



Neighbors Network of Lee County, Inc.

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ABOUT NNLC

- ✓ **Incorporation:** Founded as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 2022.
- ✓ **Roots:** Began with a 2018 Age-Friendly Public Health grant backed by The John A. Hartford Foundation for \$409,378 awarded to 37 Florida Counties.
- ✓ **Origin:** Launched by the Aging Coalition of Lee County via FDOH-Lee.
- ✓ **Model:** Implements a sustainable, grass-roots aging-in-place community framework.



Neighbors Help Neighbors Thrive



MISSION & VISION

Mission: Make aging at home a feasible choice.



Vision: Ensure sustainable independent aging infrastructure throughout Lee County.



Core Philosophy: Intergenerational support where neighbors help neighbors thrive.

THE CRITICAL NEED IN LEE COUNTY



STATE PUBLIC WELFARE AND HEALTH RANKING

Florida ranks **46th** nationally in per capita spending.



LOCAL FUNDING

Lee County ranks **50th** out of **67** Florida counties in human services spending.



POVERTY SPIKES

Specific local Lee County census tracts see senior poverty rates as high as **48%**.

EXTRAORDINARY OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY (2025 DATA)



TOTAL BUDGET

Operated the entire organization on just **\$6,857**



STAFFING MODEL

100% volunteer-run with zero paid staff members.



NATIONAL COMPARISON

75% of similar US Village organizations require paid personnel.



VOLUNTEER FORCE

30 dedicated volunteers (board members, instructors, advisors, and assistants).



CONTRIBUTED HOURS

Volunteers provided **4,308** hours of community service.



ECONOMIC VALUE

Generated **\$150,263** economic value via independent Sector methodologies.

NEIGHBORS NETWORK OF LEE COUNTY

Building community where we thrive together independently.



PROGRAM ATTENDANCE & ENGAGEMENT (SINCE 2023 LAUNCH)



Total Participants: 3,290

instances of older adults learning
and socializing



Local Participants Served: 457



Frequent Attendees: 190

participants joined 3 or more
program sessions

TOTAL ATTENDANCES



Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention: 1,388



Breath Body-Mind: 547



Strong Bodies: 468



Let Us Count the Ways Seminars: 349



Health & Wellness Topics: 274



Technology Programs: 190



Arthritis Foundation Exercise: 74



FUNDERS AND CORPORATE SPONSORS

Corporate & Foundation Partners

- CAMEO
- The Community Foundation
- The Montage Women's Club
- Merrill Lynch Green & Johnson Group
- United Fidelity Bank

Individual Donors

- Generous individuals who believe in our mission
and invest in our community

Sustaining Donors

- Philanthropist Ellie Fox
- Strong Bodies Leader Meg Macy



COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR TOPICS

- Advanced Planning Directives
- Ageism: Its Negative Impact
- Cybersecurity Awareness
- Disaster Preparedness
- Emerging Medical Devices and Therapies
- Fall Prevention through Home Assessments
and Balance Protocols
- Hospice
- Medicare Annual Update
- PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly)
- Transportation Options in Lee County



STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- **Volunteer Station:** Dr. Piper Center AmeriCorps RSVP
- **Academic Institutions:** Florida SouthWestern State
College, Florida Gulf Coast University
- **Aging Systems:** Area Agency on Aging for
Southwest Florida
- **Faith Groups:** Unity of Fort Myers, Unitarian
Universalist Congregation of Fort Myers



NEEDS



The Solution: A sustained funding source
secures professional coordination and
local neighborhood hubs.



The ROI: Decreases local reliance on
emergency health services, institutional care,
and social isolation related costs.