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## Support a caregiver this month

November is Family Caregivers Month. Support a caregiver you know by sharing NCOA's free tools and information! Our services can help their older loved one stay healthy and secure.

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*Nov. 3, 2015*

### Firman named 2015 Influencer in Aging

Congratulations to James Firman, NCOA president and CEO, for being named a 2015 Influencer in Aging by Next Avenue. The list spotlights 50 individuals who are changing how we think about aging in America. Labor activist and author Ai-Jen Poo, a former NCOA board member, also made the list.

[See the top 50](#)

### Budget agreement passes; work remains on aging program funding

Congress passed, and the President signed into law, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 that eliminates the threat of significant increases in Medicare Part B premiums and deductibles, cuts in Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, and significant across-the-board cuts in aging services under a sequester. Work now turns to promoting and protecting funding for aging services. Appropriators must fill in the details, with Congress expected to

pass legislation before Dec. 11, when the Continuing Resolution expires. Stay tuned for ways that you can urge Congress to reject proposed FY16 cuts in the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP), falls prevention, and chronic disease self-management and advocate for increases in Older Americans Act programs.

[See proposed funding levels](#) | [Read details on the Budget Act](#) | [See how your Representative voted](#) | [See how your Senator voted](#)

## Apply for a grant to help Holocaust survivors

The Jewish Federations of North America's Center for Advancing Holocaust Survivor Care announces a request for proposals for the expansion of person-centered, trauma-informed supportive services for Holocaust survivors throughout the U.S. Letters of intent are due Nov. 13.

[Find out how to apply](#)

## In 4 weeks: Help build the world's tallest building!

NCOA is participating in the 2015 #GivingTower—an effort to build the world's tallest virtual building with bricks made of charitable donations. Every donation you make to NCOA on #GivingTuesday, Dec. 1, will add a brick to the building. Watch your email for more details!

[See the 2014 tower](#)

### *Coming up...*

- **Medicare in 2016: Helping Your Clients with Open Enrollment:** Learn what changes older adults can expect next year. *Nov. 4 @ 2 p.m. ET*
- **Talking with Your Doctor: Everything You Need to Know to Lead a Lively Workshop:** Explore how to use the National Institute on Aging's new presentation toolkit. *Nov. 5 @ 1:30 p.m. ET*

### *Did you miss this?*

- **Benefits Enrollment Center RFP:** Nov. 13 is the deadline to apply to become an NCOA BEC and help low-income people with Medicare apply for and enroll in a set of core benefits.
- **Falls Free® Video Contest:** Nov. 7 is the deadline for our first-ever falls prevention video contest.

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