

Dear Friends,

Recently I spoke to a large group of retirees. After the meeting, several of the attendees asked for my business card. My talk made them aware that they could be eligible for Veterans Aid and Attendance since their spouses served in World War II or Korea. This benefit (about \$1,400 a month), can make a huge difference in the life of a low-income senior. Not all retired military personnel qualify: you must apply and meet certain eligibility criteria. To ascertain these qualifications, contact Brevard Veteran's Services Office at (321)633-2012.

This is only one example of the many benefits to which qualified seniors are entitled. We have 67,000 veterans in Brevard and countless thousands who are eligible for military benefits but do not know it. For a person living on \$700 a month and food stamps, the Veterans Aid and



Attendance can certainly lead to a better life, one made easier through new funding sources not previously known. This then becomes a very valid reason for senior awareness programs such as those sponsored by Helping Seniors.

Currently we have a radio show on WMEL AM 1060 at 1:00 PM every Thursday. Television shows appear Monday through Friday on Space Coast Government channel 499 at 8 AM, 4:30 PM and 5:00 PM, and on Bright House Networks channel 49 at 7:00 PM on Monday, 6:30 PM on Tuesday and 7:30 PM on Thursday. A monthly printed column appears in this newspaper, Spotlight Magazine, Senior Scene Magazine, Ebony News Today, and soon the bilingual newspaper Al Dia Today. You can also find our media programs archived online at www.HelpingSeniorsOfBrevard.org.

Consider for a moment the value of Helping Seniors media outreach to the senior population and those who care for them in Brevard. Now consider the many new benefits that could accrue to those in need if we all worked together to spread information to our neighbors, friends, family and co-workers. In this same way peoples of all countries have used word of mouth to pass down stories and information through countless generations.

Brevard County is home to many elder care programs such as Aging Matters, adult daycares, in-home care providers and others that help seniors age with dignity and provide respite for caregivers. These program exist but must be researched and promoted by all so that more people can know about and access these valuable services. One starting place for information is Helping Seniors.



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behalf of Brevard's senior citizens. Feel free to contact us at: info@helpingseniorsofbrevard.org or calling: 321-473-7770 ~www.helpingseniorsofbrevard.org



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