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Our ever-increasing life expectancy may be the greatest achievement of modern society. Improved medical knowledge and an enhanced quality of life have allowed people to live to ages once thought impossible. That creates new opportunities and challenges in ensuring that our communities support active and healthy aging. Those efforts will create advantages for people of all ages: Solutions that improve the physical environment, access to services and public transportation, social participation and inclusion are smart strategies that make our world more livable overall.

Recognizing the increasing needs of global aging, in 2006 the World Health Organization (WHO) brought together 33 cities in 22 countries to determine key elements that support active and healthy aging. These cities formed the Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities. In July 2011, the Des Moines City Council approved Iowa’s capital in becoming a WHO Age-Friendly City, the first city in the Midwest and the third in the United States to do so.

Since then, Des Moines University, AARP of Iowa and Aging Resources of Central Iowa, along with city leaders, have been working to identify and pursue goals in the eight domains outlined by the WHO:

- outdoor spaces and buildings
- transportation
- housing
- social participation
- respect and social inclusion
- civic participation and employment
- communication and information
- community support and health services

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