



## ARAW Beneficiary Advocate

Our Beneficiary Advocates support the Association's goal of *promoting independence and enhancing the quality of life for elderly, low-income women in our community through financial support of qualified individuals* and serve as *trusted, knowledgeable advocates who identify and connect the ARAW to women in need.*

The ARAW Beneficiary Advocate will have a proven track record of passionate concern for elderly women in our community and the mission of the ARAW. The ARAW Beneficiary Advocate role is to screen applicants, conduct due diligence of submission elements, facilitate fulfillment of ARAW support when awarded and ensure continuing connection to ARAW through thoughtful stewardship. They will do so with a keen knowledge of community programs, resources and support available to the elderly population.

The ARAW values thoughtful advocacy and impactful engagement. The ARAW Beneficiary Advocate will be a dynamic relationship-builder who simultaneously works with an existing portfolio of active beneficiaries, while working to connect eligible women from new populations with the resources of the ARAW.

As directed by Executive Director, the ARAW Beneficiary Advocate will determine eligibility and needs for *new referrals*. The ARAW Beneficiary Advocate will also manage the needs of *active beneficiaries* – women who receive ongoing support from the ARAW or who have previously received one or more gifts from the ARAW.

All applications for ARAW support are completed by Beneficiary Advocates who follow a prescribed formula. ARAW applications are completed during a home visit to assess the beneficiary or prospective beneficiary's quality of life and living situation. A complete application includes confirmation of a home visit, a consent form, a cover letter, an ARAW application (disclosing information about finances, health, quality of life and family) and any relevant supporting documentation.

When appropriate, the ARAW Beneficiary Advocate will refer any prospective beneficiaries and active beneficiaries to appropriate programs and resources, beyond the ARAW, which may be able to meet their specific needs.