

# People Inc

## Quality Services for Seniors and Older Adults

When there is a need in the community for services, there's a local non-profit agency filling the gaps. People Inc., established in 1970, is here to help.

As people age, their needs change and services available to them may become limited or difficult to access. Recognizing this, along with an increased number of seniors in multiple neighborhoods, People Inc. broadened its scope as a health and human services agency providing supports for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities to also enrich the lives of older adults in need of affordable and safe housing. In 1993, with recognition and assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the agency opened its first low-income senior living apartment complex, People Inc. Iris Senior Living in Hamburg, NY, which is now home to 49 tenants. And as they say, the rest is history....

Today, People Inc. Senior Living manages 20 affordable and safe apartment buildings, serving 860 tenants. With multiple locations in Erie and Niagara Counties, and one in Cattaraugus, People Inc. Senior Living provides affordable and maintenance-free one-bedroom apartments for independent older adults age 62 and up and who are income-eligible. The HUD approved apartments accept applications year-round, including in Amherst, Angola, Blasdell, Buffalo, South Buffalo, Gowanda, Grand Island, Lackawanna, Lockport, Springville and Wheatfield.

For someone who receives a small pension and cannot afford an over-priced apartment, to a widow who can no longer manage the upkeep of a house, People Inc.



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Where your world opens up.

Senior Living assists hundreds of older adults with managing utilities, downsizing and removing the burden of home maintenance.

Affordability and safety features are two valuable benefits of People Inc. Senior Living. Monthly rent is based on the tenant's and/or couple's adjusted income. As an added cost savings, some utilities are included. The one-bedroom apartments include a kitchen with appliances and spacious cupboards. For added comfort, there is a day-time manager available to address various needs and a live-in caretaker for building emergencies.

Safety features include secure entrances, a 24-hour response system, stove fire prevention devices, grab bars in the bathroom and emergency pull-cords. Along with laundry facilities, each complex has a furnished community room with a kitchen that can be reserved for family gatherings. From small dogs and cats to birds and bunnies, tenants are welcome to have one pet under 25 pounds. Group grocery store transportation is provided, along with activities for those who wish to participate, like movie nights, wellness programs, crafts, holiday events and outings.

Dedicated, expert staff put tenants first by providing outstanding oversight, well-maintained buildings and numerous activities. If additional supports are needed, tenants may



Each People Inc. Senior Living apartment building includes unique outdoor courtyard/patio space.



Ron, a tenant of People Inc. Pine Senior Living, located in Lockport, NY.



People Inc. Linwood Lafayette Senior Apartments feature units that include modern kitchens with a refrigerator, stove and dishwasher.

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utilize a unique benefit through People Inc. Senior Living Service Coordination at no extra charge, which can help with assistance to apply for Medicaid, food stamps and other services.

Interested applicants may add their name to more than one apartment location wait list, which is especially helpful if they have family members in multiple areas across Western New York. Staff are available to explain eligibility to tenants and family members – reach out by emailing [housing@people-inc.org](mailto:housing@people-inc.org) or calling 716-880-3890 to get your questions answered and for an application. Learn more online: [people-inc.org/seniorliving](http://people-inc.org/seniorliving)

Looking for more great ways to live in local areas you love? Additional housing opportunities are available through People Inc. Affordable Apartments for the general public, which accepts rental vouchers. Two locations are dedicated to people who are 55+, who are income-eligible (some apartment options are age 18+ who meet income eligibility). Both apartment buildings are accepting applications year-round for its waitlist: People Inc. Oakwood Senior Apartments in Blasdell, NY, a brand new apartment complex, and People Inc. Linwood Lafayette Senior Apartments in Buffalo, NY. There are one- and two-bedroom units, which include a refrigerator, stove and dishwasher. Plus, the apartments have safety features, AC, are pet-friendly (one pet under 25 pounds) and offer building laundry facilities for tenants. A community room with kitchen is available for tenants to reserve. For more information, visit [people-inc.org/affordableapartments](http://people-inc.org/affordableapartments) or call 716-880-3890.

And that's not all.... People Inc. Senior Services provide many benefits for older adults, as well as their caregivers. Two of the programs



**Janice, a tenant of People Inc. Senior Living.**

that may be beneficial for families are the People Inc. Senior Companion and Senior Outreach Programs:

The People Inc. Senior Companion Program can help older adults who have difficulty with daily living tasks for grocery shopping, light cooking and housekeeping. Plus, volunteers 55 or older who live in Erie County and meet income guidelines, are needed to provide assistance. If you prefer to connect with people by phone, then you are in luck! The program's "Phone Connection" initiative allows volunteers the opportunity to reach out to recipients over the phone. Trained volunteers earn a stipend, mileage and meal reimbursement. For more information, call 716-768-2381.

Through the People Inc. Senior Outreach Program, case management services are provided one-on-one to adults 60 years or older who live at home to provide the necessary support to age in place. The program is available in Kenmore, Grand Island, North Buffalo, Tonawanda (city and town) and West Buffalo. Enrollees gain access to appropriate services, including: Adult day care, housekeeping, caregiver resources, food stamps, health insurance/Medicaid and home care services. Spanish-speaking staff is available. For more details, call 716-768-2357.

In addition to services, there are also a wide range of career opportunities with outstanding benefits to assist people of all abilities. The agency is need of compassionate people with various skills and real-world experience to join its team. Apply online: [people-inc.org/careers](http://people-inc.org/careers)

If you're interested in learning more about People Inc. Services for Seniors and Older Adults, as well as other agency supports, go to [people-inc.org](http://people-inc.org).



**People Inc. Senior Living Marigold Apartments**



**People Inc. Companion Program recipient Albert (left) and Betty (right), a volunteer through the program.**



**Genita, a tenant of People Inc. Linwood Lafayette Senior Apartments in Buffalo, NY.**



**Shirley, a People Inc. Senior Companion Program volunteer.**

Whether you are in need for yourself, a loved one or someone you assist, it is priceless to know there is a

reliable agency right in your neighborhood! The People Inc. Team is committed to being your resource.