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Lewis County Department of Social Services and Lewis County Office for the Aging are partnering with local school districts through the Strong Schools Strong Community partnership to assist older community members and those with chronic health conditions to stay at home.

This coordinated effort will assist community members with obtaining needed supplies while practicing good social distancing. DSS and OFA will assign **trusted volunteers from local school districts** to run errands. School volunteers will provide grocery shopping, pharmacy pick up, and other important errands within 3-5 days of a request. If an individual or family does not have money to meet their own needs DSS and OFA will assist in finding local resources.

For more information or to make a referral contact Lewis County Department of Social Services at 315-376-5400 from 8:30AM-4:30PM Monday thru Friday. Please ask for the Volunteer Delivery Program.

This effort shows the strength of our schools and community working together. We will continue to provide support for our older community members and those at risk as long as needed to keep our community as healthy as possible.