

Hands On for Seniors is a program that matches seniors in need of exterior home maintenance who are physically or financially unable to perform these tasks, with community volunteers that can get the job done. The goal of the program is simple...to help seniors who are trying to remain independent and self-sufficient in their homes as long as possible.

Funding for this program is provided by the Greene County Senior Citizens Tax Fund, making it available to senior home owners living in Greene County.



"There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up."

John Holmes



A Hands On for Seniors client must be a senior citizen, age 60 years or older, residing in Greene County who owns their home, and has home owner's insurance.

Each year, the lives of more than 50 seniors' are changed for the better because of caring volunteers like you.

"I want to thank you for providing the five men to work in my yard and fix my gutters. they were the best workers and most caring people I have met in a long time."

Amy Lou Martin
Client

"I can't thank you enough for all your help in getting all my special preojects done."

Richard Benbrook
Client



Hands On for Seniors is modeled after United Way of the Ozarks Day of Caring. Volunteers come from area companies, churches, high schools, college sororities, fraternities, and civic groups.

Projects can be done on a Saturday or during the week, throughout the year. Participating in Hands On for Seniors can help any organization fulfill its community service and philanthropic mission as well as help address a critical issue in a measurable way in your community all year long.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead



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Matching Community Volunteers with Seniors to Maintain Their Homes and Independence



Our Hands On for Seniors Coordinator works to match seniors and their needs to volunteers that can get the job done. Collaboration with other community groups and organizations serving seniors is critical to the success of the program.

We couldn't do the work we do without the strong partnerships we have with these other agencies.

OUR PARTNERS

- Community Partnership of the Ozarks
- Connections Handyman
- Habitat for Humanity
- Southwest Center for Independent Living
- Southwest Missouri Office on Aging
- United Way Day of Caring



All projects are screened and approved by both the Hands On for Seniors Coordinator and the volunteer coordinator or team lead with your group.

City wide clean-ups are a fantastic way to get large groups involved in creating a big impact in neighborhoods all across Greene County.



"The Hands On for Seniors program offers a great opportunity to put together a group of co-workers, friends, or family to complete the sometimes overwhelming chores of yard work for the elderly in our community. It's a very rewarding experience to see the results of one's hard work and the look of gratitude on the faces of the elderly. The smallest effort can make a huge difference in another person's life."

Patricia Dierking
City Utilities of Springfield



Ways we help seniors around the house

- Mowing / weed eating
- Raking (bag and haul away leaves)
- Brush removal
- Painting (ground level)
- Cleaning gutters
- Clean windows (ground level)
- Stain decks / porches
- Power washing
- Landscaping / planting

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities with Hands On for Seniors, please contact:

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RAKE & RUN



School groups love the Rake & Run projects, particularly because they provide an opportunity for students to not only get community service hours but to connect and improve the quality of life for seniors in our communities.

More than 275 volunteers are part of this work every year.

