



Membership Application

To join the **AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities** and the **World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities**

- If you have questions while completing this form, please email livable@aarp.org.
- If you need additional space for answering the questions you may add an additional sheet of paper.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 9/7/2018

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: City of Norcross

STATE: Georgia

POPULATION SIZE: 16,845

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 9.6% per the 2010 Census, Age Groups and Sex

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Craig Newton, Mayor of the City of Norcross, Georgia

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 65 Lawrenceville Street, Norcross, Georgia 30071

Section 2: COMMUNITY CONTACT FOR THE AARP NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The community contact is the local staff member or volunteer who is primarily responsible for carrying out the community-level work — it is not the responsible AARP staff member.

Please describe the named person's role in the city or community's age-friendly initiative:

Sonya Isaac's position with the City of Norcross involves different roles that include but not limited to community outreach, public relations and marketing, project management, finance/budgeting, and promoting special events. Her dedicated commitment to community engagement and outreach by building strong partnerships makes her the right person to manage this plan. Sonya plans to strengthen awareness and engagement through strategic planning, promoting educational opportunities, and extensive outreach programs that will enhance the "quality of life" for citizens of Norcross. Ms. Isaac will serve as the project manager for the City of Norcross' Age-Friendly initiatives and programs.

Section 3: COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, ENGAGEMENTS and COLLABORATIONS

1) Please provide a brief summary of the community policies, programs and services that are targeted toward older people and how the community plans to become more age-friendly.

Gwinnett County has a number of programs and services available to the senior residents of the county however, the City of Norcross will begin their services/programs for the citizens of the city and surrounding areas within a one mile radius. We plan to utilize and highlight these programs and services through a variety of communication platforms to include social media, news releases, and a webpage focused on "aging in place". We will begin by initiating a series of focus groups that will help indentify opportunities that enhances services for the aging populations and resources for caregivers. The City of Norcross will read a proclamation on August 6, 2018 for National Senior Day, August 21, 2018 and have plans to pass a resolution to support the age-friendly initiative for generations to come.

2) How will the community engage and involve older people in the process of becoming a more age-friendly?

The City of Norcross is committed to hosting roundtable discussions, community forums, conducting surveys, and planning special events to promote community engagement and participation. We will conduct an extensive outreach initiative to announce our participation in the network and ask residents who are interested in the development of the community to participate/volunteer.

3) Briefly describe the mechanisms the community has or is planning to put in place to facilitate collaborative planning and implementation between different agencies and departments.

The City of Norcross plans on beginning with building awareness and participation through an extensive community outreach program that will bring together government agencies, nonprofits, educational institutions and community members that provides a broad and diverse group of latitudinous outlooks for collaboration. We plan to use these roundtable discussions to identify existing programs and services available to the senior population and indentify ones we can provide for our community.

Section 4: NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

Your answers to the following questions will help us complete your membership in the global age-friendly network and better enable us to understand how to support the network.

4) How do you hope to contribute to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

The City of Norcross desires to be a champion of age awareness and to further the mission of AARP and the World Health Organization Global Network. The city recognizes the importance of our aging population and looks forward to indentifying the resources that will enhance the quality of life for our residents.

5) What motivated your community to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

The City of Norcross cares about its residents and believes in taking proactive approaches to provide services for all residents. We want to improve the quality of life, not only for the present but for the future residents of Norcross and believes the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization (WHO) can help us as we begin our quest to becoming an Age-Friendly community.

6) Please provide a digital (JPG, PNG or PDF) file or link of a logo or other image that represents your community.

The image resolution should be at least 72 dpi. As an example of an image, here's ours >



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