

AARP Foundation Property Tax-Aide Network Member Press Release

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Silver Key Senior Services Teams with AARP Foundation to Empower Low-Income Older Adults to Remain in Their Homes as They Age

Colorado's most vulnerable adults may be surprised to learn they could qualify for property tax credits or refunds that put money back in their pockets.

Colorado Springs—Silver Key Senior Services is pleased to announce it has joined AARP Foundation Property Tax-Aide to help low- and moderate-income older adults get money back on their homes by helping Colorado Springs residents navigate the often-complex process of applying for property tax refunds or credits.

Through Property Tax-Aide, trained volunteers in local communities use an innovative web-based digital tool that helps older adults determine eligibility and apply for property tax relief. Since its inception in 2019, Property Tax-Aide has helped thousands of older residents receive over 10 million dollars in property tax refunds and credits.

Older adults living on low or fixed incomes are at risk of having to leave their homes because they can no longer afford rising property taxes or increased rent. Only about 8% of low- and moderate-income older adults take advantage of the property tax relief programs available in their communities. Colorado is one of 14 states currently supported by the AARP Foundation Property Tax-Aide program. Depending on where they live, homeowners, renters, nursing home residents, even people who don't have to file a tax return, may qualify.

Silver Key Senior Services' mission is to serve in partnership with their stakeholders to support a healthy quality of life for seniors, allowing them to age safely with dignity and independence. Silver Key's vision is to ensure the value, worth and needs of all seniors are identified and honored. Silver Key is proud to serve thousands of seniors in the Pikes Peak region. Silver Key offers a variety of services for area seniors to maintain their independence, safety and quality of life which include transportation, nutrition, and health and wellness services, that support senior well-being by addressing, mobility, nutrition, mental and physical challenges, financial matters, health care benefits, and connections to available federal and local resources.

"More than 20 million people age 50 and older spend up to 30% of their income on housing, and about half of those individuals spend at least 50%," said Emily Allen, Senior Vice President, AARP Foundation Programs. "Together with our growing number of network partners, we can help our most vulnerable adults save money and remain in their homes longer as they age. AARP Foundation is thrilled to be bringing Silver Key Senior Services on as a vital network member in the implementation and expansion of the Property Tax-Aide program."

About AARP Foundation Property Tax-Aide

AARP Foundation Property Tax-Aide helps low- and moderate-income residents more easily find, understand, and take advantage of property tax relief programs they may not even know about. Learn more at aarpfoundation.org/propertytaxaide.

About Silver Key Senior Services

Silver Key Senior Services was founded in 1970 to improve the quality of life for area nursing home residents. Today, Silver Key's mission has broadened to provide more than 11,000 seniors annually with a wide variety of services, including Silver Key Connections Café, Silver Key Home Delivered Meals including Meals on Wheels, Silver Key Reserve & Ride transportation services, and vital Senior Health & Wellness services that offer a full spectrum of senior assistance including government food program distribution, pantry, Behavioral Health and Companionship services, Housing Navigation, and much more! To learn more about Silver Key and volunteer opportunities, call or visit 719-884-2300 or www.silverkey.org. Specifically learn about Property Tax-Aide here: <https://www.silverkey.org/www-silverkey-org-aarp-pta/>

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