



Staying Connected – Who We are.....

Sun City Hilton Head is an Active Adult Community, established in 1993 that is home to nearly 15,000 residents. But life happens.....an unmarried active adult experiences an injury requiring surgery and rehabilitation or suddenly is stricken with an illness that affects their ability to manage their household. A resident begins to develop early-stage dementia or a serious illness, and an unsuspecting spouse suddenly becomes a round-the-clock caregiver.

Margie, who needed transportation to physical therapy after a knee replacement tells us *“Staying Connected was a miracle. All the volunteers were extremely pleasant and helpful. We are very lucky in Sun City!”*

Our Mission: “Staying Connected is committed to assist Sun City Hilton Head residents to remain engaged in our active adult community by providing a helping hand and access to information, support and services which allow them to address life’s challenges.”

Janet, a single resident isolated during Covid-19 writes *“A special thank you to the volunteers for all their pleasant phone calls during this trying and often lonely time. They lifted my spirit with each call.”*

Incorporated as a 501(3)(c) Charity in 2014, Staying Connected opened our doors with a Resource Hub to provide residents with information regarding service providers, agencies and other resources that address common challenges. In 2015, we rolled out the following support services:

- o Transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping
- o Home visits for socialization and caregiver relief
- o Basic home maintenance (i.e. changing batteries in smoke detectors)
- o Reassuring Calls – daily calls to members as a daily wellness check

Staying Connected is powered by 375 Sun City resident volunteers supporting more than 400 of their their Sun City neighbors.

In our first 5 years of operation, volunteers donated more than 78,000 hours and drove more than 283,000 miles to provide 12,000 medical and grocery transports, more than 3,800 home visits, 1,300 basic maintenance assignments and nearly 20,000 daily reassuring calls. Our Resource Hub has assisted 7,500 visitors and answered more than 20,000 inbound telephone calls.



Caring Sun City residents helping their neighbors navigate life's challenges, that's who we are!