

Here's your first issue of ENCORE COMPANION!  
Read up on ENCORE -- a local movement to engage those 50+ years.  
Together, we explore the possibilities of the second half of our lives.



Welcome to the inaugural issue of Encore Companion! Read about some local Encore stars, our work with Healthy Homes Coalition of West Michigan, and background on how the Encore movement got started. Plus, we have a calendar of events, including "Life Reimagined Checkups."

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## Read About Our Local Encore Stars

Meet Linda & Fred Fish and Martha & Larry Brooks, two couples who have been friends for decades and volunteer weekly at Health Intervention Services in Grand Rapids' Burton Heights neighborhood. [READ MORE](#)



## Spotlight on Encore Work: Healthy Homes Coalition of West Michigan

Encore fellows Jane Royer and Tera Wozniak Qualls worked with Healthy Homes Coalition to identify additional resources from staff, clients and volunteers to reach more children and families and they're delighted with the results. [READ MORE](#)



Local Family Helped by the Healthy Homes Coalition

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## Encore Team Update

Our Encore Fellows appear at various spots all around Grand Rapids, spreading the word about Encore. Tom Rademacher writes the stories you see on our website, Facebook page and Twitter, while Jane Royer represents Encore at events like the Community Resource & Volunteer Fair with Tom below.



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## Our Encore Network is Expanding!

Jane Royer and Tera Wozniak Qualls have made great headway in recruiting and inspiring a growing number of Encore Network members -- each contributing to the Encore movement here in Grand Rapids while also determining their own Encore path. [READ MORE](#)

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## How Did Encore Start?

Encore started as an idea -- Marc Freedman's -- a thought leader and author, with his book, *Encore: Finding Work That Matters in The Second Half of Life*. [READ MORE](#)  
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And, visit the website: [www.encore.org](http://www.encore.org)

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## Events!

Sometimes life takes unexpected turns. But it's never too late to make a change and we can guide you. In partnership with Encore, AARP offers free *Life Reimagined Checkups* where you can reflect on your goals, harness your underlying strengths and get the tools to take the next step. Also read about the November 7th Encore Network Meet-Up. [READ MORE](#)

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## Let Us Know What You Think

We'd love your input. Send your thoughts, suggestions and impressions to [mmcloughlin@grfoundation.org](mailto:mmcloughlin@grfoundation.org)

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