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RE: Personal Grocery Shoppers for Seniors

The Center for Active Living along with Ashtabula County Community Action have found a solution for seniors hesitant to make the trip out to grocery stores as the coronavirus continues to spread. They are excited to announce a new grocery shopping program that supports older customers during the coronavirus pandemic.

The program is designed to offer a safer grocery shopping and delivery solution for people ages 60 and over. Seniors worried about crowded shopping areas can use these delivery services to avoid large crowds during the coronavirus pandemic. To meet the growing customer demand for grocery delivery and pickup in Ashtabula, the Center for Active Living and Ashtabula County Community Action have become essential services for hundreds of customers who rely on the platform to get access to the groceries and household goods they need in a safe and reliable way.

Clients will work with a shopper to arrange a time to pick up a grocery list, pick up payment for groceries (cash, check or debit card), and arrange for delivery of groceries. Clients can leave grocery lists and forms of payment in an envelope in their mailbox, attached to the door or any other prearranged location for pick up. Clients listen for their doorbell to ring (or knock) as their Shopper drops off their food and steps at least 6 feet away from their door! The receipt will be in the bag. Voilà!

COVID-19, the respiratory disease caused by the new virus, stands for coronavirus disease 2019. The disease first appeared in late 2019 in Wuhan, China, but spread around the world in early 2020, causing the World Health Organization to declare a pandemic in March.

Seniors who live in the Ashtabula, who wish to do their own grocery shopping or pick up of prescriptions, can use free, roundtrip transportation service offered by the Center for Active Living (Ashtabula Senior Center). Our bus will pick up a senior at their door and take them to Giant Eagle, Wal-Mart, Aldi’s, or the local drug store. Seniors will be screened as they enter the bus and social distancing will be maintained on the bus.

For more information seniors can call Ashtabula County Community Action (440-998-3244) or the Center for Active Living (440-998-6750) or to place an order, a representative will personally shop all orders and deliver directly to the customer’s doorstep to help eliminate close personal interaction.