

ELDER NETWORK'S FALL FLING GALA

DINNER, DANCING & LIVE/SILENT AUCTION
Saturday, September 19, 2026

*Elder Network, a locally-based nonprofit organization, has been serving older adults and caregivers in **Dodge, Goodhue, Olmsted, Winona and Wabasha counties** for over 37 years.*

Each year, we provide more than 29,600 hours of direct service to over 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/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, 2026.***



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? Call the Elder Network volunteer who shared this form with you:

Contact:

Phone Number of Contact:

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Basket/Item Donation Form

Turn your basket/item in with this form no later than **August 15th, 2026**

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 _____