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What an amazing Pride!!!

Thank you to those who came to visit us at our booth at Pride Festival NW!

It was wonderful to see so many familiar and new faces!!

**Next Meeting**  
**June**  
**Tuesday,**  
**July 14th**  
  
Linda Drach, Program  
Design and  
Evaluation Services  
CAREAssist Quit  
Smoking Services  
&  
Showing of [Gen Silent](#)  
Movie



## REPORT FOR DUTY BY REPORTING FRAUD

By Alan Edwards, Social Security Public Affairs

In July, with American flags flying, we celebrate our nation's birthday and the freedoms and protections we hold dear. Although love for your country can take many forms, Social Security takes preventing and combatting fraud as seriously as we take our other vital missions.

Social Security has a zero-tolerance policy for fraud. In tandem with local law enforcement, we pursue criminals who cheat the system by collecting benefits that they're not owed. This might be as subtle as someone intentionally failing to report income and resources or that they live with their spouse which can result in incorrect payments. Fraud might take the form of someone claiming to be disabled when, in reality, they continue to work. These examples are why we also rely on you — the American public — to report fraud when you see it.

While we can't prevent every instance of fraud any more than the most effective law enforcement agency can prevent all crime, we aggressively investigate and pursue prosecution of those who try to cheat and steal from the system. Our message to those who would defraud Social Security is clear: We will find you; we will prosecute you; we will seek the maximum punishment allowable under the law; and we will fight to restore the money you've stolen from the American people.

We impose stiff penalties to discourage people from committing fraud. We monitor cases closely, and we have sophisticated tools to help us predict where and when fraud may occur so we can catch it early — often before it happens.

Social Security employs innovative weapons in the fight against fraud. Our Office of Anti-Fraud Programs (OAFP) is the newest member of Social Security's anti-fraud team. Established in November 2014, the mission of OAFP is to coordinate all the agency's efforts to efficiently and effectively detect, deter, and mitigate fraud, waste, and abuse of our programs.

OAFP works closely with our Office of the Inspector General to ensure that there are consequences for those who commit fraud — even if the act isn't prosecuted.

Social Security takes fraud seriously, and so should you. In the same way that you might keep a keen eye out for suspicious activity that might harm our nation, we encourage you to keep an eye out for potential Social Security fraud. Some of our most vulnerable citizens — the elderly, disabled children and war veterans, as well as the chronically ill — are counting on you. If you suspect someone is committing Social Security fraud, report it online at <http://oig.ssa.gov/report> or call the Social Security Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271.

## HALF A CENTURY OF HELP WITH MEDICARE

By Alan Edwards, Social Security Public Affairs

On July 30, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed Medicare into law with these words: “No longer will older Americans be denied the healing miracle of modern medicine. No longer will illness crush and destroy the savings that they have so carefully put away over a lifetime.”

For 50 years, the Medicare program has provided essential health care services for millions of people who are age 65 or older, disabled, or have debilitating diseases. Without Medicare, many people would not be able to pay for hospital care, doctor’s visits, medical tests, preventive services, or prescription drugs.

Your Medicare card is the most important piece of identification you own as a Medicare beneficiary since medical providers will request it when you seek their services. If you need to replace a lost, stolen, or damaged Medicare card, you can do it online with a *my Social Security* account at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount). Requesting a replacement card through *my Social Security* is safe, convenient, and easy. Going online saves you a trip to your local Social Security office or unproductive time on the phone. Request your replacement Medicare card the easy and convenient way — online — and you’ll get it in the same amount of time as you would if you applied in an office or over the phone — in about 30 days.

Fifty years ago, Medicare didn’t have as many options as it does today. As the largest public health program in the United States, Medicare includes four parts to keep you covered:

- Part A is insurance that covers inpatient hospital stays, outpatient care in nursing facilities, hospice, and home health care.
- Part B includes medical insurance for doctor’s services, medical supplies, outpatient care, and preventive services.
- Part C is a Medicare advantage plan that allows you to choose your health care coverage through a provider organization. You must have Part A and Part B to enroll in Part C. This plan usually includes Medicare prescription drug coverage and may include extra benefits and services at an additional cost.
- Part D is prescription drug coverage. There is a separate monthly premium for this plan; however, people with low resources and income may qualify for the *Extra Help* with Medicare prescription drug costs from Social Security. Visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp) to see if you qualify.

A recent survey to Medicare beneficiaries asked: Why do you love Medicare? One person stated, “It gives peace of mind not only for seniors, but for veterans and disabled as well.” Another satisfied recipient replied, “I most likely wouldn’t be alive today without Medicare.” These are just two of the millions who endorse Medicare’s half-century strong success story.

For more information about Medicare, visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). As Medicare celebrates 50 years, Social Security commemorates 80 years. Learn more about Social Security’s 80th anniversary at [www.socialsecurity.gov/80thanniversary](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/80thanniversary).

## [Join Partnership Project at AIDS Walk 2015](#)



### OHSU PARTNERSHIP PROJECT



### ON SEPTEMBER 12TH, PARTNERSHIP PROJECT IS PARTICIPATING IN AIDS WALK PORTLAND, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Partnership Project is looking forward to joining Cascade AIDS Project at AIDS Walk again this year to raise funds and awareness about HIV/AIDS. The funds raised support crucial programs for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS both at Cascade AIDS Project and Partnership Project, as well as increasing awareness of HIV/AIDS. Partnership Project receives 40% of the funds our team raises and CAP receives 60%! We hope that you will join us in whatever way works best for you, and thank you in advance for your support. We love having a large group of walkers participating, but of course also appreciate donations! Hope to see you on September 12th!

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