



2017 Annual Report

Community Impact

President's Greeting

Older adults are a national treasure. Their wisdom, enthusiasm for life, and encouragement of a good life for the generations behind them is remarkable.

The Jefferson County Council on Aging provides the assistance needed for older adults in Jefferson County to thrive. We steer money from the Older American's Act to services in Jefferson County; we receive training on senior services; we dialogue with elected officials on issues affecting older adults and we track legislation that may impact seniors. Our membership is comprised of retired adults, people working in the senior service segment, and representatives from government agencies. Our meetings are open and we would extend an invitation to join us.

- Cary Johnson

Committee Reports

JCCoA and the *Membership Committee* welcome all individuals interested in the issues impacting older adults in Jefferson County. Our 50+ members consist of older adults, many of whom are retired, and representatives from organizations providing direct services to seniors or advocate on their behalf.

The *Program Committee* keeps JCCoA informed with speakers from governmental agencies and local non-profit organizations on topics spanning technology, senior issues and aging well. In 2017, interactive meetings included the DRCOG (Denver Regional Council of Governments), Aging 2.0, Mount Evans Home Health Agency & Hospice, Jeffco Board of Commissioners, & Dispatch Health.

In 2017, the *Legislative Committee* monitored local, state and national legislative initiatives impacting the lives of aging Coloradans. Committee members are encouraged to participate in legislative-related organizations such as the Colorado Senior Lobby, the Area Agency on Aging, the Older Americans Coalition of Colorado and AARP.

Providing both external & internal communications, the *Marketing Committee* produces the Annual Report, maintains an online presence, conducts presentations and attends events & resource fairs. In 2017, JCCoA was present at Senior Day at the Capitol, Senior Heroes, several older adult wellness fairs, the Jeffco Senior Law Day and Jeffco Safety Day.

Hosting the annual Senior Heroes Awards is the signature affair of the *Special Events Committee*. In 2017, nine Jefferson County volunteers were honored as the 2017 Senior Heroes, and District Attorney Peter Weir was honored as the Senior Hero Elected Official of the Year.

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Jefferson County seniors have an important voice.

