

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, social welfare organization with a membership of nearly 38 million that helps people turn their goals and dreams into real possibilities, strengthens communities and fights for the issues that matter most to families—such as health care, employment and income security, retirement planning, affordable utilities, and protection from financial abuse. AARP was founded in 1958 by Ethel Percy Andrus, a retired educator from California. AARP has offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. AARP is governed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors.

Who We Are

For more than 50 years, AARP has been serving our members and society by creating positive social change. AARP's mission is to enhance the quality of life for all as we age, leading positive social change and delivering value to all people 50-plus and to society through advocacy, service and information. The principles of collective purpose, collective voice and collective purchasing power guide our efforts. AARP works tirelessly to fulfill the vision of a society in which everyone lives their best life with dignity and purpose, and in which people can fulfill their goals and dreams.

Members of AARP span four generations and reflect a wide range of attitudes, cultures and lifestyles. Approximately one-third of AARP members work full or part time, while most of the remainder are retired (including career educators affiliated with NRTA: *AARP's Educator Community*).

AARP does not endorse candidates for public office or make contributions to either political campaigns or candidates.

How We Are Organized AARP is comprised of distinct legal entities that speak with one voice, all united by a common motto: "To serve, not to be served." Complementing AARP, the parent organization, are the following:

AARP Foundation, an affiliated charity, shines a light on the invisible struggles of low-income adults. It focuses on four key, interrelated priorities where action and legal advocacy will have the greatest impact: empowering people to earn a living, creating a food-secure nation, making homes safe and more affordable, and building strong social connections. Working with organizations nationwide, AARP Foundation helps vulnerable older adults transform their lives.

Legal Counsel for the Elderly, AARP's second affiliated charity, is a nonprofit organization that champions the dignity and rights of seniors in Washington, D.C.

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Real Possibilities

AARP Services, Inc. is a wholly owned taxable subsidiary of AARP. AARP Services manages provider relationships for, and performs quality control oversight of, the wide range of products and services that carry the AARP name and are made available by independent providers as benefits to AARP members.

What We Do

Advocacy—AARP is a strong, nonpartisan advocate for social change that fights on issues that matter to people 50-plus and society. We work on important issues, such as:

- › Leading efforts to update Social Security and promote other retirement savings efforts to help everyone achieve lifetime financial security;
- › Promoting adequate, affordable health care, including prescription drugs and long-term care; and
- › Fostering communities with affordable and appropriate housing, supportive community features and driver safety and mobility options.

Community Service—AARP members form a powerful community that works toward the betterment of society. These efforts include:

- **Caregiving Resource Center**, a major initiative to make resources available to people who provide unpaid care to family members and friends.
- **Create The Good®**, which connects people to service opportunities based on their time, interests, community or skills, in part through an online tool found at CreateTheGood.org.
- **Driver Safety**, a volunteer-led program, which helps nearly a half-million drivers learn safety strategies each year.

Publications and Information—Members imagine and shape better lives with information and inspiration from AARP's publications and multimedia offerings. We produce *AARP The Magazine*, the world's largest-circulation magazine; *AARP Bulletin*, the go-to news source for the 50-plus audience; an award-winning website, www.aarp.org; AARP television and radio programming; AARP Books; and AARP en Español, a Spanish language website addressing the needs and interests of Hispanics.

Research—AARP conducts forward-looking research on topics that matter to our members. Our Public Policy Institute publishes major reports on economic security, health care and livable communities, among other issues.

Global Reach—AARP is a leader in working internationally with governmental and non-governmental organizations. AARP's international initiatives foster exchanges of ideas and seek innovative ways to address the opportunities and challenges of aging.

Member Benefits—We lead the way in the marketplace by influencing companies to offer new and better choices for our members and 50-plus Americans. Benefits made available to members include health, long-term care, automobile, homeowners and life insurance; travel and leisure offerings; technology services; a credit card; pharmacy services; and everyday savings. AARP Services performs quality control services over branded products.