

Community Solutions Program At-A-Glance

Fall 2011

	Focus	Project Partners	Role of Older Adults
Baltimore Community Foundation	Neighborhood vitality		
	Improve quality of life in six neighborhoods	Community-based organizations, Temple University, Center for Intergenerational Learning, University of Maryland (Baltimore), volunteer management organizations, and other funders	Older adults are being matched with local organizations to engage in neighborhood service; youth are also getting involved via multi-generational programs that promote inclusiveness.
California Community Foundation	Immigrant engagement		
	Increase adult Spanish literacy in metro Los Angeles	Centro Latino for Literacy	Older adults are acting as community advocates who connect residents to available literacy resources.
	Promote heart healthy foods for Filipinos and Latinos in metro Los Angeles Pilipino Workers Center	Filipino American Service Group	Older adults are leading a multi-generational education and advocacy campaign with the message, "It begins with me".
	Increase access to services and reduce isolation for Iranians in San Fernando Valley	Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles	Older adults are training to support Iranian immigrants via a network of service providers.
Grand Rapids Community Foundation	Homelessness		
	Support nonprofits in ending homelessness in Grand Rapids	Local Habitat for Humanity and United Way, Grand Valley State University Johnson Center, local housing partnerships and organizations	Older adults are growing as community advocates and connecting with nonprofit organizations to participate in a range of housing programs.
Maine Community Foundation	Smart growth/environmental stewardship		
	Promote and implement smart growth projects statewide	University of Maine Center on Aging, organizations working in aging, volunteer management and the environment, and other funders	Older adults are introducing smart growth principles in their communities—focusing on preserving and improving quality of place, and the interrelated importance of public, environmental and economic health for communities.
New York Community Trust	Healthy communities through healthy food		
	Increase access to and use of fresh food in low-income communities in New York City	Local business development corporation, community center and local nursing home/geriatric care center	Older adults are increasing access to fresh food through community-based projects, including a wholesale fresh food buyers club, farmers' markets, community gardens, community food councils, and nutrition and food education initiatives.
Northland Foundation (Minn.)	At-risk youth		
	Implement intergenerational activities to help children and youth achieve their full potential in ten rural northeastern Minnesota sites (including three Indian Reservations)	Community members of all ages and local organizations in each of the ten sites, other funders, and advisory committee members	Older adults are connecting with children and youth to develop locally-driven activities and projects that benefit their communities; these intergenerational relationships involve people from all ages across diverse sectors.
The Oregon Community Foundation	Improving early childhood outcomes		
	Nurture and educate children, birth through age five, statewide	Early childhood organizations across Oregon, Oregon Volunteers (Oregon Commission for Voluntary Action and Service), and other funders	Older adults are engaging in activities with children that are known to contribute to school readiness, and strengthening early childhood organizations working with at-risk children.
Rochester Area Community Foundation	At-risk youth		
	Improve academic performance of urban youth by promoting standards for safe and effective mentoring and building a stronger network of mentoring programs	Community-based organizations, city school district, local government, and community volunteers	Older adults are exploring their own potential, becoming mentors for urban youth, and building a mentoring movement and a sustainable mentoring system that promotes safe and effective mentoring for youth.
Rose Community Foundation	Civic engagement and health care		
	Improve overall health and access to healthcare through community-based efforts in metro Denver	Denver Health/Community Voices, UC-Denver School of Public Health, Colorado Consumer Health Initiative, JVA Consulting, and other healthcare, advocacy, and nonprofit organizations located throughout the seven-county Metro Denver area	Adults 50+ are serving as healthcare navigators, community health workers, and healthcare issue advocates throughout the community, with particular emphasis on working with under-served populations and communities of color.