

ELDER NETWORK'S FALL FLING GALA

DINNER, DANCING & LIVE/SILENT AUCTION
Saturday, September 20, 2025

*Elder Network, a locally-based nonprofit organization, has been serving older adults and caregivers in **Olmsted, Winona, Dodge, and Wabasha counties for 36 years.** This year is our twelfth Gala!*

Each year, we provide more than 29,600 hours of direct service to 4,200 participants to help them maintain their health and independence, and enjoy their aging journey.

Our services include: Senior Advocate, Companions, Technology Assistance Program, Transportation, Caregiver Support, Respite Care, Community Education, Support Groups, Friendly Visitor, Group Respite, and PEARLs.



Please consider supporting our event by donating a live auction item, gift basket, stand-alone item or gift certificate for our live/silent auction. If you wish to sponsor a basket, a gift of \$100 will be used to create a themed basket for you in the silent auction.

Your gift will be recognized in our auction program, in signage at the event, and on our website.

Elder Network is a 501(c)(3) entity. Therefore, your prize donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

*We will gladly pick up your donation or receive by mail to the address below. In order for your donation to be printed in our program, we must receive confirmation by **August 15th, 2025.***



For more information:

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**To make the silent auction a SUCCESS,
we need YOUR help gathering donations from the community.**

Here are some easy ways you can help:

Do you run your own business? Do your neighbors have their own businesses? Donating to the auction is a great way to get your name/product/service out to the community. Ideas include personal trainers, photographers, personal chefs, landscape design, interior decorators, professional organizers, artists, private lessons (music, dancing, fitness), etc.

Do you have a favorite local business that you want to help promote? Next time you are there, just ask if they would like to donate. It's a great way for them to advertise and support their community. Let them know we can send them a donation receipt, if they request. Ideas include cleaning, workout programs, salons/spas, restaurants, plays/theatres/concerts, wineries, dog walkers/pet sitting, etc.

Have season tickets to a sports event and you don't plan to use them all? Why let your seats go empty for a game? Donating tickets is a great way to help Elder Network and get fans to the game to cheer on your team!

Have a vacation home/timeshare you won't be using? A getaway is just what people need.

Do you knit, sew, crochet or craft? Handmade items are always a hit. Jewelry, scarves/hats/mittens, towels/washcloths, jelly/jam, greeting cards, etc. are all great auction items.

Get creative and put together a themed basket with your family, friends or co-workers. Set out a collection box at work to gather money for items. Ideas include: *Movie Night, Game Night, The Man Cave, Day at the Beach, Grill Master, "Survival Kits," Holidays, Lawn & Garden, Wine & Dine, etc.* The possibilities are endless!

Donations of themed baskets, stand-alone items, and gift cards are also appreciated.

Want to donate but don't have time? Sponsor a basket with a \$100 gift, and our action team will put together a themed basket on your behalf.

Live Auction Items? If you are considering a donation valued at over \$500, consider discussing your donation with our Development Manager, Becca, to see if it may better fit our live auction. 507-285-5272.

Elder Network's EIN: **41-1704390**. Thanks in advance for your help and support!

Questions?

Contact:

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Basket/Item Donation Form

Turn your basket/item in with this form no later than **August 15th, 2025**

Name your basket/item: _____

Estimated value: _____

Donated by: _____

Contents: Please include necessary details (clothing sizes, gift card amounts, etc.)

Contact information: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

_____ No, I do not need a receipt for tax purposes.

_____ Yes, I would like a receipt for tax purposes.

We will send you a receipt in the mail.

For Office Use Only:

Basket/Item # _____

Bid Sheet _____

Donation receipt _____

Thank-you card _____