



Inside Aging — Living Arrangements for

Men 65+	%
Men with Spouse	72
Men alone	19
Other	9
Women 65+	%
Women with spouse	42
Women alone	40
Other	19

Over half of woman who are age 75+ live alone

Aging Facts:

Living Arrangements for Older Adults in U.S.

- Approx. 30% of non-institutionalized elders live alone (7.4 million women, 2.4 million men)
- Only 4.5% of the 65+ population lived in nursing homes in 2000
- The number of aged homeless is expected to rise significantly as the baby boomers age into older adulthood.

Source for both statistics: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging (2006)

EngAGEMENT News: Philanthropy Northwest

This month, the GIA spotlight is on Philanthropy Northwest, one of the six Regional Associations of Grantmakers participating in the EngAGEMENT Initiative. Philanthropy Northwest is based in Seattle, Washington and their territory includes five states: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington.

When Philanthropy Northwest became a partner in the EngAGEMENT Initiative, only a small percentage of their members identified themselves as grantmakers in aging. Therefore, one of their first tasks was to draft a member survey. A total of 65 members participated in the July 2005 survey, offering the following insights:

- Funders most frequently identified the “economically disadvantaged” and “children and youth” as target populations for funding over the next five years.
- For members who included aging issues in their spectrum of giving, they ranked aging as a #3 funding priority.
- Members thought that the federal government had a primary responsibility to care for the nation’s aged. Members who did not fund aging-related programs think that families should carry the load.

Philanthropy Northwest’s EngAGEMENT Coordinator, David Landers, integrated an aging theme into the

annual conference scheduled in September 2005. The conference was well attended and successfully marked the launch of the EngAGEMENT Initiative for Philanthropy Northwest.

Philanthropy Northwest continues to demonstrate a commitment to educating funders/members about issues vital to our nation’s aging population. In March, Philanthropy Northwest sponsored a session for local Seattle Grantmakers entitled, “How Social & Health Disparities Affect Older Adults.” Future sessions are planned for other locations.

Philanthropy Northwest can serve as an inspiration to all. As a result of their efforts, they have dynamically influenced their environment!

THE PURPOSE PRIZE

As the first of 77 million baby boomers turn 60 in 2006, Civic Ventures is calling on Americans to **Lead with Experience** by using their knowledge and creativity for the greater good.

The cornerstone of the Lead with Experience campaign is the **Purpose Prize**, five \$100,000 investments in Americans over 60 whose creativity and entrepreneurial spirit is transforming communities and **(continued page 2)**

A Field Guide to Organizations and Programs in Aging

“How wonderful it is that nobody needs to wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”
-Anne Frank
(1929 - 1945)



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This valuable resource material was originally prepared for the SPRY* Foundation Conference held in Washington, DC in June 2006. The guide is a useful tool for anyone interested in becoming familiar with organizations serving older adults. Copies can be obtained by contacting the offices of GIA.

The guidebook categorizes a sampling of organizations/resources under descriptive captions. Those categories are as follows:

The “Aging Network”: This classification includes federal, state, and local organizations that are primarily funded by the Older Americans’ Act.

National Membership/Advocacy

Organizations: Organizations targeting older adults for membership. Most provide information on health care, financial matters, and assorted other issues, including consumer and advocacy matters.

Professional Organizations in Aging:

Groups for professionals in the aging field.

Minority Elders: National associations designated to address pertinent issues for cultural/minority elder populations.

Intergenerational Programs: National organizations focused on strengthening communities and improving lives by bringing generations together through intergenerational strategies, specialized programming, and public policies.

Senior Employment Programs:

Programs developed to serve as a resource for both potential older job seekers and community/area employers.

Volunteering/Civic Engagement:

Groups that link older adults with an array of opportunities where they can contribute skill, expertise, and time to fulfill a need.

Education: Organizations specializing in education and adventure for older adults.

Health/Disability: Resources to help access health information and resources.

Research Organizations: Institutes dedicated to aging research and education.

Senior Housing: National associations involved with the senior housing industry; these associations are resources for research and advocacy information.

Foundations: Groups that provide resources for aging information and services.

The SPRY (Setting Priorities for Retirement Years) Foundation is an independent, non-profit 501(c)(3) research and education organization that helps people prepare for successful aging. SPRY emphasizes planning and prevention-oriented strategies in four key areas: Health & Wellness; Mental Health; Financial Security; and Life Engagement.

defying expectations for the second half of life. Sixty innovators (“60 at 60+”) will also receive national recognition for their work.

On June 26, 2006, the names of fifteen finalists were announced. One nominee, Robert Chambers, 62, received national attention when featured in the July 31, 2006 issue of *Time*. For a complete list of the finalists and their achievements, visit: <http://www.civicventures.org> or <http://www.leadwithexperience.org>.

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**The EngAGEment Initiative, funded by The Atlantic Philanthropies, is a pilot program to introduce new funders to aging through a partnership
Between GIA and Regional Associations of Grantmakers**

GIA's EngAGEment initiative

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