



CITY OF SISTERS

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Ruby Haughton-Pitts
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Dear Ms. Haughton-Pitts,

On behalf of the City of Sisters, we are excited about the opportunity to join with AARP Oregon and the World Health Organization (WHO) to become a member of the Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. This letter is our commitment to creating an age-friendly community for our residents, as we address the challenges of rapidly changing demographics in our area. We are committed to a process of continual improvement and are eager to share and learn best practices from the wide range of projects found on the Global Network.

Sisters, Oregon is a small city located at the foot of the Cascade Mountains. While our in-city population is 2725, the larger community of Sisters Country supports a population of approximately 10,000 people who have chosen to settle where small town values flourish. The population of Sisters Country is one of the fastest growing in Oregon, in significant part due to its quality of life.

To respond to the growing needs and expressed wishes of our residents, the Sisters City Council supports:

- Working with the community to implement the Age-Friendly strategies identified in the Sisters Horizons Vision Plan
- Work in partnership with AFSC (Age Friendly Sisters Country) to coordinate efforts and explore new partnership opportunities
- Respond to the needs of older adults as they are identified
- Work with partners to report on the efforts being made

We will continue to work with dedicated volunteers, local advocates and regional partners to support existing programs and implement new programs that have been identified as necessary for the well being of older adults in our community.

We look forward to joining AARP and the World Health Organization in this global network of age-friendly communities and thank you for your consideration of our membership application.

Sincerely,

Chuck Ryan, Mayor
City of Sisters