CALLING HOME

Input from the community of the Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative

A collaboration between communities and:

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Collective Action Lab
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TWIN CITIES PBS
What are critical components of “Home” for you as you age?

For Active Living
- Family
- Community
- Space
- Comfort
- Safety
- Yard
- Garden
- Religious Organization
- Work
- Socializing
- Activity
- Outdoors
- Good Kitchen
- Independence
- Shopping
- Bicycling
- Friends
- Entertainment

For Supported Living
- Autonomy
- Access to Resources
- Family
- Community
- Healthcare
- Transportation
- Safety
- Mobility
- Church
- Privacy Yard
- Park
- Cultural Competence
- Our loved Ones
- End of Life
- Palliative Care
- Hospice

For End-Of-Life
- Comfort
- Family
- Respect
- Total Quality Care
- Intergenerational
What to do you need to do NOW to have that “Home?”

Active Living

Supported Living

End-of-Life Living
What would help you do the things you need to do now?

- “Right to Die” Policies
- Honoring End-of-Life decisions
- End-of-Life and Aging Coaches, for individuals and/or families
- Innovative, Intergenerational Living Options
- More Home- and Community-Based Services
- Collectively confronting aging and dementia
- More investment in End-of-Life care and programs
- 401(k) set up as an “opt-out” program rather than “opt-in”
- Financial Planning Services
- Access to a range of social services

What gets in the way of doing what you need to do now?

- Fear of death
- Fear of talking with Others
- Restrictive End-of-Life Policies
- Limitations of Medicare/Medicaid
- Cost
- Traditional male roles (e.g. men don’t act as caregivers)
- Ambiguity between aging and disability
- Family and cultural dynamics
- Poorly designed environments, esp. bathrooms
- Scams and predatory tactics
What happens now?

For the people that attend Calling Home meetings and their Minnesota communities, Calling Home hopes to spark conversations about aging.

Short Term

The feedback from this and other communities will help shape a series of video shorts produced by Twin Cities Public Television. The shorts will focus on interviews with Minnesotans in different types of living situations and the challenges/joys that they experience. When done, the video shorts will be shareable on social media and will help build awareness of issues around aging.