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2026 Fact Sheet

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***Mission**: To provide comprehensive information regarding services and resources that affect the quality of life of older adults and their caregivers in Collier County, empowering them to maintain independent and meaningful lives.*

- **Collier Senior Center** is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization providing free services for seniors, caregivers and those in-need, including the Golden Gate Senior Center; life-enhancing programs, services and seminars; the Leadership Coalition on Aging; the Virtual Resource Directory and more (CollierSeniorCenter.org).
- **Founded in 2010** by the Collier Community Foundation and the Women's Philanthropic Network to meet the needs of low-income seniors.
- Offers seniors from all walks of life fellowship, enrichment, wellness services, continuing education and basic services in a safe, welcoming environment.
- Addresses the depression, declining mental and physical health, as well as increased risk of death associated with social isolation among the elderly.
- Provides local and long-distance caregivers a centralized source for senior-related information, services and resources in Collier County.

Sheriff Kevin Rambosk, Board Member Emeriti, states, "*The number one reason elderly people become a victim is isolation. The Collier Senior Center-Golden Gate goes a long way in keeping seniors connected with the community and each other.*"

- Launched the Leadership Coalition on Aging in 2012, an interagency group of local nonprofits and advocates dedicated to seniors and caregivers that seeks new solutions to serve seniors in our community
  - Focuses on advocacy: hosts conferences and seminars for seniors and their caregivers; educates local candidates on senior-related issues.
- Opened our doors in Golden Gate in November 2014 with Collier County's daily hot lunch program, AARP Foundation job training and placement for out-of-work, low-income seniors and a weekly Meals of Hope food pantry for anyone in need.
- **OPEN**: 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday, at 4898 Coronado Parkway Naples FL 34116 (former Golden Gate Library).
- Serves more than **2,300** registered members (no charge); offers 10+ weekly programs and variety of offerings every month.
- Provides *free of charge*: daily hot lunch and coffee bar; monthly birthday parties, exercise classes, arts and crafts, cards and games; regular health screenings, assessments and lectures; holiday parties and other offerings for all Collier County seniors and caregivers.
- **1,200** hot lunches a month to seniors in-need; Harry Chapin "Care & Share" meal kits to **200** older adults a month; and a partnership with Meals of Hope Food Pantry.

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- February 2018 launched **Direct Assistance Program** available to any Collier County resident 60 years of age or older living within 175% of the federal poverty level to provide one-time financial assistance for medical prescriptions, eyeglasses, utility shut-off notices, rent/mortgage payments, durable medical equipment, small appliances, gas cards and additional items on a case-by-case basis. Funded in part by the Collier Community Foundation and Naples Woman's Club. **More than 1,400 adults served to date**.
- January 2020 established **UPSLIDE** (Utilizing and Promoting Social Engagement for Loneliness, Isolation and Depression in Elderly) program offering free counseling and Friends Connection group for women 60+ years of age to address depression, loneliness, isolation; build relationships and engage more socially involved. Funded by the Collier Community Foundation and Moorings Park Foundation. More than **165 women and men supported.**
- February 2022 rebrands to **Collier Senior Center** to reflect the past, present and future in serving Collier County's older adults and caregivers, offering the same life-affirming services for older adults and caregivers.
  - With possible future locations throughout Collier County, "Golden Gate" was added to name (Collier Senior Center-Golden Gate); at this time 4898 Coronado Parkway remains the only location.
- Collaborates with trusted partners to provide programs, socialization and convenient access to other agencies: Alzheimer's Support Network, Area Agency on Aging, AVOW, Catholic Charities (social services), Collier Area Transport, Collier County Nutrition, Meals on Wheels for all in-need in the community, MyCare Medical, SHINE Medicare counseling, Sheriff's Office and more.
- Knowledgeable, helpful volunteers and staff; a 'no wrong door' philosophy – everyone receives the information and resources needed in their native language (English, Spanish and Creole).
- Earned Charity Navigator's 4-Star Rating and GuideStar by Candid's Platinum Seal of Transparency.

"Collier Senior Center has been working actively to meet the ever-changing needs of Collier County seniors and caregivers to find answers and resources making each day easier," states Jim Barton, Board Chair.

Did You Know?

- Seniors are the fastest growing segment of the nation with 10,000 individuals turning 65 years old each day.
- The University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research projects Florida's 65+ years of age population to increase 82.5% between 2010 and 2040.
- According to the Area Agency on Aging for SWFL, in 2016, 36.6% of Collier County's population was 60+ years of age and 7% of these women and men were living below poverty level ($11,880 in annual income).
- By 2030, some 38% of Collier County's population will be over 65 years of age.
- For older Collier County residents living at or below poverty ($11,880 annual income) finding basic services is a frightening and frustrating experience.
- Until Collier Senior Center was founded, Collier County was the only county in Florida without any type of senior resource center despite having one of the highest populations of women and men over age 65.
- A $300 donation provides one low-income senior an entire year of services, free of charge, including a daily hot lunch, weekly food pantry access and the organization's full-compliment of programs, educational classes, entertainment and fun!

Collier Senior Center is funded through private donations, sponsorships, grants and foundations, including the Collier Community Foundation, Women's Foundation of Collier County, Moorings Park and the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation. For more information, please visit CollierSeniorCenter.org, or call 239.252.4534.

Collier Senior Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization working to address the needs of older adults and caregivers in Collier County. The charity's vision is a community that advocates for and empowers seniors and caregivers. For more information, please visit CollierSeniorCenter.org, or call 239.252.4534.