Give 5 is a “Civic Matchmaking” program customized to each community, connecting highly skilled and passionate retirees with meaningful volunteer opportunities at nonprofits addressing their community’s biggest challenges.

A Few Communities We’ve Helped

Ann Bax
President & CEO
United Way of Central Missouri
“I was pleasantly surprised at just how thrilled and, I would say, ‘ecstatic’ the participants were. Week after week their excitement grew for the program. It was infectious!”

Jennifer Shotwell
CEO
Area Agency on Aging Region X, Joplin, MO
“The implementation of the Give 5 program was an easy process. All of the material and support were available from the Give 5 Team.”

Eileen Bradshaw
President & CEO
Life Senior Services, Tulsa, OK
“I hear from all of our nonprofit partners that Give 5 volunteers are the best allies they have. They are seen as the MVP’s of volunteers in the community, and I believe they will continue to add value to each organization they touch.”

Sign up to become a Give 5 Host Community:
Host communities also benefit from Idea Exchanges organized with other Give 5 hosts from around the country.

Complete a program interest form at: Give5Program.org
How It Works
Give 5 is a comprehensive program, uniting nonprofits through a community host organization. Seniors are offered a big-picture view of the city and a behind-the-curtain look at the people and places working to address a community’s biggest challenges.

Cohorts of up to 25 classmates gather for 3-5 program days per class to learn about the community and then board a shuttle bus to tour between 12 and 24 nonprofits to learn about a wide variety of volunteer opportunities.

What the Program Provides
• EDUCATION about the community
• UNDERSTANDING of the complex challenges facing the community and the nonprofits’ role in addressing those challenges
• ON-RAMP for participants to connect and commit to volunteering at one or more nonprofits
• FUEL for nonprofits to continue their vital missions and expand their capacity
• HEALTHY alternatives to isolating and/or a sedentary lifestyle

Where It Started
Give 5 began in Springfield, Missouri to address five macrotrends including: a tsunami of retirees, addressing social isolation as the top health concern of seniors, the largest transfer of wealth and knowledge in the history of the world, a need to strengthen community fabric, and a growing need to address nonprofit labor shortages via highly skilled volunteers.

One recent class of 18 graduates committed to 70 volunteer opportunities at 25 different organizations!

According to a research study by Brigham Young University, the physical health impact of social isolation and loneliness is the equivalent of smoking 15 cigarettes a day!

Social isolation is the number one health concern for seniors, according to the U.S. Surgeon General.

In addition, nonprofits that communities count on to serve the needs of the most under-resourced and vulnerable individuals, are in dire need of a new breed of volunteers – people who bring advanced skills, such as finance and accounting, marketing, strategic planning, facility management – who can increase the nonprofit community’s capacity to serve.

What Can Communities Do?
Communities large and small are recognizing the power of Give 5 to energize and mobilize the incredible power of Baby Boomers who are retired or are considering retirement. These highly skilled and passionate folks are seeking renewed relevance and have expertise, a desire to give back and for the first time in their lives...time.