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BETTER TOGETHER: AGE-FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS

Being a good neighbor can take many forms, and living in the same physical neighborhood is not always necessary, as the Better Together program shows.



“Norma remembers everything. Since I have met with her, I have learned a lot about Sioux Falls. I love it when she talks about how the city has changed and grown in her lifetime.”

— Carol, Better Together volunteer

“We have so much in common that we both feel lucky to be matched with each other. It doesn’t seem to take long for two or three hours to go by when she comes to visit!”

— Norma, Better Together Neighbor

Started in 2015 by Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota (LSSSD), a program partner of the Sioux Empire United Way, Better Together matches trained and screened volunteers, who can be individuals, couples or families, with people over age 65 and living independently, who are known as Neighbors.

The goal is positive connection and companionship. Volunteers commit to spending four hours per month with their Neighbor for at least one year.

Almost half of older people in the Sioux Empire live alone, so a good neighbor can be important. Neighbors can also get help from Lutheran Social Services with referrals to community resources and services if they are needed.

Best of all, participants of all ages say the connection they make through Better Together brings them joy.

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