SAGE is the world's largest and oldest organization dedicated to advocacy, services, and innovations to ensure lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer and/or questioning (LGBTQ+) elders everywhere age with the dignity and respect they deserve.

Founded in 1978, SAGE offers supportive services and consumer resources to LGBTQ+ older people and their caregivers, advocates for public policy changes, provides education and technical assistance for aging providers.

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THE CHALLENGE
Older LGBTQ+ adults quite often become isolated from friends and loved ones as they age and face considerable challenges as compared with the general population:
- They are two times more likely to live alone.
- They are two times more likely to be single.
- They are four times less likely to have children.
- They are much more likely to be estranged from their families.

THE SOLUTION
SAGE’s Friendly Visitor Program helps alleviate isolation and reconnect LGBTQ+ elders to their communities across generations.

THE FRIENDLY VISITOR PROGRAM

HOW IT WORKS
When an elder (Friend at Home) expresses interest in the Program, a social worker makes a home visit to assess the need for SAGE’s services, including the Friendly Visitor Program. If appropriate, they are then assigned a Friendly Visitor volunteer.

Friendly Visitor volunteers are carefully screened and fully trained. They commit to spending at least one year with their assigned Friend at Home, visiting once a week and following up between visits via phone or email. In addition, volunteers receive one-on-one supervision and are required to attend bimonthly support meetings.

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— ALLISON, VOLUNTEER

“It’s one of the best things that has happened to me since I joined SAGE. He’s always there for me, every week.”
—ED, FRIEND AT HOME

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