



# News Release

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## **Division of Aging and Independence Launches “Move Mobile”** *Bringing Resources and Support Directly to the Community*



FREDERICK, MD – Yesterday, County Executive Jessica Fitzwater and the Division of Aging and Independence officially launched Frederick County’s new Move Mobile. This new initiative will bring essential resources, information, and support directly to older adults, caregivers, veterans, and individuals with disabilities throughout the county.

“The launch of the Move Mobile is a groundbreaking initiative that brings services directly into the community, meeting people where they are,” County Executive Jessica Fitzwater said. “This mobile unit will help reach people throughout Frederick County who may not have transportation or access to resources where they live.”

The new Move Mobile is a decommissioned ambulance donated by Frederick County Fire and Rescue Services. The vehicle has been repurposed to travel throughout Frederick County, connecting people with resources, services, benefits, and information about the county’s 50+ Community Centers.

“As a caregiver for an older senior with multiple issues, I look forward to having the new mobile available to come to us,” said Sandy Carlson Lombard, a Frederick County caregiver who has used services offered by the Division of Aging and Independence. “Having immediate access to information from various agencies rather than transporting seniors will be a definite benefit for those seniors, as well as their advocates.”

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The Move Mobile will be fully equipped to bring essential services and resources directly to people in Frederick County, helping them remain independent at home. Staff will offer on-site screenings for in-home support and financial assistance programs, including Medicare guidance through the State Health Insurance Assistance Program.

With iPads, Wi-Fi, and mobile scanning capabilities, the unit will allow staff to perform all office-based tasks in the field – saving people time and eliminating travel barriers. The unit will also be outfitted to support mobile senior center activities, such as Seniors in the Park. The Move Mobile will foster collaboration with partner agencies and nonprofits, expanding access to additional programs.

“The Move Mobile represents our commitment – aligned with Livable Frederick’s vision – to engaging communities by meeting people where they are, both literally and with purpose. Thanks to the generous donation from Frederick County Fire and Rescue Services, this repurposed ambulance now carries our name, our mission, and the vital resources that are available to older adults, caregivers, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and their families,” said Carolyn True, Director of the Division of Aging and Independence. “Whether it’s connecting people to benefits, services, or resources, the Move Mobile brings the Frederick County Division of Aging and Independence directly to those who need these services the most.”

The Move Mobile will begin visiting communities across Frederick County in the coming months, with its first stop scheduled for Monday, November 3 at Bell Court in Woodsboro. During this kickoff event, the Division of Aging and Independence Nutrition Program Nurse will conduct Meals on Wheels assessments with eligible applicants.

A full schedule of stops will be available on the Division of Aging and Independence’s website at [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/DAI](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/DAI).

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*\*This release was updated to reflect the accurate date of the first stop of the Move Mobile, which will be on Monday, November 3.*

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