

Union County SLIPS Program

The Union County Older Adult Falls Coalition partnered with the annual United Way's Community Care Day to launch the fall prevention home assessment program, SLIPS. SLIPS, Seniors Living Independently & Safely, is a free service for Union County seniors, ages 60+ years. Through this service, trained volunteers visit seniors' homes and identify ways to reduce fall risk and improve safety. SLIPS was kicked off on May 20, 2014 across Union County.

By the Numbers

23

Volunteers
Recruited

3

Trainings
Held

36

Homes
Visited

25

Modifications
Recommended

Each volunteer received a packet of SLIPS materials to use on the home assessments. Packets included the Home Safety Checklist, handouts on fall prevention home safety products, tips for staying safe around pets, exercises to do at home, and information on other services available for seniors.



Coalition members, Brenda Rock and Tonya Brooks, visit with Mary Scheiderer of Marysville and conduct a falls assessment of her home. After the visit, recommended modifications such as the installation of grab bars in her bathroom will be provided at no charge.



Dave Bezusko of United Way of Union County visits with Scheiderer and reviews the outcome of her home assessment.