

“Special Elders enriches the lives of participants while giving caregivers the peace of mind—and the break they deserve.”

How to become a Special Elder

Joining the Special Elders program is a simple, supportive process designed to make sure it’s the right fit for you and your loved one.

To get started, please call or email Karen or Stacey at (440) 974-5725 or hinton@cityofmentor.com / kellys@cityofmentor.com. They will schedule a time to meet with you and your loved one or caregiver.

During this meeting, our staff will walk you through the program, answer any questions, and get to know your needs and preferences. This helps us determine whether the program is a good match and ensures everyone feels comfortable moving forward.

If the program is a good fit, you’ll complete a short registration process and finalize payment at the front desk.

Participants must have a current Mentor Senior Center membership to enroll. The Special Elders program fee is $20 per calendar year, and families are welcome to try the program for one week before making a commitment.

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Mentor Senior Center Special Elders Program

“A helping hand that keeps you part of the fun.”



Transportation

Many participants use Laketran, which provides free rides for Lake County residents 60+ to and from the Senior Center. To set up standing rides or get more information, call 1-888-LAKETRAN.

Special Elders Weekly Schedule

Mondays & Wednesdays
10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- 10:30 a.m. – Arrival
- Lunch orders taken; lunch money collected (cash only).
- 11:00 a.m. – Lunch

Monday Activities

- 12:00 p.m. – Table activities (memory games, puzzles, socialization etc.)
- 1:00 p.m. – Bingo (Cardinal Room)

Wednesday Activities

- 12:00 p.m. – Special Elders fitness class (additional fee) or table activities
- 1:00 p.m. – Group activity (Cardinal Room)
- 2:00PM Program Concludes



The Special Elders staff is committed to helping participants feel supported and engaged throughout their Senior Center experience. Through friendly guidance and thoughtful assistance, the team fosters a welcoming environment where Special Elders can participate with confidence.

- Offering warm introductions and encouraging social interaction.
- Assisting with lunch orders and carrying trays as needed.
- Providing reminders about class times, locations, and daily schedules.
- Supporting program and special-event registration when needed.
- Communicating with family members, caregivers, or legal guardians when appropriate and beneficial.

In addition, the Special Elders staff thoughtfully plans weekly activities tailored to participants' interests and abilities.

What is Special Elders?

The Special Elders program provides group support that helps participants stay active and fully engaged in Senior Center activities. It creates a safe, warm, and encouraging social space where members can connect, participate, and enjoy a higher quality of life. Designed to offer small but meaningful assistance, the program enhances each participant's experience at the Center—whether through help with registration and lunch, access to modified activities, or opportunities to join peer social groups.

What Special Elders is not

The Special Elders program is a social support program, not a medical or personal-care service. While we provide encouragement, companionship, and light assistance, there are important limits to what we can offer:

- We do not provide any medical care.
- We do not assist with bathroom needs or personal hygiene.
- We do not manage, administer, or monitor medications.
- Do not lift or transfer individuals

Participants must be independent and able to care for their own personal needs throughout the day.
Our focus is on creating a safe, social, and engaging environment for participants—while also giving caregivers a small break during the week.