



What is SLO Village?

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SLO Village is a community-based membership organization focused on empowering older adults to live happily, healthfully, and successfully in their own homes as they age. SLO Village provides connection, community, and a network of resources that address practical needs and social, cultural, and educational interests.

The Village Movement

The Village Movement is a grassroots concept that is sweeping across the nation. It is a new retirement model designed to encourage, protect, and enable at-home independence for seniors. For many, it has meant being able to live out their retirement years at home rather than having to relocate.

Volunteers

Villages tend to be “volunteer first,” which means that they prefer to use volunteers to deliver services. Villages provide “one call does it all” support and problem solving for their members. Volunteers provide most of the transportation, shopping, household chores, gardening, and light home repairs and maintenance for members.

Village Services

Villages do not duplicate existing services. They make it their business to know what is being offered by other nonprofits, senior centers, government agencies and how to best utilize these services. Carefully chosen vendors provide professional services. These services are usually at a discounted rate of 20-50% for members.

Our Mission

The mission of the SLO Village is to provide a community based membership organization that encourages at-home independence and empowers adults to remain in their homes as they age. This is accomplished by providing easy access to a screened network of service providers and volunteers.

Membership

Members pay an annual fee to have access to a screened network of service providers for home repairs, yard work, or any service required to live at home. These vetted vendors will offer their services at a discount to village members. In addition, free services such as transportation to a medical appointment, computer help, or something as simple as changing a light bulb are available through a network of screened volunteers. Some of the volunteers may even be village members – utilizing the “neighbors helping neighbors” concept.

Associate Membership

Associate Members are social and financial supporters of SLO Village. They can participate in all of the SLO Village events, but do not receive Village services. Associate members pay a reduced annual fee that is tax deductible.

SENIORS BY THE NUMBERS Note 1

The fastest growing demographic

37 million in 2006

71.5 million expected in 2030

18% of SLO County residents are over age 65.

1,957 of SLO County seniors are living alone. Of these, 75% are women.

17% of SLO County seniors do not have access to a vehicle.

10,000 baby boomers are turning 65 today and every day. For the next 15 years.

Today there are 27,537 seniors within 30 minutes of downtown SLO

SLO County growth rate outpaces the state average

90% of US seniors say they want to age in place

Fewer than 50% are able to stay in their home

There are few retirement facility options in SLO

San Luis Obispo is undergoing a 100-149% increase in elderly population aged 60 and over, and a 200-299% increase in elderly population 85 and over.

VILLAGE MEMBERS Note 2

79% say they are more likely to stay in their own homes because of their Village membership

52.5% agree their quality of life has improved

44.7% agree they feel happier than they used to

32.7% agree they feel healthier than they used to

81% say they are more likely to know how to get assistance when they need it

75% say they know more about community services

37% say they use community services more

27% say they are more likely to get the medical care they need, when they need it

Note 1 : California Department of Aging and US Census

Note 2: Center for the Advanced Studies of Aging Services School of Social Welfare University of California, Berkeley