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CHELSEA SENIOR CENTER AWARDED
MINI-GRANT FOR W.A.V.E. BUS PASSES AND EMERGENCY KITS

The Chelsea Senior Center was recently awarded a \$1700 grant from the Washtenaw County Consortium on Aging (WCCOA), a non-profit collaborative group representing public agencies, private businesses and individuals interested in addressing the needs of the county's aging citizens. According to Theresa Likert, President of WCCOA and Grants Chairperson, "The mission of WCCOA is to provide for collaboration, advocacy and communication between agencies and persons concerned with the provision of services to all aging adults. This is our third year of awarding \$10,000 in grants to projects that support active aging."

This mini grant awarded to the Chelsea Senior Center, supports additional free passes for the Western-Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE) bus system. The free WAVE bus passes will be available for any senior within the Chelsea School district needing help with transportation. In the past year, the Chelsea Senior Center distributed 102 free W.A.V.E. bus passes. "The free passes allow local seniors to enjoy companionship and healthy meals at the senior center and also keep their medical appointments" states Mackenzie Pfeiffer, Chelsea Community Senior Services (C2S2) Coordinator. "On average, a senior who may have one doctor's appointment per week, plus a trip to the store and a lunch date could spend between \$75 and \$100 per month on transportation. This grant from the WCCOA, for the second year, really helps meet this need".

Additionally, this mini-grant provides funds for 100 emergency preparedness kits that will be delivered to homebound seniors. The kits will include first aid supplies, a flashlight, spare batteries, and other basic emergency supplies. The kits are meant to help homebound seniors stay safe during emergency situations, such as power outages, until help can arrive.

The Chelsea Senior Center continues to support local seniors beyond their physical walls and membership. Resources like the free W.A.V.E. bus passes and the emergency kits help keep local seniors connected and safe.

For more information about Chelsea Community Senior Services (C2S2), please call the Chelsea Senior Center at (734) 475-9242 or email mpfeiffer@chelseaseniors.org. The Chelsea Senior Center is a 501(c) 3 non-profit located in the Washington Street Education Center at 512 E. Washington Street, Chelsea, MI. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Center's mission is to promote, encourage, and organize activities that address the physical, social, and emotional concerns of Chelsea area senior citizens and their families.

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Photo: from left to right

Mackenzie Pfeiffer, Senior Services Coordinator, Chelsea Senior Center

Trinh Pifer, Executive Director, Chelsea Senior Center Director

Sheila Doeden, Co-Owner of Senior Helpers, VICE President WCCOA

Theresa Likert, President WCCOA