

## Senior Companion Program Newsletter



The Senior Companion Program team wants to wish you all the best for this new year! We are excited about the opportunities that await us in 2025. May this year be filled with moments of joy,

health, and peace. Whether it's starting new hobbies, spending quality time with loved ones, or simply taking time to enjoy the beauty around you, we wish you a year of happiness and fulfillment. Thank you for your continued inspiration and for

being an essential part of our community. We are grateful for the wisdom you share and the positive impact you make in the lives of others. Here's to a

> bright, new year filled with hope and opportunities! Happy New Year!

> > -SCP Team

The Senior Companion Program will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2025 and Monday, January 20, 2025.

Please remind your clients that there is no service during these days.

### **Program Hours**

Monday-Friday: 8am-5pm Saturday & Sunday: Closed

## Senior Companion Program Staff

Viridiana Rodriguez-Flores, Program Supervisor Jenna Stanton, Case Management Coordinator Vacant, Office Assistant

### **Contact Information**

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## Special Dates & Announcements

1/01: New Year's Holiday: CLOSED,
No Clients
1/09: Timesheets & Mileage Logs Due
1/16: MLK Day of Service
1/20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day: CLOSED,
No Clients
1/23: In-service Training, Timesheets & Mileage Logs Due

The Senior Companion program focuses on providing assistance and companionship to older adults who have difficulty with daily living tasks. AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers keep seniors independent longer and provide respite to family caregivers, while enhancing their own health and longevity as they serve their community.

## **In-Service Training**



The Senior Companion Program will be having an in-service training on **Thursday, January 23, 2025 at Barelas Senior Center from 11:00am-2:00pm.** 

We will be going over the following items:

- Update Auto Insurance Information
- Update Emergency Contact Information
- Timesheet and Mileage log overview
  - New forms
  - New electronic submission
- Program Brainstorm Session

### **Barelas Senior Center**

714 7th St SW Albuquerque, NM 87121 **\*Lunch will be provided** 



## January Birthdays!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 29 Frank Gonzales





## FGP/SCP Advisory Council Meeting

Our next advisory council meeting will be on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at the Bear Canyon Senior Center from 10:00am - 12:00pm.

> 4645 Pitt St NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111



## MLK Day of Service Project

Join the Americorps Senior Volunteer Programs for a fun and productive day of packing and distributing food boxes to members in our community.



We will be meeting at the Alamosa Community Center (6900 Gonzales Rd SW STE c, 87121) on **Thursday, January 16, 2025** from 10am-12pm.

If you would like to participate, please call (505) 764-1007 to sign up. Space is limited. Lunch will be provided.

### SCP News and Deadlines

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The Senior Companion Program will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2025 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.

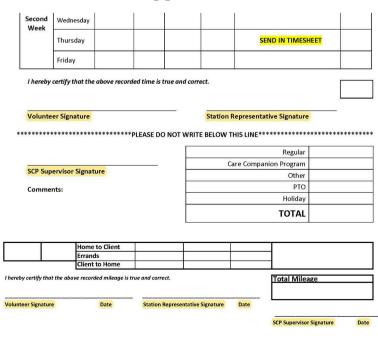
Please remind your clients that there is no service during the holiday.

## Timesheets & Mileage Logs

Friendly reminder to submit timesheets and mileage logs **before 2:00pm** to get processed in a timely manner.

### Thursday, January 9, 2025 Thursday, January 23, 2025

It is very important that your timesheet is signed by you and the station supervisor (if applicable).



## Care Companion Program (CCP)

The Senior Companion Program and the NM Aging and Long-Term Services Department are working together to help isolated senior citizens living in long-term care facilities and nursing homes in Bernalillo County. This new pilot program will allow volunteers to visit clients at the partnered facilities and still qualify for program benefits. Volunteers will receive a stipend, meal and mileage reimbursements.



If you are interested in the new Care Companion Program or need more information please contact the SCP Office.

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**Runny Nose** 

**Snowballs** 

**Snowflakes** 

### Senior Affairs Lunch Menu



As part of the New Mexico Grown state initiative, every Thursday,



the Department of Senior Affairs will feature a vegetarian meal that incorporates locally sourced fruits, vegetables, beans, or chile into the menu.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
30 • Texas Chili • Cornbread/Margarine • Succotash • Diced Pears • 1% milk	31 • Asian Diced Pork/ Peppers • Rice Pilaf • Oriental Blend • Fortune Cookie • 1% milk	1 CLOSED	2 • Omelet w/ Red Chile & Peppers • Sweet Potatoes • Blackeye Peas • Dinner Roll/Margarine • Pudding • 1% milk	3 • Breaded Cod/ Tartar Sauce • Crinkle Cut Fries • Peas & Carrots • Brownies • 1% milk
<ul> <li>Salisbury Steak w/ Green Chile Gravy</li> <li>Sweet Potato Mash</li> <li>Cauliflower w/ Pepitas</li> <li>Diner Roll/Margarine</li> <li>Orange</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>	7 • Turkey Tetrazzini • Corn & Edamame • Dinner Roll/Margarine • Jell-O • 1% milk	<ul> <li><i>Lemon Pepper Salmon</i></li> <li>Brown Rice</li> <li>Roasted Fall Veggies</li> <li>Dinner Roll/Margarine</li> <li>Mixed Berries</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>	9 • Omelet w/ Red Chile & Pepitas • Pinto Beans w/ Spinach & Bell Peppers • Dinner Roll/Margarine • Apple Slices • 1% milk	<ul> <li>Diced Pork w/ Gravy</li> <li>Mashed Potatoes</li> <li>Steamed Broccoli</li> <li>Dinner Roll/Margarine</li> <li>Pear Slices</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>
13 • Beef Tips w/ Gravy Over Bowtie Pasta • Brussel Sprouts • Diner Roll/ Margarine • Yogurt • 1% milk	14 • Lemon Baked Tilapia w/ Tartar Sauce • Sweet Potato Mash • Green Beans • Diner Roll/ Margarine • Mixed Berries • 1% milk	<ul> <li>15</li> <li>Chicken Tamales w/ Red Chile &amp; Pepitas</li> <li>Steamed Mushroom</li> <li>Berry Compote</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>	16 • Cheese Lasagna • Roasted Fall Veggies • Dinner Roll/Margarine • Jell-O • 1% milk	<ul> <li>17</li> <li>Chicken Posole</li> <li>Steamed Mushroom</li> <li>Sauteed Spinach</li> <li>Diner Roll/ Margarine</li> <li>Orange</li> <li>1% milk</li> </ul>
20 CONCERCE DOAY Have a Dream CLOSED	21 • Baked Chicken • Sweet Potato Mash • Sauteed Spinach • Diner Roll/ Margarine • Jell-O • 1% milk	22 • Lemon Pepper Salmon • Mashed Potatoes • Steamed Broccoli • Diner Roll/ Margarine • Apple Slices • 1% milk	23 • Macaroni & Broccoli • Brussel Sprouts • Diner Roll/ Margarine • Pineapple • 1% milk	24 • Salisbury Steak w/ Green Chile Gravy • Mashed Potatoes • Roasted Fall Veggies • Diner Roll/ Margarine • Pear Slices • 1% milk
27 • Lemon Baked Tilapia w/ Tartar Suce • Mashed Potatoes • Corn & Edamame • Diner Roll/ Margarine • Apple Slices • 1% milk	28 • Chicken Tamales w/ Red Chile & Pepitas • Steamed Mushroom • Berry Compote • 1% milk	29 • Diced Pork w/ Gravy • Sweet Potato Mash • Green Beans • Diner Roll/ Margarine • Jell-O • 1% milk	30 • Spaghetti w/ Tomato Sauce & Mushrooms • Cauliflower w/ Pepitas • Dinner Roll/Margarine • Orange • 1% milk	31 • Beef Tips w/ Gravy • Brown Rice • Roasted Fall Veggies • Diner Roll/Margarine • Mixed Berries • 1% milk