

# **Looking for Volunteer Coaches**

Chances are you know someone who has fallen or who is afraid of falling. A Matter of Balance is a proven program designed to help people manage concerns about falls and increase physical activity. A Matter of Balance is looking for volunteers to help provide this program.

#### This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls.

#### **Participants learn to:**

- view falls as controllable
- set goals for increasing activity
- make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- exercise to increase strength and balance

Classes are held twice a week for 4 weeks or once a week for 2 hours each. Coaches help participants become more confident about managing falls, help to identify ways to reduce falls, and lead exercises to help increase strength and balance.

#### What do you need to be a coach?

- good communication and interpersonal skills
- enthusiasm, dependability and a willingness to lead small groups of older adults
- ability to lead low to moderate level exercise

## **Upcoming Coach Training**

Friday June 7, 2019 8-4:30 (Lunch will be provided) Immaculate Conception Parish Formation Center 2000 Richmond, Mattoon, IL 61938 Master Trainers: Mike O'Donnell & Sheila Greuel

### To Register and obtain a Coach application, please contact: Sheila Greuel, MA 217-725-6081

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