

# Spring 2026

# family ELDERCARE

## Message From Our CEO



### **May is Older Americans Month!**

It was enacted in 1963, not just as a celebration, but as an urgent call to action. At that time, one third of older Americans lived in poverty.

Things have not changed much since then. In fact, for too many older adults life has gotten worse. We're seeing higher rates of poverty and homelessness, along with rising incidents of financial elder abuse.

More eligible seniors not enrolled in critical public benefits, and there's an increase in older adults losing Medicaid coverage.

On January 1st of 2027, new Medicare requirements approved by Congress as part of the big, beautiful bill will go into effect. Those changes could make the situation dramatically worse for millions of vulnerable older adults nationwide and for thousands right here in our community.

Family Eldercare is committed to working harder than ever to protect our older neighbors. We are intentionally pursuing funding for our benefits enrollment services which help older adults enroll in benefits they already earned--such as Social Security and Medicare. These services are vital to our vulnerable neighbors and keep them from slipping further into poverty and instability.

Read my [blog](#) on the actions YOU can take on behalf of older adults living in our community.

## 2026 Summer Fan Drive



**For many older adults, the Texas summer heat can be deadly.** Some of our neighbors live in homes without air conditioning, or they just can't afford to keep it running during the hottest months of the year.

That's why the Family Eldercare Summer Fan Drive is so important. It's the largest fan drive in Texas with nearly 30 community partners including neighborhood centers, health clinics, faith communities, and nonprofits working with us to get fans to older adults and others living in dangerously hot homes across Central Texas.

So far this season, 1,424 people across seven counties have received fans to stay cooler and safer at home. And this is just the first month of the drive! As temperatures continue to rise, we're grateful for the community of supporters, volunteers, and partners helping us respond to the need.

Visit [Summer Fan Drive.org](https://SummerFanDrive.org) to learn more.

## Current Volunteer Opportunities



**Meet Camille!** She is showing off her new volunteer badge on her first day in our fan drive office. We need more volunteers just like Camille - compassionate helpers to assist older adults and at-risk families who line up outside our office to get free, life-saving fans.

Currently, we need more office volunteers and also drivers who can transport fans to other distribution sites or to homebound neighbors.

[Email us](#) to learn more.

## Celebrating Guardianship

**Last week we celebrated the 40th anniversary of our Guardianship Program,** honoring Judge Guy Herman for his foundational role in strengthening protections for incapacitated adults in Central Texas.

Because of Judge Herman's vision and leadership - Family Eldercare has acted as the legal guardian for thousands of individuals who otherwise would be left alone to fend off abuse, exploitation, or even life-threatening neglect without legal protection. [Learn more about our Guardianship services.](#)

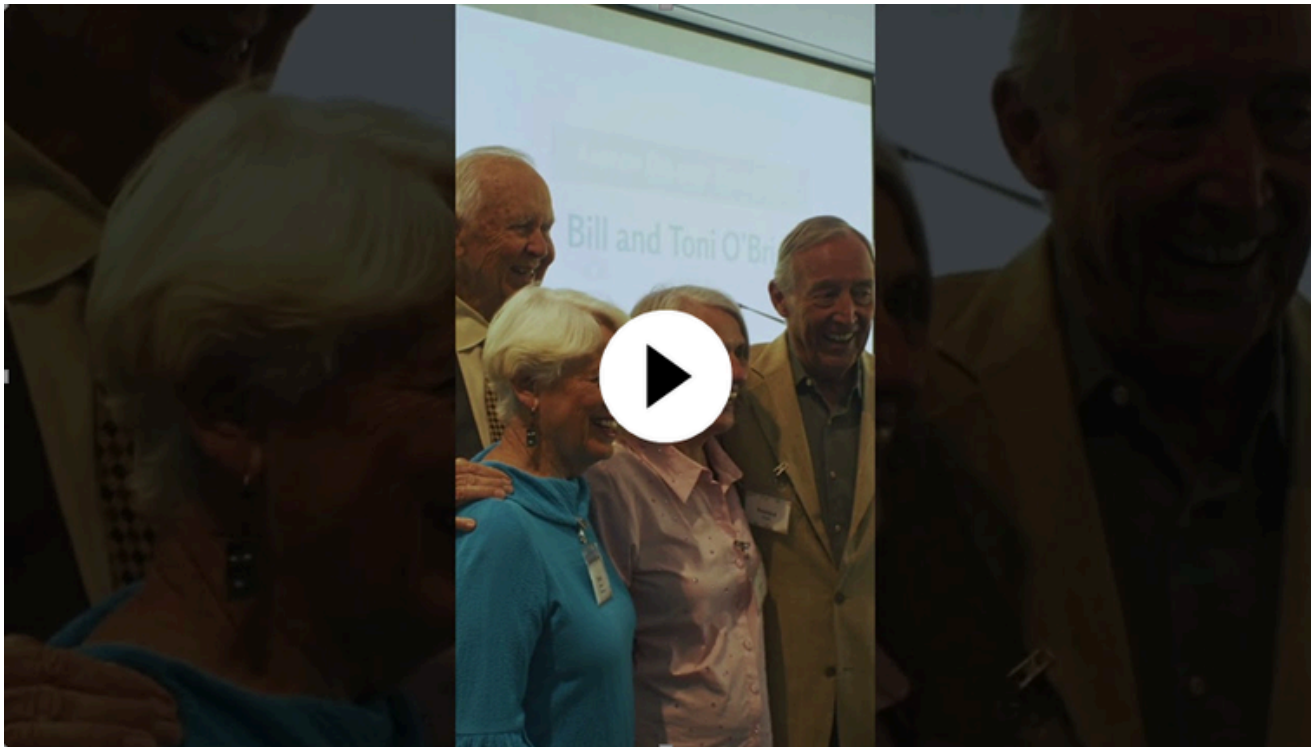


## An Inspiring Event: 80 Over Eighty

At our recent 80 Over Eighty fundraising luncheon, we came together to celebrate three extraordinary older adults whose lives and leadership have shaped Central Texas: **Robbie Ausley, Emily Moreland, and Judi Nudelman**. We also showcased three powerful stories from Family Eldercare clients who shared how they overcame hardship with strength and resilience.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, the event raised close to \$200,000 which will help fund our critical services that provide older adults and adults with disabilities with stability, care, and hope when they have nowhere else to turn.

Enjoy the highlight reel! [Visit our gallery to view event photos.](#)



## Spotlight: Rainbow Connections ATX

Rainbow Connections ATX, Family Eldercare's wellness program for LGBTQ+ older adults, was recently featured by St. David's Foundation highlighting its commitment to culturally responsive mental health care for Central Texans from historically marginalized communities.

[Read the full article here.](#)



# Art Show featuring Pecan Gardens

Our recent Surviving to Thriving Art Show featured several talented artists who have worked hard to overcome chronic homelessness and now live at Pecan Gardens, one of our housing communities. The event was held at Pease Park and gave our residents the opportunity to display their work and earn enough money to continue their artistic journey. We're so thankful to volunteers Jillian and Priya for helping create this inspiring event!

