

# **Friends of El Dorado County Seniors Field of Interest Awards Senior Programs and Services**

Organization Name: Senior Day Care Services, Elder ID/Care Trak™ Program

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## **1) Brief description of organization and history of accomplishments serving older adults.**

In an effort to prevent premature institutionalization of El Dorado County's older adults, an Adult Day Care Advisory Council was formed in 1982 to determine the need and feasibility of an Adult Day Care facility. Funding was secured to renovate a County building through the Senior Center Bond Act. Additional funding was needed to develop the services and a proposal was submitted to the Sierra Health Foundation. The County received startup funds in April 1989 and welcomed its first participants to the Placerville Senior Day Care Center (SDC) that summer.

In 1992, SDC received the National Association of Counties Achievement Award. In 1999, the Center was proud to receive the Alzheimer's Day Care and Resource Center grant for our County from the California Department of Aging. Recognized as a dementia care leader, SDC has been providing outstanding care and support services to the residents of El Dorado County for nearly twenty-five years and has assisted well over 1,200 individuals and their families

During fiscal year 2012-2013, SDC provided 7,058 days of service to 96 individuals in addition to sponsoring and facilitating 24 caregiver support group meetings. On March 31, 2014, a satellite Senior Day Care Services site in El Dorado Hills was opened with the capacity to serve 24 members each day.

## **2) Description of program including numbers served.**

The Elder ID and Care Trak™ programs give families peace of mind while caring for a family member who wanders. Elder ID is a FREE program designed to aid in the safe return of those who wander or have the potential to wander. Pertinent information and a picture of the participant are kept on file with all local law enforcement agencies and with the SDC in Placerville. The pictures and information are only used to assist in locating the missing Elder ID participant and are kept confidential.

Through the Elder ID program all pertinent information needed for a search is readily available for responding agencies. If family members discover their loved one has wandered away, they simply call 911 and tell the dispatcher the person is part of the Elder ID program. The officer is then able to quickly dispatch the information needed to start the search and save critical time.

The Care Trak™ system provides even more protection than the Elder ID program. Not only are participants registered with local law enforcement agencies and SDC, they are given a bracelet-type device to wear on their wrist or ankle that transmits a specific radio frequency unique to each individual participant. The bracelet cannot be removed without the use of scissors. Trained search and rescue personnel use a "Mobile Locator Receiver" to target the individual's specific radio frequency and his/her location. The system has cut normal search time from hours and/or days to less than 30 minutes.

Working with the Alzheimer's Aid Society of Northern California, SDC implemented the Elder ID program in the mid-1990s. The implementation of the Care Trak™ program is the result of our 1999 collaboration with the EDC

Sheriff's Search and Rescue Division and the Alzheimer's Aid Society of Northern California. Proudly El Dorado County was the first to bring the Care Trak™ system to California. Nearly 300 El Dorado County families have participated in the Elder ID/Care Trak™ program since its inception.

Because the Care Trak™ equipment was too expensive for some to purchase (approximately \$350/each), SDC, with one time only grant funding, created and implemented a lease program. For a nominal enrollment fee, EDC residents are able to 'borrow' the Care Trak™ equipment (Transmitter, Battery, Wrist/Ankle Band and Transmitter Tester) and return it to SDC once they no longer have a need for the system.

The wrist/ankle transmitters are powered by a special lithium battery which must be replaced with a 'tested' battery each month. C12 Transmitter Testers are used for this purpose. SDC currently has only three working testers. Thus, participating families who do not have testers must trust the batteries attached to the transmitters are actually working. This does not provide the peace of mind intended by the program to families with loved ones who wander.

If granted, FOS funds will be used to replace seven (7) non-working CT12 Transmitter Testers used in our Care Trak™ leasing program and to support outreach endeavors through printing and dispersing Elder ID/Care Trak™ program brochures (sample enclosed) to local health care providers and community organizations.

**3) Description of how you measure the impact on those served and what the measurements tell you about the program.**

Currently, there are seven Care Trak™ equipment packages available through the lease program. All seven currently do not have a working C12 Transmitter Tester. The addition of seven new C12 Transmitter Testers will result in seven complete Care Trak equipment packages available for lease by El Dorado County residents with relatives who wander. A survey of participating families will be conducted six months following the assignment of the testers to document use of equipment, functionality of equipment, and the amount of time to discover/recover the missing individual if used.

The printing and distribution of Elder ID/Care Trak™ brochures is expected to expand the Elder ID/Care Trak™ Program up to 10% by increasing public awareness and participation in the program.

**4) Provide a budget showing the financial value of this award.**

7 each C12 Transmitter Testers	\$ 380.32**
1000 Program Brochures	\$ 197.26
Postage/envelopes	\$ 83.00
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$ 660.58</u>

\*\*Refer to attached Care Trak™ quote number 07-3830 dated 4/23/14

*CARE TRAK OF CALIFORNIA*

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**Pro Forma Invoice**

DATE	Reference No.
4/23/2014	07-3830

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P.O. NUMBER	TERMS	REP	SHIP	VIA	F.O.B.	PROJECT
	QUOTE ONLY		4/23/2014	UPS		
QUANTITY	ITEM CODE	DESCRIPTION			PRICE EACH	AMOUNT
7	CT12	Transmitter Tester			47.00	329.00T
1	Frght/ShpgInc	Shipping Charges on Order			25.00	25.00
		CA Sales Tax, El Dorado Cty - Placerville			8.00%	26.32
Quote has been submitted per your request. Quote is valid for 30 days.					<b>Total</b>	\$380.32

BALANCES 30 DAYS PAST DUE WILL BE CHARGED A 1.75% PER MONTH FINANCE CHARGE.