

## Who We Are

AgeAlive is a program within the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, Department of Family and Community Medicine dedicated to building a cohesive university-wide aging unit, portfolio and network, both on-campus and through community outreach and engagement.

AgeAlive works towards a world in which there is respect, wellbeing and quality of life for all people of all ages and abilities.

## Why Is This Important?

The rapidly aging U.S. population has wide-ranging impacts on all of us. It affects health care systems, economies, labor markets, housing, transportation, communities, families and more and raises new questions about the role of a university and its relationship to people of all ages.

As places where open dialogue is encouraged and knowledge developed, universities are in a unique position to shape responses to an aging society. We can make a positive difference at individual, community, and global levels.

## Get Involved

Please consider connecting with and supporting AgeAlive! We welcome time, expertise and resource donations.

Scan the QR code to learn more about us and make an online tax-deductible donation.



You can also contribute by following the instructions below:

Mail check to University Development,  
Spartan Way, 535 Chestnut Road,  
Room 300, East Lansing, MI 48824.

Make check payable to "Michigan State University" and include AgeAlive on the memo line.

Call (800)232-4MSU or (517)884-1000 and mention AgeAlive as the fund to support.



# AgeAlive

— FOR LIFELONG WELLBEING —  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Working to enhance wellbeing, lifelong learning, and aging-related research through partnership and arts engagement.

Together, we can make a difference locally and globally.

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## Our Vision

A world in which there is respect, wellbeing and quality of life for all people of all ages and abilities.

## Our Mission

Elevate Michigan State University's stature as a leader in the field of aging.

## Our Key Goals

Build a strong MSU aging research portfolio and external funding base

- Prepare students for an aging world post-graduation

Serve as MSU's central information and resource center on aging

- Enrich life throughout life with engagement in the arts and humanities
- Embody the ten principles underlying our Age-Friendly University Status



## Our Principles

AgeAlive is committed to:

- A holistic definition of good health and wellbeing
- Intergenerational experiences
- Community-engaged partnerships
- MSU's land grant mission and values for diversity, inclusivity, connectedness and its commitment to a safe and healthy campus
- Enriching student and faculty success

## Our Programs

- Generations Connect
- Town & Gown
- Annual Awards Ceremony
- Annual Research Forum
- Healing Butterfly Gardens

## Awards

MSU is an Age-Friendly University (AFU) and follows the ten AFU principles endorsed by the World Health Organization and the Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education.

AgeAlive is the recipient of the 2018-2019 MSU Faculty Emeriti Association Award.

AgeAlive's Generations Connect has been designated as a Generations United Program of Merit.

## AgeAlive's Artist in Residence

Zahrah Resh

AgeAlive is committed to bringing community members together through intergenerational, creative activities. Our Artist in Residence is Lansing contemporary artist Zahrah Resh. Zahrah uses her personal experiences to help others learn about and experience the healing and life-affirming benefits of engaging in the arts.



Zahrah and AgeAlive are partnering with community groups to create Community Butterfly Gardens throughout the region. We invite you to explore our past memorial/healing, MSUFCU, Spartan Alumni and other gardens on our website. Learn more about Zahrah's work at [www.zahrahrgallery.com](http://www.zahrahrgallery.com)