



Nashville PBS' **Aging Matters** series has been exploring topics relevant to Middle Tennessee's older citizens for 12 years. These themes come from community members, social trends, issues affecting Nashvillians and Middle Tennesseans — and sometimes stem from the producers' own concerns or questions. As we've told more and more of these stories in documentaries, panel discussions and other companion programs, as well as short videos, we've realized and shown how these subjects are also important to the rest of the population.

Funding from the West End Home Foundation also allows for the continuation of WNPT's production work and outreach. We've restyled our **Aging Matters** community outreach over the past couple of years to bring meaningful dialogue about aging directly into Nashville neighborhoods through our free **Coffee & Conversation** events. Held monthly at local FiftyForward centers, these events include screenings of **Aging Matters** programs, followed by discussions on wellness, caregiving, and resources discussed in the films. With an approximate audience of 400 community members in 2025, the screenings extend the impact of public media beyond the screen and into trusted gathering spaces. As one attendee said, "all human beings will eventually need to know that aging matters."

Vision for the Future, WNPT's next **Aging Matters** documentary, premieres in June 2026 and is about ophthalmic issues of particular concern to older people. Working with the Vanderbilt Eye Institute, Nashville PBS aims to help viewers understand the role our eyes play in our overall health and to shed light on advances in technology and therapeutic procedures that could help prevent or even reverse vision loss. As always, the program combines the experiences of real community members with information shared by experts and resource providers.

Aging Matters spots are viewed

3.5 MILLION
TIMES EACH YEAR

Recent documentary **Aging with Honor** focuses on veterans and the unique challenges they face, as well as services and opportunities available to those who served our country. Another project, **Outpriced and Overlooked**, showed how Nashville's rising housing costs affect people in a variety of situations — some may have owned their homes for decades but find it difficult to afford increased property taxes or to pay for needed repairs. In the film, we were able to update the story of Cynthia, first introduced to viewers in our **Unhoused** documentary, when she faced medical challenges exacerbated by her living conditions. In the subsequent documentary, viewers see Cynthia thriving in her own apartment, her therapy dog back by her side.

Nashville PBS is grateful for West End Home Foundation's continued support of **Aging Matters** and we look forward to working together to serve Middle Tennessee.



Documentaries and spots are viewed

15,000x
EACH YEAR
ON OUR WEBSITE

