**MADISON Team Meeting February 23, 2022 via zoom**

**MISSION OF AGING TOGETHER** – *AGING TOGETHER THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS CONNECTS PEOPLE TO COMMUNITIES AND TO RESOURCES TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE AS WE AGE.*

**VISION** – AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES THAT ACTIVELY ENGAGE, VALUE AND SUPPORT OLDER ADULTS **Team role/charter:** Forum for local organizations/individuals to focus on support for older residents and to address needs/solutions that go beyond what any one organization can do on its own

FEBRUARY re-cap (8 attended): Pastor Dan, UMC; Toni Browning, RRCS; Shirley Workman, Senior Center: Liesa Dodson, The Harbor at Renaissance; Rosella-Ann Leone, DSS; Anna Rogers, Sarah Gillespie & Ginny, Aging Together

Ginny announced that she is retiring the end of April and introduced Anna Rogers as the new County Resource Specialist.

The Madison **5 Over 50 Awardee** is Kevin McGee, who is a lifetime member of the UMC, an Engineer with V-DOT, Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission, Madison Day crew & handyman and fully engaged in the Madison H.S. Dan nominated him and would like to host the **Watch Party** on **May 19** from **4 – 6pm**. All Madison team members are encouraged to attend and volunteer to help out. Address is 505 S. Main St. \* *Sponsorship Opportunities are now available. Congratulations also to Shirley Workman - who was nominated for the local award*.

Ginny shared a new “**Access” page** (on the AT website) for team members, so they can find detailed information on upcoming events & programs i.e. Expo vendor sign-up, sponsorship information, Community Conversation locations, volunteer opportunities, Resource Guide updates, Annual Meeting info, etc. Members will be given a password once the page is ready.

April 12 = **Dementia Friends** @ noon. Register at agingtogether.org

April 21 = **What’s Normal / What’s Not** webinar with UVA Neurologist @ 2:30pm. Register on AT website.

Aging Together is planning mini **EXPO** events in 2 – 3 counties (on different days in Sept. / Oct.). Team members are encouraged to help with organizing and deciding on local locations and spreading the word once dates & locations are secured. Stay tuned for sponsor info and vendor sign-up!

AT will also be conducting **Community Conversations** in the fall. The goal is that teams in each county will identify senior groups who are already gathering and take the CC to them. Team volunteers will be needed.

Member updates:

* Sarah is doing a presentation at the Madison Senior Center. She is the new AT Driver Recruiter, working PT also with the Regional Transportation Collaborative.
* Madison Day is Saturday, May 7 with 15 -20 properties scheduled & 200 – 300 local volunteers making houses warmer, safer, dryer, while working in group teams and corporate groups. Karen Coppage runs the event and is still looking for projects. Volunteer sign-up is listed on the Chamber e-blast or contact Karen. \* Sarah G. will provide driver flyers to be given to all the volunteers.
* All are invited to an Open House at the Renaissance Assisted Living on March 18, 2 – 4pm. Food & music provided.
* The Senior Center hosted a drive through Valentines’ lunch (Share the Love) for 80 seniors! Also gave out gifts from a NoVA group (Butterfly Kisses) and are planning a trip to Riverside.
* in opening back up on Monday, January 31. People are slowly going back but COVID has taken a life from the Madison, Orange & Culpeper Senior Centers. Countryside is also struck down with sickness. The mental strain is hard on everyone. Keeping spirits up is key, so the Center is hosting “Share the Love” a drive-through Valentine’s Day party, with a meal and donated gifts!
* Aging Services is going through a DARS electronic audit. Referred someone to the Senior Center.
* Supplemental meal programs are still available and the Fauquier Senior Center is helping to deliver and store meals at their site.
* DSS is hosting a Madison MUNCH meeting with Valerie Ward on March 16. Reminder that the REACH food distribution is the 4th Wednesday every month. They also do mobile food pantry. **Next Meeting = March 23rd on ZOOM, 2:00pm**