



With funding from the H.R.C. Foundation to establish Learning Centers in underserved communities, SeniorNet opened a Learning Center at Emmaus Services for the Aging in Washington, DC, on October 18, 2006

[Emmaus Services for the Aging](#) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that reaches out to build trust with seniors to provide support advocacy and services that help them remain active, respected, independent and vital members of their community.

## **HISTORY**

A lifelong champion for the rights of the poor and the elderly, Dr. Arthur S. Flemming served in every president's administration, from FDR to Clinton, and held such positions as Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Commissioner on Aging and Chair of the Civil Rights Commission. His passion to serve the elderly lead him to organize a coalition of five local faith communities who would seek out frail and isolated seniors and connect them to the support they needed. The dedicated efforts of Dr. Flemming and the five founding faith communities lead to the beginning of Emmaus Services for the Aging. In 1978 Emmaus opened its doors to the community and more than 27 years later, moved into a new building in the Shaw community, named in honor of the late Dr. Flemming.

## **PROGRAMS**

In addition to sustaining the new SeniorNet Learning Center, Emmaus coordinates over 300 volunteers annually who assist Emmaus in providing the following free programs and services to over 850 seniors (age 60+) in the community:

- Reassurance calls and visits

- Confidential visits from a licensed social worker
- Home health screenings, prescription drug advice, and blood pressure checks
- Help with government/private aid applications like food stamps and reduced cost utilities
  
- Monthly delivery of free groceries
- Light home cleanings
- Eviction prevention and housing advocacy
- In-house legal advice by Legal Council for the Elderly, an AARP Foundation project
- Advocacy for seniors in long term care facilities through the DC Long Term Care

Ombudsman Program

- Exercise/nutrition classes and enriching onsite activities
- Holiday Events: Thanksgiving Meal Delivery, Holiday Party, Holiday Gift Delivery
- Doula to Accompany and Comfort Program for seniors with serious illnesses
- Fund the Gap Program (emergency monetary assistance)
- Feast for All Senior Market
- CyberSeniors Computer Training
- Field Trips

[Photos from the opening](#)

[Photos of volunteers receiving certificates of appreciation](#) at the opening

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