



Caring Together, Living Better: Empowering Caregivers Through Trusted Voices



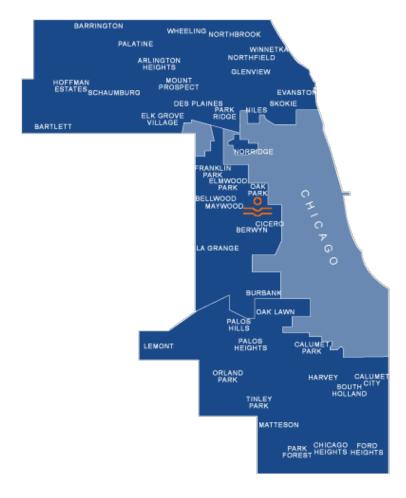
AgeOptions is the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for suburban Cook County, Illinois

Incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit in 1974

The older adult population in suburban Cook County:

- 613,589 older adults and 248,468 caregivers reside in suburban Cook County
- 15% are limited English Speaking

Our mission is to innovate, partner and advocate to improve systems and services in order to strengthen communities so people thrive as they age.





Caring Together, Living Better (CTLB)

- Network of faith-based and community organizations in the West suburban Cook County area dedicated to supporting African American and Hispanic/Latinx caregivers and older adults
 - In recognition that people were not self-identifying as family caregivers and the importance of faith institutions







CTLB's Mission:

To *support* and *empower* caregivers by partnering with faith and community-based organizations to provide resources, education, and connection opportunities.

CTLB partners— our active grantees:

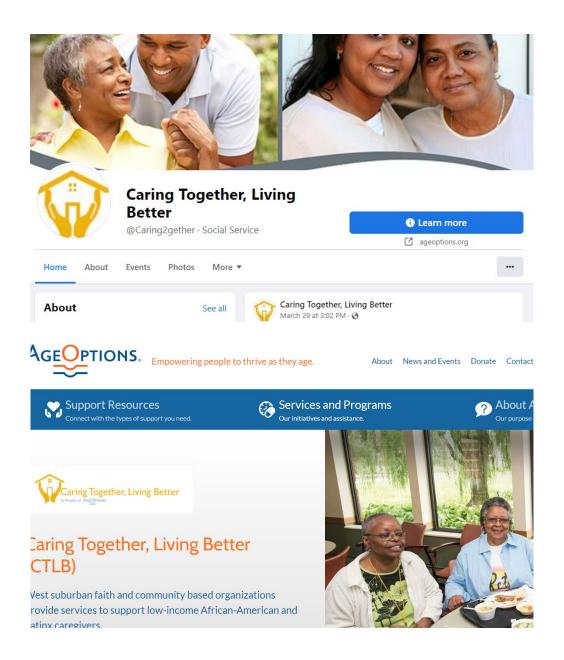
Rock of Ages Baptist Church

Neighborhood United Methodist Church

Quinn Center of St. Eulalia

Cicero Area Project

New Hope Christian Center



Support we provide our faith-based partners:



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



COLLABORATIVE GROUP MEETINGS



ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS WITH PARTNERS



CONNECTIONS TO AGING NETWORK AND RESOURCES



Program Highlights and Impact

Total Number of Caregivers and Participants

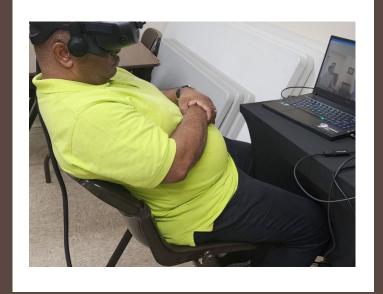
- FY2022
- Number of Caregivers Reached: 234
- Total Number of Participants: 1,249
- FY2023
- Number of Caregivers Reached: 320
- Total Numbers of Participants: 1,307
- FY2024
- Number of Caregivers Reached: 472
- Total Number of Participants: 1,300

Stories

- "You have a true passion for Caregiving, Dementia, and sharing all the resources that you have under your umbrella. You love and have passion for caregivers and seniors in community, and that is such a BLESSING. It's because of you that I joined the Caregiver's Ministry in February 2025 at my church."
- "I wish I had your heart; you have such a huge impact on people, you create a safe space for all of us."
- Caregiver said, "this means more than you know." He began to attend events even though he was not a caregiver anymore, he appreciated the support and companionship.



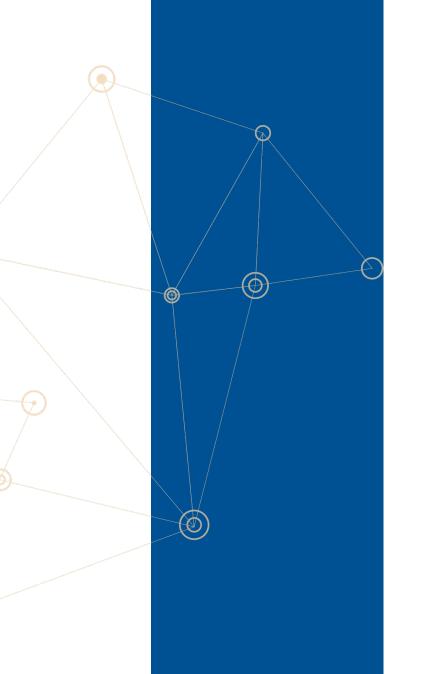












Hear From Our Partners!

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Thank you and stay in touch!

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