

Making our region more inclusive of all ages



# NEWSLETTER

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## Celebrates 10 Years!

If you've been part of Age-Friendly Greater Pittsburgh over the past 10 years, there's a good chance you might see yourself in our [newly released video](#).

Wow, 10 years!

Thank you to all our partners, longtime and new, who have made our region **more inclusive and respectful of all ages** since officially joining the World Health Organization and AARP Network in 2015. Special thanks to our supporting partners Southwestern Pennsylvania Partnership for Aging (SWPPA), who brought the movement to here, and Pitt School of Social Work.

Together, all of us are redefining what aging in Southwestern Pennsylvania looks like—as something to be valued and celebrated. We are so grateful you're with us.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)



## ***Picture This* Concludes at August Wilson Center**

And that's a wrap!

More than 600 visitors experienced our *Picture This* exhibition and engaged with the power of intergenerational connection. A sincere thank you to all who made it possible, including our partners at [August Wilson African American Cultural Center](#), [Casey Droege Cultural Productions](#), [Workhorse Collaborative](#) and the countless artists and residents who brought it to life.

Reminder that all of the featured photographs are available for download and no-cost use via our [Age-Inclusive Photo Bank](#). The audio stories—the moving interviews on the retro telephones at the exhibit—will go live on our website soon.

What's next? *Picture This* Pop-Ups! We're bringing this to community hubs in 2026 to inspire more neighbors to **say hello** and connect with someone new. Interested in hosting? Email [info@agefriendlypgh.org](mailto:info@agefriendlypgh.org).

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# Advocacy and Organizing Training Kicks Off

On February 12, we welcomed 20 residents ages 23 to 82 to a five-month Advocacy and Organizing Training, in partnership with Equitable and Just Greater Pittsburgh and Pitt School of Social Work. Residents learn community organizing fundamentals and practice what they learn across the 16 different Allegheny County communities they represent! This year's cohort and steering committee includes former Community Panel and Age-Friendly Neighborhoods champions.

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## Remembering Jawanna Warren

It is with heavy hearts that we share news of [Jawanna Warren's passing](#) on February 1. Jawanna was a beloved colleague and friend to so many, including Age-Friendly. She was our key leader in Clairton, bringing neighbors of all ages together with passion and deep care. Her work is featured throughout our ten-year video, too. She received SWPPA's Pruitt-Kelly Age-Friendly Leadership Award from last year:

*"Jawanna is a passionate advocate for all generations, leading efforts that connect, empower, and support Clairton families—from young children to older adults. A dedicated partner and changemaker, Jawanna embodies what it means to lead with inclusiveness, creativity, and heart."*

Jawanna had a way of making everyone feel valued, supported, empowered and loved. We are sending comfort to all her knew and loved her. Her legacy will live on.



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## In the News

### **WESA features McKeesport's age-friendly work**

*"I think that it gives joy and it gives hope to those who may feel forgotten, the young adults and the children as well as older adults,"* said Alena Leggett, in this fantastic WESA spot about the resident-led Age-Friendly Neighborhoods work in McKeesport.

The McKeesport Community Newsroom, led by Age-Friendly Photo Bank photographer Martha Rial, works with resident journalists to cover topics important to them, like Colette Funches who penned this piece.

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# Upcoming Events

- Fri., Feb. 27: [Nominations for 2026 SWPPA Awards Due](#)
- Sat. Feb. 28 10am-2pm: [Living with Dementia Workshop at Carnegie Library - Hill District](#)
- Sat., Feb 28, 11am-12pm: [Black History Month Art Studio at Sharpsburg Community Library](#)
- Sat., Feb. 28, 11am-2pm: [Read to Dream Experience with The Young Dreamer's Bookstore at August Wilson Center](#)
- Mon., Mar. 2, 1-2:30pm: [Memory Cafe at JCC Squirrel Hill](#)
- Mon., Mar. 2, 5:30pm: [Interfaith Community Iftar Dinner at Waverly Presbyterian Church](#)
- Thu., Mar. 12, 1-2pm: [Age-Friendly PA Learning Collaborative](#)
- Mon., Mar. 23, 9am-3pm: [Pitt School of Social Work's Human Flourishing Symposium](#)



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