



MEDIA ADVISORY
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Volunteer Recognition for Senior Companions

Senior Companion Program to host a volunteer recognition event for seniors 55 and up

June 23, 2010, San Antonio, TX – The Senior Companion Program is hosting their annual “Volunteer Recognition” event to recognize outstanding achievements from their volunteers. The purpose of the event is to recognize our volunteers, generate awareness about the program, and highlight the critical need for more volunteers over the age of 55 to help befriend homebound seniors in their community.

- WHAT:** 15th Annual Senior Companion “Volunteer Recognition” Event
- WHO:** Senior Companions over the age of 55
Program Director – Carol Lozano
- WHEN:** **Wednesday, June 23, 2010**
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM – Opening Ceremonies featuring Color Guard and Introduction by Captain Cornelius Johnson, *Lackland AFB*
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Award Ceremony
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM – Live Band “Legends in Time”, Lunch
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM – Dessert Contest (Judged by Junior League of San Antonio)
- WHERE:** Grace Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
504 Ave E (I-37 and McCullough)
San Antonio, Texas 78215
(210) 271 - 9396

“During this fiscal year, 112 senior companions have dedicated over 70,000 hours helping to foster independence among our senior community,” says Sharon Baughman, CEO of Christian Senior Services. “But because of the growing number of seniors who are alone and removed from society because of a disability, we desperately need more senior companions enrolling into the program. Our goal is to continue generating awareness about our program and the need for more volunteers, so that we can make independence a reality for our senior community.”

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About Senior Companion Program

Senior Companion Program, a program of Christian Senior Services, is a peer-to-peer program where caring senior volunteers befriend homebound seniors in their community. The program is designed to foster independence among seniors by engaging them in community service, providing them companionship opportunities, and offer respite to family caregivers. The program serves all of Bexar County and operates out of our **Northeast Center at 13420 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, Texas 78217. (210) 599 - 7405**