

AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering people 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With a nationwide presence, AARP strengthens communities and advocates for what matters most to the more than 100 million Americans 50-plus and their families: health and financial security, and personal fulfillment. AARP also produces the nation's largest-circulation publications: *AARP The Magazine* and *AARP Bulletin*. To learn more, visit [aarp.org/about-aarp/](http://aarp.org/about-aarp/), [aarp.org/español](http://aarp.org/español) or follow @AARP, @AARPenEspañol and @AARPadvocates on social media.

## WHO WE ARE

AARP was founded in 1958 by Ethel Percy Andrus, a retired educator from California. For over 60 years, we have been serving our members and society by creating positive social change through advocacy, service and information. The drive, innovation and compassion of our founder continue to inspire our work as we seek to improve lives, stand up to injustice and transform the marketplace.

We work tirelessly to fulfill the vision of a society in which all people live with dignity and purpose, and fulfill their goals and dreams.

Members of AARP span four generations and reflect a wide range of attitudes, cultures and lifestyles. This is why we say, “The younger you are, the more you need AARP.” About 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 political campaigns.

## HOW WE ARE ORGANIZED

AARP is the parent organization to several affiliates, all distinct legal entities united by a common motto: “To serve, not to be served.”

**AARP Foundation**, AARP's largest charitable affiliate, works to end senior poverty by helping vulnerable members and nonmembers alike build economic opportunity and social connectedness. Bolstered by vigorous legal advocacy, AARP Foundation sparks bold solutions that foster resilience, strengthen communities and restore hope.

**Older Adults Technology Services (OATS) from AARP** is a charitable affiliate that helps older adults leverage technology to transform their lives and their communities. Its flagship program is Senior Planet from AARP, which offers in-person and online learning.

**Legal Counsel for the Elderly** is a charitable affiliate that serves needy seniors in Washington, D.C. by providing free legal and social work services and advocating for systemic legal reform.

**Wish of a Lifetime from AARP** grants wishes to people 65 and older in recognition of their special accomplishments and contributions. As one of AARP's charitable affiliates, Wish of a Lifetime strengthens social ties and intergenerational connections.

**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 made available by independent providers as benefits to AARP members and others.

## WHAT WE DO

**Advocacy** — As a ‘fierce defender,’ AARP fights at the local, state and national levels on the issues that matter to Americans 50-plus and their families. Our advocacy agenda includes:

- Easing the COVID pandemic’s impact by ensuring vaccine prioritization, stimulus payments for individuals and small businesses, and protections for nursing home residents.
- Fighting to lower prescription drug costs, protect and strengthen Medicare, and assure access to affordable, high-quality health care for all.
- Supporting family caregivers by advocating for a federal caregiver tax credit and measures by states to offset costs, plus expanding paid leave for caregivers.
- Protecting the financial resilience of older individuals by addressing the long-term solvency of Social Security and ensuring that workers and retirees receive the benefits they’ve earned.
- Helping older workers and job seekers by fighting ageism and discrimination in the workplace.
- Fostering livable communities with affordable and appropriate housing for older individuals, accessible transportation options, and universal high-speed Internet access.

**Community Service** — “Our community is the place where we can be most effective,” our founder wrote more than 50 years ago. Today’s community efforts include:

- **Family Caregiving**, which supports people who provide unpaid care to family members and other loved ones with local and online resources.
- **AARP Foundation Tax-Aide**, which provides in-person and virtual tax preparation help to anyone, free of charge, with a special focus on taxpayers who are over 50 and have low to moderate incomes.
- **Driver Safety**, a volunteer-led program, which helps 500,000 drivers learn safe-driving practices each year.

- **Create The Good®**, which connects people to both in-person and virtual volunteer opportunities based on their life experiences, interests, skills, and schedule.

**Trusted Information** — As a ‘wise friend,’ AARP provides trusted information, tools and resources on our award-winning website, [aarp.org](https://aarp.org), and email newsletters, as well as social media channels like Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, and more. Members draw inspiration from AARP The Magazine, the nation’s most-read magazine, and AARP Bulletin. AARP also offers the AARP Now app, [youtube.com/aarp](https://youtube.com/aarp), AARP television and podcast programming; AARP Books; and AARP en Español, a Spanish-language website for Hispanics.

**Research** — AARP conducts research on the needs, interests and behaviors of people 50-plus to support our social impact and advocacy work. The AARP Public Policy Institute publishes reports on financial security, health care and quality of life issues.

**Global Reach** — As a global thought leader on aging, AARP works to foster exchanges of ideas, challenge outdated beliefs and stereotypes, and identify new solutions to address the opportunities and challenges of aging.

**Member Benefits** — Members enjoy exclusive content, special access to events and resources, and bonuses within the AARP Rewards program. AARP also influences companies to offer new and better choices to the 50-plus. AARP members get access to carefully chosen benefits, from third-party companies, including AARP-branded health, long-term care, auto, homeowners and life insurance products; as well as travel and leisure discounts and offerings; technology services; pharmacy services; a branded credit card; and everyday savings.

