Kalamazoo County is celebrating Elderhood and you’re invited to be a part of it!

The Celebrate Elderhood initiative is designed to bring attention to the issues of aging, challenging misconceptions and showcasing how this stage of the lifecycle enriches individuals, families and the whole community.

Coordinated by the Area Agency on Aging IIIA and Older Adult Services Advisory Council, Celebrate Elderhood is partnering with community organizations to offer events not to be missed throughout 2017, listed here.

For More Information

- Nominations for recognizing excellence and applications for scholarships
- An updated listing of events
- To provide contact information for persons turning 100 in 2017
- Celebrate Elderhood appreciates your tax deductible donation to Kalamazoo County Advocates for Senior Issues, who is the fiduciary. Donation form on the website.

Contact Brien by phone at:
(269) 373-5239

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Find forms and information on the website:
January 18, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Oakland Centre, 2255 W. Centre Avenue, Portage. See the acclaimed documentary “Being Mortal” based on Dr. Atul Gawande’s book. Sponsored by Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan. RSVP: (269) 488-0789.

February 19, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. – “Being Mortal” documentary as noted Jan. 18.

March – Annual “March for Meals” event, a month-long celebration of Meals on Wheels and a time to volunteer to deliver meals through Senior Services Southwest Michigan. Call (269) 382-0515 to volunteer.

March 9, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. – Kalamazoo Public Library Reading Together discussion of the aging chapter in “Writings on the Wall” by Kareem Abdul Jabbar. At Health & Community Services Dept., 3299 Gull Road.

March 15, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. – “Being Mortal” Documentary as noted Jan. 18.

April 21, 11:00 a.m. – Honoring Centenarians Luncheon at the Kalamazoo Country Club.

May is Older Americans Month – look for displays on aging at your local public library.

May 3, 8:15-1:00p.m. – WMU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Brain Health Conference at the College of Health and Human Services. Call (269) 387-4200 for more information and to register.

May 9, Noon – Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, documentary screening “The 100 Years Show – Carmen Herrera”, now 101 years old and still painting!

May 15 – Kalamazoo County Advocates for Senior Issues goes to Lansing for Older Michiganians Day.

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May 18, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. – “Celebrate Elderhood: Honoring Wisdom & Recognizing Excellence”, Radisson Hotel. Recognition and awards will be given to businesses, faith communities, service providers, direct care workers and others that exhibit standards of excellence, best practices, and innovation in serving elders in Kalamazoo County. Scholarships will be awarded and Senior Olympians, World War II veterans, and 5th Grade essay contest winners will be recognized. An event for the entire community. Register on Eventbrite.

June 15. – “Safe, Sound & Secure” Conference in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Place & time TBD.

Sept. 10, 1:30 p.m. – “These ARE Your Grandparents’ Gadgets!” Intergenerational event at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum.

October 3, 9:00-3:00 p.m. – Senior & Caregiver Expo at the Expo Center & Fairgrounds.