

Silver Center Scene
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Silver Center Ready to Give or Receive This Season

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In the spirit of the Christmas season, the Silver Center is a great place to both give and receive. Finding a gift for seniors can be tough because there often is not much they need except the mundane. So how about a membership to the Silver Center? You're giving them a year of friendship and activities that is priceless, as the saying goes.

Or, you could give a lunch ticket that entitles them to 10 lunches at the Center for \$65 for members or \$70 for non-members. The regular lunch consists of an entrée, side, salad, drink and dessert. Add \$1 per meal and it can be delivered to their home. The lunch crowd has been growing steadily with increasing compliments for Cook Christy Ramos who joined us in the fall. Companionship and healthy eating could be real plus for your favorite senior. There are specialty lunches as well and a 10-punch specialty lunch card for \$72.50.

Friday night dance tickets are another gift giving favorite. Whether your senior is already a regular or you think they'd like to come enjoy the music and camaraderie, member tickets are \$7 and non-members are \$9.

Looking for a special New Year's Eve. Our night is always a popular with party favors, a midnight buffet of traditional tamales and black-eyed peas and Two-Way Street providing the music. Tickets are just \$15 each.

The Silver Center is also ready to receive. As we've mentioned before, the Center is entirely privately funded and receives no government support. We depend on our members, the community and our own fund raising activities to keep everything up and running.

If you are looking at end of the year giving before tax season rolls around, we hope you will consider putting us on your list.

Money is never the only thing we need. Volunteers are also critical. We have a tiny, and very overworked staff. We need help in the Thrift Store where items are sold at bargain prices as a community service. Where else can you find clothing items in good shape for 50 cents? This is a fund raising source for us as well.

If you enjoy music, we need help at Friday night dances taking tickets, tending bar, being a house manager, or selling raffle tickets. None of them are hard chores, but you get to visit with everyone, have a purpose and enjoy the show.

We need a new producer for our Country Music Show, so if you like rubbing shoulders with musicians and organizing things, it could be a great spot for you. It happens just once a month.

We always need help in the kitchen and serving for special events. Or you could help in the office. Regardless of your skills we can find a place for you.

You won't just be giving of your time. You'll be receiving a great deal in return as well.

So, in this season of giving and receiving, please remember the Silver Center. You can check out our website at silvercenter.com, e-mail at silvercenter@sbcglobal.net or call 830-303-6612.