

## How the Coronavirus Pandemic Fuels America's Loneliness Epidemic, and what you can do about it..

Before anyone knew about Coronavirus, many countries were already fighting a rapidly growing loneliness pandemic that affects 43% of elderly individuals.



The effects of "shelter at home" policies and increased fear of coming in contact with the COVID-19 virus if they leave their homes, have caused seniors to be at a greater risk of loneliness and isolation and their deadly effects.

Research has linked social isolation and loneliness to higher risk of:

- High blood pressure
- · Heart disease
- Obesity
- Weakened immune system
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Cognitive decline
- · Alzheimer's disease
- And even death



Ready to make a difference in a seniors life? Keep reading to learn the 6 ways you can get involved.

## Here are 6 ways to safely make this difficult time for seniors a little less lonely and isolated.

- 1. Volunteer to write a note or call a senior who is alone and talk for a few minutes.
  - 2. Volunteer to make a hot meal for a homebound senior.
- 3. Volunteer to make and deliver a We Care package to a homebound senior. (Call LIVE-IT to at 865-773-0715 to get content list of package)
  - 4. Volunteer to pick up groceries or prescriptions for a homebound senior.
  - 5. Volunteer to drive seniors with no transportation to essential appointments.
    - 6. Give to support LIVE-IT reaching more lonely and isolated seniors.

## **Connecting People to Purpose**

We have a growing list of seniors who need to know that people care about them and feel valued.

Volunteer or give online at: www.liveit.care / For more info call: 865-773-0715



