

**AgeAlive** is a program within the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, Department of Family and Community Medicine dedicated to building a cohesive university-wide aging unit, portfolio and communication network, and community partnerships that can bring people interested in aging-related issues together.



**Why is this important? Why now?**

The rapidly aging U.S. population has wide-ranging impacts on all of us. It affects health care systems, economies, labor markets, housing, transportation, communities, families and more and raises new questions about the role of a university and its relationship to people of all ages. As places where open dialogue is encouraged and knowledge developed, universities are in a unique position to shape responses to an aging society. We can make a positive difference at individual, community, and global levels.

Age Alive Leadership Council

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AgeAlive Advisors and Supporters

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Michigan State University and community partners engaged in a strategic program for a collective response to an aging world. Together, we can make a difference locally and globally.

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## Our Vision

A world in which there is respect, wellbeing and quality of life for all people of all ages and abilities.

## Our Mission

Elevate Michigan State University's stature as a leader in the field of aging.

## Our Principles

AgeAlive is committed to:






- ◆ A holistic definition of good health & wellbeing
- ◆ Intergenerational experiences
- ◆ Community-engaged partnerships
- ◆ MSU's land grant mission and values for diversity, inclusivity, connectedness and its commitment to a safe and healthy campus
- ◆ Enriching student and faculty success

## Awards

MSU is an **Age-Friendly University (AFU)** and follows the ten AFU principles endorsed by the World Health Organization and the Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education.

AgeAlive is the recipient of the **2018-2019 MSU Faculty Emeriti Association Award.**

## Our Key Goals

-  Build a strong MSU aging research portfolio and external funding base
-  Prepare students for an aging world post-graduation
-  Serve as MSU's central information and resource center on aging
-  Enrich life throughout life with engagement in the arts and humanities
-  Embody the ten principles underlying our Age-Friendly University status

## AgeAlive's Artist in Residence

### Zahrah Resh

AgeAlive is committed to bringing community members together through intergenerational, creative activities. Our Artist in Residence is Lansing contemporary artist Zahrah Resh. Zahrah uses her personal experiences to help others learn about and experience the healing and life-affirming benefits of engaging in the arts.

Zahrah and AgeAlive are partnering with community groups to create Community Butterfly Gardens throughout the Lansing area. We invite you to participate in making our virtual Gardens grow. Visit our Memorial/Healing, MSUFCU, Spartan Alumni, and other Gardens at [www.agealive.org](http://www.agealive.org). To learn more about Zahrah, visit <http://www.zahrahgallery.com/>

## Get Involved with AgeAlive!

-  Join our email list
-  Volunteer
-  Contact us at [agealive@msu.edu](mailto:agealive@msu.edu)



**Please Support AgeAlive**  
**DONATE** your time, expertise and resources.

### Tax-deductible Donations

- Online at <https://givingto.msu.edu>. Click on Give Now & type AgeAlive in search bar.
- Mail check to University Development, Spartan Way, 535 Chestnut Road, Room 300, East Lansing, MI 48824. Make check payable to "Michigan State University" and include AgeAlive on the memo line.
- Call (800)232-4MSU or (517)884-1000. Mention AgeAlive as the fund to support .