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Are we the only ones who are ready to "roar out of the '20's?" 2020 left all of our senior centers empty for more than half the year & really put our 'essential' team to the test. We had to shift our primary focus to home delivered meals & grew it 48%, expanded our transportation services to offer grocery shopping in Bossier City, Benton, Plain Dealing & Haughton to every week, continued with in-home supports of homemaker & caregiver respite. For many of our clients, our supports offered some of the only contact they had during COVID-19.

We have started 2021 much the same way...making sure

that any senior in Bossier parish that wants or needs a meal gets one, ensuring that transportation to medical care & grocery stores is available throughout the parish & keeping in-home supports a priority. All of our clients &/or their caregiver must have a current assessment on file in order to receive services. Our goal is to complete any new assessments or reassessments via our 'mobile' portal in an effort to reduce start time for services. As a reminder, all of our services are available at little to no cost to our clients. We do accept contributions for services received & all contributions stay within in the program received.

Many seniors may have made changes to their Medicare program during open enrollment. It is good to remember that if you have any concerns about your new plan, you may be eligible to change back to your original plan until March 31st. Call our local Aging Disability & Resource Center (ADRC) at 318-676-7900 for guidance.

As we are growing & expanding our services, we are hiring in the following departments:

- **TRANSPORTATION**-must have a chauffer or CDL license
 - **HOMEMAKER**
 - **SITE DIRECTORS**
- Any interested individuals should apply in person at 706 Bearkat Dr in Bossier City.

Items Available for Seniors in Need:

(with current assessment on file)

- **HOME DELIVERED MEAL CLIENTS:** nutritional supplement drinks, shelf stable packs, toilet paper, bottled water
- **CAREGIVER CLIENTS:** raised toilet seat, wheelchair cushion, incontinence supplies- diapers, pads, pull-ups (sizes

vary), Walkers; (subject to availability)

• **NOTE:** The Bossier Fire Department is offering FREE smoke alarms for our seniors that don't have them. They come and install them for you, and remember: "THEY MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE"!

NOTE:

All regularly scheduled **ACTIVITIES** are cancelled until the reopening of our sites.

REMINDER:

Should Bossier parish school system close for inclement weather, our sites will also be closed.