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Strategies for Preventing and Overcoming Elder Abuse

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Elder Abuse – What is it

- Elder abuse can be defined as “a single, or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust which causes harm or distress to an older person”
– WHO



Elder Abuse – The Impact

- Families, Community, Society
- Social and Mental Health Effects
- Physical effects
- 3X more likely to die prematurely
- Economic Costs



Preventing Elder Abuse

- Legislation
- Policies
- Public education and intergenerational interventions
- Family support



**Together
WE can STOP
elder abuse**



Individual Safety guidelines

- Caring for your health
- Seeking professional help
- Accessing domestic violence services.
- Staying active in the community
- Planning for your own future.
- Using direct deposit for all checks.
- Posting and opening your own mail.
- Having your own phone



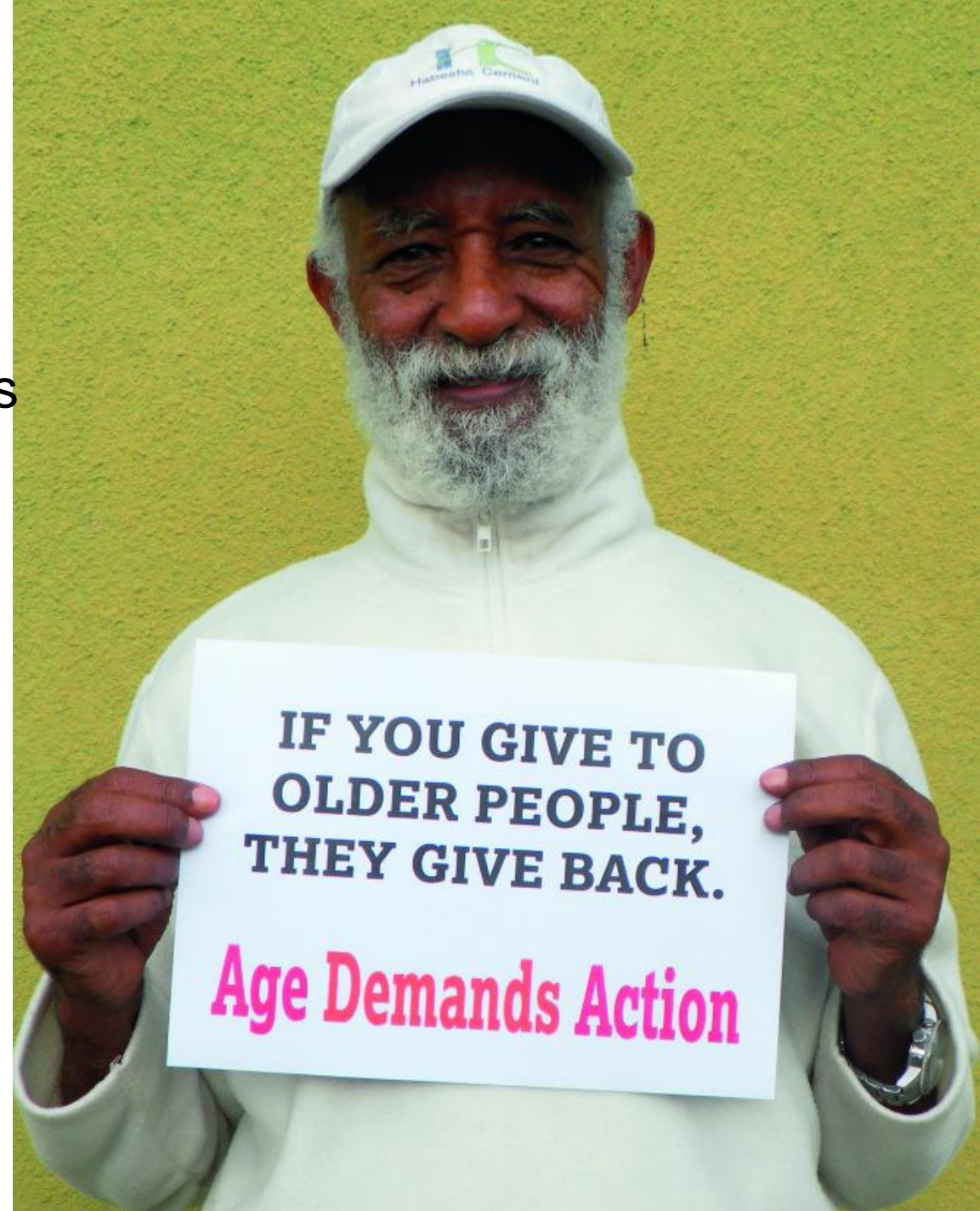
Guidelines to prevent violence against the Elderly

- Surroundings
- Movements
- Trusted Support
- Safety Devices
- Accessories



Overcoming Elder Abuse

- Society – Changing Negative Stereotypes
- Reporting incidents
- Accessing Justice
- Accessing support
- Managing Caregiver Stress



Once a man, *Once* a child – Let's Respect our Elderly



Thank You