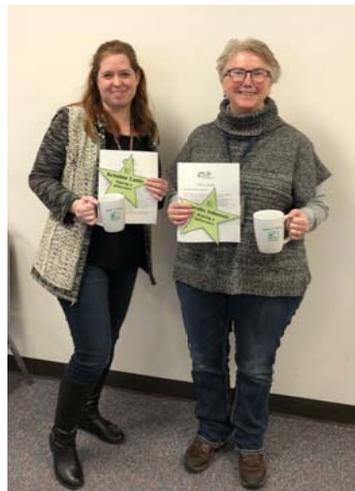


**Coming March 2** - We will be adding a new option to our transportation program - **Lyft**. You will need to download the *Lyft* app to participate. More information to follow...

### ***Making a Difference***

Congratulations to **Kristine Lantz** and **Marsha Johnson** by being nominated for "*Making a Difference*" awards by their fellow employees.

- ◇ Kristine accompanied a nurse to a client's home to help ensure her safety and that of the client
- ◇ Marsha headed up the COA *Baskets of Bounty* program, which delivered over 130 gifts to seniors over the holidays



### **March Staff Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

- Jenny R - 03/03
- Jenny G - 03/04
- Don L - 03/14



**Anniversaries**

- Suzanne B - 03/13 - 3 yrs
- Marsha J - 03/19 - 19 yrs
- Julie D - 03/26 - 2 yrs
- Tyson R - 03/28 - 4 yrs

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