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 ...

Help for the Brave and the Weary.

Ronnie and Linda woke every day to a world of struggle. Linda was battling cancer and she needed good meals to help her through the chemotherapy. When Ronnie reached out to the Area Agency on Aging, we came alongside. Care Coordinator Jennifer went to their home and started them on home-delivered meals—meals that were prepared by their local senior center cooks and delivered by caring volunteers. Things began looking up.

Jennifer then signed the grateful couple up for Santa’s Little Helper, the AAA’s annual Christmas adoption program. Thanks to a caring Santa’s Helper family, one of Ronnie’s gifts was a new saw for his woodworking and Linda received beautiful new clothes. A holiday that could have otherwise been very alone, focused on the cancer, was now softened by unexpected joy—the comfort that they were not forgotten.

Next, Care Coordinator Jennifer worked with Family Services to enroll Ronnie and Linda in three assistance programs they didn’t know they qualified for. Help from these programs reduced their expenses and assured better healthcare—welcome gifts of relief in the midst of their hardship.

Jennifer continued her visits with Ronnie and Linda to ensure their wellbeing. During one visit, Ronnie had a black eye and injured face. He had fallen and his glasses were broken in the process. Jennifer found a funding program that was able to purchase new glasses for him. Then she took on the treacherous pathway from the house to the garage where both Ronnie and Linda had fallen multiple times. She applied to a philanthropic trust for help and a new, safe sidewalk is now under construction.

“The Area Agency on Aging was here for us is our time of need,” Ronnie and Linda say, with tears. “They cared—really cared—and have helped us be safe and well. They have made us feel important. There’s no way we can say thank you enough.”

Your Area Agency on Aging in Missouri has expert help.

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