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DONOR IMPACT NEWSLETTER WINTER/SPRING 2026

Connection in Motion: How Community, Culture, and Transportation Keep Older Adults Thriving

A RIDE TO A MEDICAL APPOINTMENT. A SHARED MEAL WITH FRIENDS. A CELEBRATION THAT FEELS LIKE HOME.

Members of Homage's Black Elders Outreach Group

At Homage, these everyday moments help older adults stay connected, independent, and engaged in the communities they love. This month, we're highlighting the powerful role transportation plays in supporting older adults across Snohomish County.

Opening Doors Through Transportation

When members of Homage's Black Elders Outreach Program recently participated in hands-on public transit training, they weren't just learning routes and schedules. They were rediscovering independence.

With guidance from Community Transit, participants practiced trip planning, navigating stations, riding accessible buses, and even the light rail. For many, the experience opened new possibilities: **attending medical appointments independently, visiting loved ones, and exploring their community with confidence.**

Because transportation isn't just about getting somewhere; it's about freedom, dignity and staying connected to what matters most.

Meeting a Growing Need

For many older adults, reliable transportation determines whether they can access healthcare, groceries, and community support. As demand continues to grow, **ride requests increase significantly year over year, and Homage's Transportation Assistance Program (TAP) plays a critical role in keeping older adults connected.**

Your support could make the difference in expanding access, including adding an additional vehicle to better serve the most rural areas of Snohomish County. Together, we can ensure **older adults remain connected to vital care, community, and independence.**

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Pizza for a Purpose: Every Tuesday

What happens when great food meets a great cause? A night full of connection, laughter, and impact.

Nearly 50 supporters gathered at Johnny Mo's Pizzeria in Edmonds for a joyful evening of pizza, connection, and giving, bringing together donors, staff, and neighbors in support of Homage's Nutrition and Meals on Wheels programs.

As **March Nutrition Awareness Month** reminds us, access to healthy meals is essential for older adults to stay independent and connected. You can help make that happen in one simple and delicious way: **eat pizza on Tuesdays!**

Every Tuesday through March 31, Johnny Mo's, located at 558 Main St, Suite 200 in Edmonds, will donate **15% of all food sales** to Homage **when you mention "Homage"** with your order. Whether you're gathering with family, meeting friends, or simply taking a night off from cooking, your meal helps support local seniors.

Your Tuesday night pizza helps deliver nutritious meals, connections, and care to older adults across our community. **Say "Homage". Enjoy great food. Make an impact.**

Chronic Disease Self-Management Workshop

Looking ahead to spring, we are excited to offer our six week, in person **Chronic Disease Self-Management Workshop**, designed to provide practical tools to better manage chronic conditions, reduce stress, and build confidence in your health journey.

This supportive program can improve daily quality of life and help you feel more empowered and in control of your health. If you or someone you know is living with a chronic disease and could benefit from extra tools and support, please help spread the word.

Our Spring session runs April 23 through May 28 on Thursdays from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm at Lincoln Hill Senior Center, located at 7430 276th St NW in Stanwood. Registration is now open on the Homage website , and we look forward to welcoming you this spring!

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to our major partners for helping support our local older adults, and adults with disabilities.

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A Note to our Donors:

Beginning this year, our donor newsletter will be shared twice annually. We look forward to bringing you updates and stories of impact in each edition.

A message from Bonny McMahon

At Homage Senior Services, we are deeply grateful for the compassionate volunteers who bring comfort, dignity, and connection to older adults, caregivers, and students throughout our community. Their generosity of time and heart makes every visit, call, and shared moment meaningful.

We look forward to celebrating our volunteers at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on May 11, 2026, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Everett. This gathering is an opportunity to recognize the dedication and care volunteers bring to Homage every day.

As community needs grow, so does our need for volunteers. Look for upcoming volunteer opportunities, including ways to support outreach for our AmeriCorps programs, on our website. For questions, please contact Bonny at Bmcmahon@homage.org, or (425) 740-3787.

With much gratitude,

Bonny McMahon

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Volunteer Mgr.

Emergency Meal Packs In Action

Because of your continued support, Homage's Nutrition team recently delivered nearly **775 shelf-stable emergency meal packs** to Meals on Wheels clients across our community. These ready-to-eat meals help older adults stay safe and nourished during severe weather, power outages, and unexpected disruptions, bringing reassurance and stability when it matters most.

Honoring Culture Through Food

Food connects us to culture, health, and one another. At January's nutrition demonstration at the Multicultural Senior Center, **65 Chinese elders** gathered to learn about immunity supporting foods while enjoying a freshly prepared dish presented in-language with support from Homage staff.

Experiences like these nourish more than physical health, fostering dignity, belonging, and community, all made possible through your generosity.

A Place to Gather and Belong

Homage's **Multicultural Senior Center** brings adults age 60 and older together for nutritious meals, educational programs, cultural celebrations, and meaningful social connections.

The center is a place where culture is celebrated, friendships flourish, and older adults feel seen and valued. Bilingual staff connect participants to resources for transportation, housing, healthcare, caregiving, and financial stability, ensuring support is accessible to everyone .

Recently, seniors **welcomed the Lunar New Year with a joyful celebration.** They shared stories, honored traditions, and created new memories in a space alive with warmth and community spirit.

Moments like these capture the heart of the Multicultural Center and the power of cultural connection. Your support keeps these traditions thriving and ensures older adults continue to experience belonging, celebration, and community all year long.

Showing Up for Our Community Every Day

As April approaches, we are excited to celebrate Volunteer Month and highlight the many ways people make a difference at Homage. **Volunteers support nearly every service area, from transportation and meal delivery to health education and companionship,** helping ensure our programs remain active, staffed, and available to the older adults and families who rely on them. Each month, **Homage serves about 5,000 clients,** and volunteers play a critical role in making that level of support possible. Homage volunteers come from a variety of programs and backgrounds, including drivers, translators, peer counselors, and AmeriCorps members serving as Senior Companions or Foster Grandparents. Around **216 volunteers** regularly contribute their time and dedication, expanding the reach of our staff and **helping clients stay connected, access vital services, and remain engaged in their communities throughout Snohomish County.**

There are many ways to get involved this April and beyond. Whether it is providing rides to appointments, offering language support, lending a listening ear, or mentoring through structured programs, volunteers bring energy, expertise, and compassion that make our work possible.

By joining our volunteer community, you can help build stronger connections and ensure older adults live with dignity and independence. **Every hour contributed makes a real difference, keeping neighbors connected, cared for, and empowered.**

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GiveBIG 2026

This year, Washington's annual statewide **virtual campaign, GiveBIG,** will take place on **Tuesday, May 5.** It's a special day when local communities come together to show their support for organizations making a difference right here at home. Keep an eye out for ways to get involved and help support the important work we do at Homage!

STAYING CONNECTED MADE EASY!

More updates are on the way!

Follow us at @Homage Senior Services on social media platforms or visit our website at **homage.org** for the latest news about our new location, programs, and how we're growing together.

Homage Social Media Platforms at a glance

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- **@homageseniorservices**
- **homageseniors**
- **linkedin.com/company/homage-senior-services**
- HomageSeniors
- **Coming soon!**

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