

SENIOR COMPANIONS

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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"Sharing Friendship At Home!"

July 2, 2019

Brookings County Commissioners
Brookings County
520 3rd St Suite 210
Brookings, SD 57006

Dear County Commissioners:

I am writing to invite a designated member of Brookings County Commission to join us for the recognition event of the Senior Companions of South Dakota. In your busy schedules, we know that not everyone can attend, but we would like your designee to attend as it means so much to our volunteers.

On Friday, August 2, 2019, we will be recognizing the Senior Companions that serve in Brookings, Brown, Codington, and Day Counties. The event will be held at The Elks Lodge, 600 W. Kemp Avenue, in Watertown, South Dakota, starting at 10:30 am. Our volunteers will be honored for their National Service at a themed luncheon, a Garden Party.

Senior Companions of South Dakota provides a unique and needed service to the elderly. The Senior Companions are healthy older adults who help other adults live independently. They provide respite care to family caregivers. They assist others with grocery shopping, meal preparation, light housekeeping, transportation to doctor appointments, and various daily tasks necessary to maintaining independence. This service is provided free of charge. Without the help of Senior Companions, many older adults would not be able to continue living in their own home and might require placement in a nursing home or assisted living facility. The Senior Companions are limited income volunteers 55 years or older who receive a small stipend of \$2.65 per hour. They volunteer 15-40 hours per week. In 2018, 72 Senior Companions in South Dakota provided 60,081 hours of service to 340 clients identified by agencies in the communities they serve.

The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society has been our sponsor since the Program began in 1978. We have grown from serving just Sioux Falls to serving much of eastern South Dakota and several communities in the Black Hills. This growth would not have been possible without the funding received from the Corporation for National and Community Service.



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We also receive funding from Brookings Area United Way, United Way of Northeastern SD, Watertown United Way; Brookings and Codington Counties, and the City of Aberdeen. We are grateful for the support of all these funding sources.

We hope that you are able to attend our event. If you cannot attend but would like to write a letter recognizing and thanking the volunteers for their dedication to the Program and the community, we would share this at the recognition event.

If you would like to attend the recognition event, please call the Senior Companion Office at (605) 361-1133 (toll-free 1-888-239-1210) or e-mail me at kfox1@good-sam.com by **July 26, 2019** to make a reservation.

Thank you for your interest and support of the Senior Companions of South Dakota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristin K. Fox". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kristin" being the most prominent part.

Kristin K. Fox
Director