Older Missourians are just ONE INCIDENT AWAY from hospitalization, nursing home placement, and the loss of lifetime resources.

Did you know Area Agencies on Aging provide options? Support the Senior Services Growth and Development Bill.
ONE INCIDENT AWAY ...

After the Fire.

Sarah is a diabetic on oxygen for COPD, has congestive heart failure, bad knees, and a bad back. But, perhaps most challenging, she was also alone, without help—until Family Services referred her to the local Area Agency on Aging (AAA).

Care Coordinator Amanda listened to Sarah and together they decided what was most needed. In home services and adaptive equipment were provided, thanks to a program funded by a Senior Services grant to the AAA. This help made Sarah’s life far more safe and comfortable. She was able to stay in the apartment she loved and called “home.” Although she wasn’t able to get out much, she and her little dog were happy and blessed.

From time to time, Sarah would take her oxygen lines off for brief periods of rest. One day a rise of smoke from the carpet instantaneously burst into flames. The electrical connection on her lift chair, fed by the oxygen, had created a spark and before she knew it, her apartment was on fire.

Though panicked and frightened, Sarah and her little dachshund were able to get out of the apartment safely. But most of her possessions were ruined. What wasn’t ruined, looters broke in and stole in the aftermath. She was sad, heartbroken, and beside herself.

Once again, Care Coordinator Amanda and the Area Agency on Aging helped Sarah get back on her feet. Santa’s Little Helper, the Area Agency Christmas program, adopted Sarah, and with that and other help, Sarah will soon be living in her own home once again.

“I don’t know what I would have done without the Area Agency on Aging. My life is looking up and my spirits have been lifted because of their kind help,” Sarah says. “I can’t begin to tell you what they mean to me!”

Your Area Agency on Aging in Missouri has expert help.

“We want to be here when you need us.”