



The Aging Network Volunteer Collaborative Launches the “Got an Hour? Give it Back” Campaign

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a), as partners of the Aging Network Volunteer Collaborative, are excited to announce the launch of the *Got an Hour? Give it Back* Campaign to encourage community members to volunteer within the aging network.

According to a 2011 report from the U.S. Administration on Aging, there are roughly 11 million seniors living alone in their homes and nearly 1.5 million seniors in nursing homes at any given time. Programs set up through the state and localities, many of which are funded through the Older Americans Act, offer opportunities for these individuals to receive services, and meals, as well as programs to keep them busy and social. These programs thrive on volunteers giving back some of their time to the older adults in their community.

The *Got an Hour? Give it Back* Campaign was developed to help local agencies throughout the country attract volunteers to programs that work with seniors. The campaign provides downloadable materials, webinars, and a search tool (powered by VolunteerMatch.org) to help connect prospective volunteers with opportunities and programs in their neighborhood.

The Campaign’s website: GiveitBacktoSeniors.org includes a search tool for individuals to find local volunteer opportunities with seniors in their neighborhoods. The search tool works in connection with the website VolunteerMatch.org. To launch the campaign we are encouraging all local programs to post their volunteer opportunities on VolunteerMatch.org. When the public learns about the Campaign and is interested they can be connected with programs in their backyards. These opportunities can be one-time special events, such as a Senior Fair or on-going projects – any way your agency can use some assistance.

The Aging Network Volunteer Collaborative hopes the materials and resources offered through this campaign will be useful in bringing new people to volunteer with seniors in their communities.

For any questions about the *Got an Hour? Give it Back* Campaign, feel free to contact Rachel Feldman: rfeldman@nasuad.org, or 202-898-2578.