ENSURE DIGNITY IN AGING for you, your family, & our communities.

Your parents. Your grandparents. Your friends. You. We all age.

Throughout our lives, we care for the people around us, and if we’re lucky, we have loved ones to care for us. Care is universal. And we need more of it as we grow older.

When we’re young, many of us find it hard to imagine having financial, physical, or mental limitations. In our working years we try to save for the future, but it’s difficult to do with family responsibilities, housing, and other expenses—especially if you are a low-wage worker. As a result, 45% of people over the age of 65 don’t have enough income every month to meet their basic needs. Many of us take our health and mobility for granted, but as we grow older, we are likely to need help with physical tasks. Almost half of people 65 and older have a disability.

To ensure that we all have the care and financial security we need as we age, we must strengthen and expand our systems of support so that no one person or family has to go it alone.
Advancing Equity & Building Justice

For 50 years, Justice in Aging has been the only national legal rights organization focused on ending senior poverty. Through advocacy, education, and litigation, we ensure that older people can live with dignity, regardless of their financial circumstances—free from the worry, harm, and injustice caused by lack of quality health care, food, or a safe place to call home.

We use the power of law to transform the experience of aging for low-income older adults. We pursue systemic changes that advance equity for those who face historical, persistent, and structural racism, sexism, ableism, homophobia, xenophobia, and ageism.

We fight for:
- Economic Security
- Affordable Health Care
- Access to In-Home Care
- Elder Justice
- Accessible, Affordable Housing
- Nursing Home Residents’ Rights

Why Now?

THE PANDEMIC & RACIAL INEQUITIES

As someone who values equity, you understand that we don’t all experience the same challenges as we age. The pandemic and racial reckoning over the last two years have put a magnifying glass on how inequity is woven into the fabric of America. Shockingly, one in 100 people over the age of 65 have died from Covid-19, with Black and Hispanic older adults dying at much higher rates than white older adults.

THE INEQUITY OF SENIOR POVERTY

As you know, discrimination throughout a person’s life can take a collective toll on one’s finances and health, and that toll amplifies in retirement. As a result, women, people of color, immigrants, LGBTQ+ folks, and people with disabilities are far more likely to age in...

Join us in our vision for the next 50 years.

Let’s come together to advance equity and build justice for the next 50 years.

With your support, we can create a bright future for ourselves, our loved ones, and our larger community of elders. Join us.
poverty. Lack of opportunity in education and employment means that individuals in these groups disproportionately hold low-wage, yet essential, jobs in service, retail, delivery, hospitality, and care. Women, particularly, are always the first to cut back on hours or quit their jobs to care for family members, as many did during the pandemic. Low pay or no pay lead to meager savings and fewer contributions—if any—to Social Security. Despite having worked hard their whole lives, many are left living in poverty during retirement, if they are able to retire at all.

**FIGHTING FOR CHANGE FROM THE GROUND UP**

Every year, we train tens of thousands of advocates from every state in the country on how to solve legal issues for their older clients. From those partners, we get a detailed view of the systemic issues that impact people as they age. We bring those issues to Congress and government agencies at the local, state, and national level and advocate for sound fixes. When necessary, we use impact litigation to obtain justice through the courts. Justice in Aging has secured and returned billions of dollars in benefits to older adults over the last 50 years.

*Support creating a stronger, more just system.*

Justice in Aging is here to not only strengthen and expand our systems of support, but ensure equity, so that we all have the care we need as we age. *You can be right here with us, by supporting our work.*
By Supporting Justice in Aging, You Support:

**ECONOMIC SECURITY**
We all deserve a safe place to sleep, food on the table, and the ability to meet our basic needs as we grow older. Yet more than 7 million people over the age of 65 are living in poverty, and many more are just one misfortune away from economic disaster. Rates of poverty are highest for Black, Hispanic, and Native American older adults who have experienced systemic racism throughout their lives. Justice in Aging works to expand and improve access to Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI), so that low wage workers who don’t have sufficient savings for retirement can pay rent, buy groceries, and meet other basic needs as they age.

**AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE**
Being able to see a doctor, afford our medications, and still have enough left over for other basic needs is essential as we grow older. Having access to affordable, quality medical care that is easy to navigate keeps us healthy and engaged. The pandemic has exposed profound gaps and inequities in our health care system. Justice in Aging uses legal tools to reform Medicare and Medicaid so that they work the way they are supposed to for the millions of older people who rely on them.

**ACCESS TO IN-HOME CARE**
The ability to stay in our own homes as we age is critical to our emotional and physical health. Having access to quality, in-home care not only preserves independence, but it is less expensive than a nursing home. Those who provide care during their working lives—often women of color—are the least likely to be able to afford such care themselves. Justice in Aging’s advocacy is expanding in-home care options for older adults and people with disabilities across the country.

**ELDER JUSTICE**
As we grow older, we may need to rely on others to provide help in some areas of our lives. But we also have the right to make our own decisions about how we want to live that must be honored. The pandemic has heightened isolation and loneliness
and exposed more people to potential abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. Justice in Aging promotes programs and systems that are designed to ensure older people can stay informed, engaged in their communities, and able to make decisions about their own lives.

**ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

We all want a place to belong and call home. But affordable, age-friendly housing is out of reach for many older people. Almost one in three older renter households pay more than half their monthly income in rent, leaving them on the edge of homelessness. Justice in Aging trains advocates across the country on how to connect their older clients to affordable housing, and works on the systems level to increase the supply of and funding for affordable housing for older adults.

**NURSING HOME RESIDENTS’ RIGHTS**

If you or a loved one is living in a nursing home, the safety and quality of that facility is a top concern. Too often, the care provided in nursing homes is not high quality and endangers residents. The pandemic has revealed just how dangerous living in a nursing home can be. Approximately 150,000 nursing home residents have died of COVID-19 to date, accounting for more than one-fifth of all deaths. Nursing homes that serve more low-income people of color have had the highest rates of COVID-19 infections and deaths. Justice in Aging works tirelessly to give voice to and advance the rights of older adults living in nursing facilities and ensure they receive quality care, especially during the pandemic.
At a glance

POLICY ADVOCACY
Over its 50-year history, Justice in Aging has used its legal expertise to create, improve, and defend many of the nation’s most critical policies that are the bedrock of our system of supports for low-income older adults. These include the Older Americans Act, the Social Security Act, the Affordable Care Act, and the Nursing Home Reform Act.

IMPACT LITIGATION
Over the past five decades, Justice in Aging has won various class actions against the Social Security Administration that, combined, have returned more than $2 billion in unfairly denied benefits to low-income older adults. We have litigated and won cases that have protected and secured access to hundreds of millions of dollars of in-home care for low-income older adults, and improved access to health care through Medicare and Medicaid.

Justice in Aging Fast Facts

- We reach **tens of thousands of advocates** each year through our online resources and webinar trainings.
- We provide **expert legal consultation** to thousands of individual advocates each year to assist in solving problems for their older clients.
- We **regularly testify in front of Congress** on issues impacting older people.
- We are a **go-to source for national media outlets** on health care and economic security programs, nursing facility issues, and a variety of other issues at the intersection of aging and poverty.
- **More than 100,000** people visit our website each year, and thousands more follow us on social media.
- We have a Four-Star rating on Charity Navigator and a Gold Seal for transparency from Guidestar.
Invest in Justice in Aging’s vital work.

A place to belong—surrounded by friends and family—free of worry as we age. That’s what we all want. By making an investment in Justice in Aging, you fuel our vital fight against senior poverty to make that vision a reality.

Whether it’s you, your parents, your grandparents, your friends, or our larger community of elders, your gift puts older people at the heart of our society, so they can contribute their wisdom, vibrant history, and love for our families in return.

Your gift advances equity. Your gift builds justice.

Most importantly, your gift to Justice in Aging is an investment in our collective future. Together, let’s ensure that every stage of our lives is filled with community, dignity, and care for one another. Join us!

Justice in Aging isn’t just a name, it’s the people they represent—all older adults from all walks of life. They deeply care, and as a result of their commitment, they are impacting our diverse communities in a real way. I can’t think of any other organization doing more around equity and aging to dismantle barriers and achieve systemic change.

I run a direct service organization for low-income, older people of color. Justice in Aging partners with us to better understand what we’re seeing in our communities. Then they take our perspective and integrate it into their advocacy efforts, legal battles, and education programs.

Justice in Aging’s work is national, but it really impacts people at the heart, where the rubber meets the road in our communities. They fight so all of us can achieve our mission: to enable older adults from diverse backgrounds to age well with dignity and respect.

RIGO SABORIO
Community Leader, Gerontologist
When it comes to Justice in Aging, “like” is not the word. It’s “quintessential.” “Quintessential justice.” And there’s no other agency like it.

Justice in Aging knows the law. They help seniors like me understand it, share it with everyone we know, and partner with us to change the system. The education and advocacy experience I’ve gotten working with Justice in Aging has helped me feel in control as I get older. With knowledge, seniors are a force to be reckoned with, so government leaders and agencies know we mean business.

I’ll be 80 this year. As you grow older, and you’re in your right mind, you want people to listen and not fluff you off like you don’t understand. Justice in Aging listens. They have passion and dedication. And they treat everybody how they want to be treated: with dignity and respect.

ELLA JONES
Self Advocate

I give to Justice in Aging because they understand the very essence of humanity and how the lack of opportunity impacts people when they age.

You can’t solve problems from a distance—you have to get up close. Justice in Aging doesn’t tell older adults what they need, they get up close and listen. They take the time to understand people’s lived experience, particularly low-income and also people of color. Then they take those experiences and drive the systemic change that’s needed for everyone to thrive as they age.

I don’t give out of a sense of charity. People don’t want charity—they want an equal shot. Justice in Aging is fighting each and every day to ensure that laws are equitable, so people have an equal shot.

JEAN ACCIUS
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