SUPPORTING SENIOR VOLUNTEERING

THE OBSTACLES & SOLUTIONS

TRANSPORTATION

OBSTACLE
For seniors who don't have means of transportation or who have stopped driving, traveling to volunteer sites can be challenging.

SOLUTION
Take volunteer opportunities to people to work on at home and provide transportation to the volunteer site.

SCHEDULE

OBSTACLE
Seniors require flexible scheduling in order to accommodate personal needs (health, family, etc.).

SOLUTION
Create one-time events and events where seniors can come and go as they please.

COMMITMENT

OBSTACLE
Seniors look for opportunities that match their abilities and interests.

SOLUTION
Provide opportunities for seniors to use the skills they developed during their career: accounting, management, tax preparation, etc.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

OBSTACLE
Seniors may not use all forms of media, and so may not be able to access information about volunteer opportunities.

SOLUTION
Provide information about volunteer opportunities when seniors gather: community centers, church, senior-focused organizations.

SUITABILITY

OBSTACLE
Seniors look for opportunities that match their abilities and interests.

SOLUTION
Provide opportunities for seniors to use the skills they developed during their career: accounting, management, tax preparation, etc.

ORGANIZATION

OBSTACLE
Seniors are more likely to be frustrated if they perceive that the nonprofit is poorly organized.

SOLUTION
Provide ample support and allow for feedback from seniors. Determine they are allowed and encouraged to provide criticism and advice—make them feel valued.

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