

CITY OF SOUTHAVEN

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Southaven, we are excited about the opportunity to join with AARP and the World Health Organization (WHO) to become an Age-Friendly Community. Along with other selected communities in the nation, Southaven is committed to promoting plans to make American cities friendly to aging populations.

Our Arts and Cultural Affairs Department includes Forever Young, a senior adult program that currently has about 1,100 members. As one of the 21 certified retirement cities in Mississippi, the Hometown Mississippi Retirement Program is a big part of our department. Our staff travels all over the state promoting the City of Southaven with MHR. Southaven offers a variety of housing choices in a wide range of prices from patio homes to estates, from apartments to senior housing. An active community theatre and arts council provide a creative outlet as well. Also, the range of comprehensive health care services offered in Southaven brings convenience and peace of mind. With a major hospital located in the heart of the city and numerous private physician practices, behavioral health services, pharmacies, dental practices, and health specialists nearby, it is no surprise that Southaven serves as a regional health mecca.

One of our goals is to ensure our aging neighbors have the resources to be healthy, independent, and integrated into community life. As a participant in the national network of communities, it is the intent of the City of Southaven to include active engagement for any age person within our community. We will continue our wonderful Forever Young Program for our senior adults providing them with living an active, affordable, healthy, and secure life that involves time spent with family. From parks, entertainment, sports, education, and the arts - there's plenty to do in Southaven. Neighborhood parks provide an area for picnics, hiking, fishing, and relaxation. We welcome all seniors to join our program, and we look forward to being included in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

With warm regards, I remain

Sincerely,



Darren Musselwhite, Mayor
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