

Historic Timeline

1984 - Dell Computer Corporation is founded in Austin.

1985 - **Austin Groups for the Elderly** established by Austin civic leaders Bert Kruger Smith and Willie Kocurek, to expand services to older adults in the community and provide assistance in the most efficient, cooperative manner possible.

1986 - The new non-profit purchases the vacant School for the Blind Annex from the State's General Land office; opened in 1907 as the Confederate Woman's Home, the facility cared for more than 340 indigent women during a period of 55 years, and was a popular site that hosted many Austin community events throughout the years.

1987 - South by Southwest film, interactive, and music festivals and conferences begins.

1989 - The World Wide Web created.

1990 - Elderhaven senior day center, run by Lutheran Social Services, moves to the AGE Building. On December 10, 1990, the **AGE Building** mortgage is paid off.

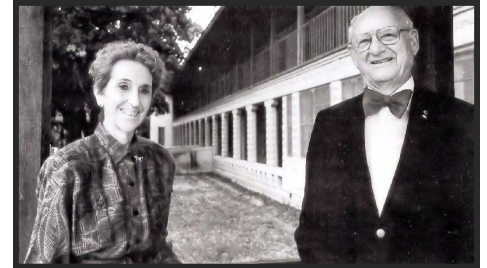
1991 - The Cold War ends.

1994 - AGE launches the annual **AGE Awards**, recognizing outstanding achievements by individuals and organizations whose leadership and contributions have had a significant impact on the quality of life for aging adults and their caregivers in Central Texas. *The 25th Annual AGE Awards were held on April 26, 2019, and celebrated the legacy of retired AGE Executive Director Joyce Lauck.*

1996 - AGE assumes operation of Elderhaven, which was launched in 1974 as the first adult day center in Central Texas. *The program continues today as the Austin Thrive Social & Wellness Center.*

1998 - SeniorNet opens, teaching computer skills to adults 50 years of age and older. *The program continues today as the **AGE Computer Lab**, offering peer-based technology classes for Central Texas adults.* AGE's annual operating budget is \$631,838.00.

1999 - Austin-Bergstrom International Airport opens, replacing Robert Mueller Municipal Airport.



AGE of Central Texas co-founders Bert Kruger Smith & Willie Kocurek



2001 - **“Striking a Balance” Caregiver Conference** launched in collaboration with Area Agency on Aging of the Capital Area, and remains the longest-running caregiver conference in Central Texas

2002 - Austin City Limits Music Festival is founded.

2004 - AGE **Caregiver Resource Center** opens to provide information, education, and consultation to caregivers; the AGE annual operating budget tops \$800,000.00.

2005 - University of Texas becomes the National Football Champions under coach Mack Brown, while hurricanes Katrina and Rita hit New Orleans and Houston.

2006 - The first sections of Austin’s first toll roads open.

2007 - Austin’s population approaches 750,000 residents.

2008 - AGE transitions from “Austin Groups for the Elderly” to “AGE of Austin” and assumes control of the **Adult Day Health Center in Round Rock**; *today, both the Austin and Round Rock Thrive Social & Wellness Centers remain the only licensed adult day health care programs in Central Texas.* AGE’s annual operating budget exceeds \$1,229,000.00.



2009 - Barack Obama elected first African American President of the United States, and Impact Austin funds the creation of AGE’s **Health Equipment Lending Program**, *which today serves more than 1,300 families a year with free loans of durable medical equipment.*

2010 - Capital MetroRail begins operating.

2011 - **CaregiverU** launches to provide free caregiver classes in Central Texas, starting with 5 partner agencies and 10 class leaders. *Today, more than 100 class leaders from more than 30 partner agencies offer 40+ free caregiver support classes annually in Travis, Williamson, Hays, and Bastrop counties.*

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2012 - AGE officially changes from “AGE of Austin” to “AGE of Central Texas” and assumes the “New Connections” early memory loss support program at Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church, *which has now grown to five Central Texas community-based sites as the “Memory Connections” early memory loss support program.*

2013 - AGE’s annual operating budget tops \$2 million.

2014 - The annual AGE **Williamson County Caregiver Conference** debuts in Round Rock and AGE celebrates the 20th anniversary of the annual **AGE Awards**.

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2015 - AGE launches the annual **Pflugerville Seniors Conference**.

2016 - AGE celebrates its 30th Anniversary and launches a partnership with the City of Austin to provide transportation options for senior adults living in 7 of the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) community residential properties.

2018 - Joyce Lauck retires after 20 years as AGE’s Executive Director, and Suzanne Anderson is selected to continue AGE’s legacy of service. AGE rebrands with updated logo, mission statement, and vision statement. And AGE’s annual budget tops \$1.4 million.