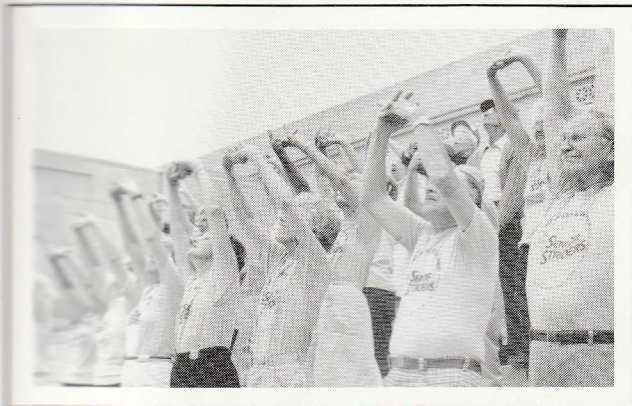


Aging Partnerships

In addition to support from federal and state funds, area agencies supply a 25 percent local match in money and in-kind services. Although aging programs supported by federal dollars are open to all persons 60 or over regardless of ability to pay, voluntary contributions by participants have provided increased support for services. Voluntary contributions by Nebraska's older citizens are significant. In the meal program alone, the average contribution per person is \$1.03 per meal. Total contributions from older persons for aging services in 1988 were \$4,389,845.

A new state-funded program, Care Management Services for frail older persons, does provide for a sliding fee scale for participants. Under care management, older persons receive a functional assessment, care plan and referral to community-based services in a program to help them remain in their own homes for as long as possible.



In addition to programs through the aging network, other state agencies have specific services for older persons, ranging from reduced price tickets to the Nebraska State Fair on seniors day, to free resident hunting permits for 70 plus individuals, to medicaid and homestead tax exemptions, to tuition reductions at state colleges.

The Nebraska Department on Aging encourages and promotes development of programs and services that provide:

- Freedom and independence for older persons to determine and manage the course of their own lives;
- A comprehensive and coordinated array of services;
- A life with health, dignity and meaning;
- Effective and accessible community-based programs developed at the local level;
- Consideration of older persons with special needs.

