



**COUNCIL ON AGING**  
IN UNION COUNTY

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**Council on Aging Offered Grant Funding From The Leon Levine Foundation**

**Monroe, North Carolina, October 17, 2016** - Council on Aging has been given an exciting opportunity to expand our In-Home Services Program to help older adults stay in their homes. In addition to a \$15,000 grant, The Leon Levine Foundation has generously offered \$15,000 in matching funds to extend services to people on our waiting list.

Council on Aging's In-Home Service Program provides care to seniors that may need help in order to stay in their homes safely. These individuals are at risk because they can no longer complete household chores such as vacuuming and cleaning, safely attend to personal care, drive to get groceries, or launder clothes. For each \$20 donation, Council on Aging can provide an hour of in-home aide service. An hour can mean that the floor is clear of trip hazards, the bathroom is clean and safe, and that bedding has been changed. An hour can mean that the individual has been helped with bathing and has freshly shampooed hair. An hour can mean that a spouse has been able to go to their doctor appointment knowing that an aide is caring for loved one. One hour can have a powerful impact on a homebound senior or caregiver.

Through the support of The Leon Levine Foundation, new donations received for the In-Home Services Program will be matched. A \$5 donation means \$10 to the agency, \$100 becomes a donation of \$200 with the match. If you have donated to our agency in the past, we would appreciate your continued support, as any increase in funding will be matched. With our community's support, Council on Aging is anticipating a significant increase in the number of seniors that will be able to receive services.

Council on Aging in Union County is a 501©3 non-profit agency that has been serving Union County seniors since 1972. Your donation is tax deductible. Please take this opportunity to make a significant impact on the lives of seniors.

*The Leon Levine Foundation's mission is to improve the human condition by creating permanent, measurable and life-changing impact. The organization invests in nonprofits with a successful track record and a focus on sustainability in the areas of healthcare, education, Jewish values and/or human services. Started by Leon Levine, the creator of the first Family Dollar Store in Charlotte, N.C., in 1980, the foundation has grown into one of the country's largest and most impactful philanthropic organizations. For more information, please visit [www.leonlevinefoundation.org](http://www.leonlevinefoundation.org)*

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