

Portage Senior Center

2013-2014 Annual Report



***Serving seniors in the community
for over 35 years!***

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Portage Senior Center is to provide, with the help of its members, information and a range of services, activities, and volunteer opportunities that promote personal growth, friendship, health and independence for adults age 50 and over.

Established in 1979, the Portage Senior Center is the first nationally-accredited senior center in Michigan. The Portage Senior Center is a vital, vibrant place, offering a wide variety of services and activities that change with the needs and desires of its members.

A Unit of the National Council on Aging



Individuals join the Portage Senior Center for a variety of reasons. Some enjoy the travel adventures, others participate in exercise and other classes and still more look to the center as a place to socialize and spend time.

Regardless of what brings seniors in the door, Portage Senior Center members are offered the flexibility to choose from many activities in which to participate. A variety of activities are programmed every day. Members can stop by as often as they wish and stay as long as they like.

In 2013-2014, the Portage Senior Center made a transition from a 14-passenger mini bus to an accessible 8-passenger van in cooperation with the City of Kalamazoo Metro Transit Community Services Van program. While the exchange resulted in a reduction in some services due to the smaller vehicle, a reduction in transportation costs has been realized.

Volunteers continue to play a critical role in programs and services offered at the Portage Senior Center, with 203 individuals providing nearly 22,000 hours of service. The contributions included serving meals, leading interest groups and programs, performing administrative duties or serving as board members.



Partnering Agencies

- ◆ Area Agency on Aging Region IIIA
- ◆ AARP
- ◆ Bronson Methodist Hospital
- ◆ City of Kalamazoo Metro Transit
- ◆ Portage YMCA
- ◆ Senior Services, Inc.
- ◆ St. Catherine’s of Sienna Catholic Church
- ◆ Portage Community Center
- ◆ Portage District Library
- ◆ Portage Public Schools
- ◆ West Michigan Glass Art Center

The Year In Review

Registered members	1374
New Members	176
Volunteers	203
Volunteer Hours	21,679
No-Cost Income Tax Preparations (Partnership with AARP)	216
Travel Adventures Offered	40
Travelers.....	1068
Scholarships for Membership and/or Programs	19
(Partnership with Friends of the Portage Senior Center)	

The Portage Senior Center lobby received a much needed face lift, thanks to the Friends of the Portage Senior Center and member donors. A complete remodel and new furnishings have resulted in a warm welcoming space where patron use during the day has nearly doubled.



Fundraising for the Portage Senior Center has become increasingly critical in maintaining a full-service senior center. The Friends of the Portage Senior Center hosted several outstanding fundraisers during 2013-2014, such as the Annual Appeal, the Holiday Bazaar and the PSC Golf Outing, resulting in an end-of-the year gift of \$25,000 toward the operational costs of the Center.

The Portage Senior Center gained its first full year of attendance and program statistics through the use of the new MySeniorCenter™ system. (See the relevant data below.) The use of the system by members has been a critical step to gaining accurate statistics of membership and participation.

An effort to increase community awareness and support of the Portage Senior Center is underway for 2014-2015. The staff of the Portage Senior Center is dedicated to using their experience and enthusiasm to increase membership and program participation in the coming year.

PARTICIPATION

At the Portage Senior Center, a variety of programs, classes and group activities are offered, providing something for everyone! The Center hosts a wide variety of interest and hobby groups.

Category	Duplicated	Unduplicated
Art, Music, Culture	1,308	111
Community Events	252	135
Computer Education	87	57
Education	84	54
Evidence Based	2,261	102
Fitness	3,197	136
Fundraisers	224	77
Health and Wellness	850	228
Information and Referral	827	334
Intergenerational	330	49
Meeting	447	170
Recreation	7,584	291
Senior Services Lunch	2,224	166
Social	3,456	301
Travel	1,650	264
Volunteer	15	12
Total Event Sign-ins	24,816	1,021

VOLUNTEERS

The Portage Senior Center relies heavily on volunteers to provide information and a range of services, opportunities and activities which promote personal growth, health, friendship and independence for older adults.

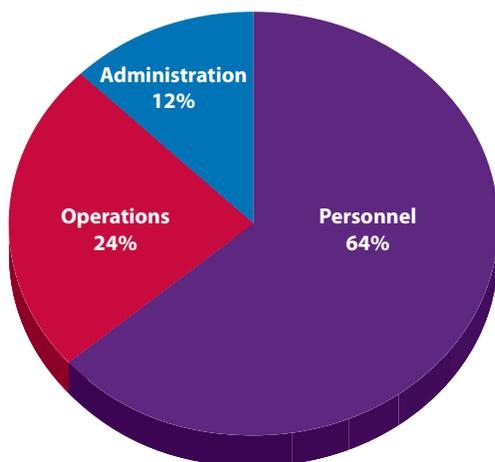
Volunteer Service Type	Hours	Duplicated	Unduplicated
Administrative Support	956.8	238	19
Board Member	854.57	246	20
Club/Group Support	15,458.72	2,558	145
Coffee Bar Hostess	112	51	5
Events/Programs	660.42	185	46
General Services	115.82	61	9
Health Services	53.37	24	3
Instructor	217.8	82	5
Kitchen	1,073.93	1,092	17
Training	5.5	4	3
Transportation	872.87	159	5
Travel	1,297.38	311	16
Totals	21,679.28	5,011	203

2013-2014 Financial Report*

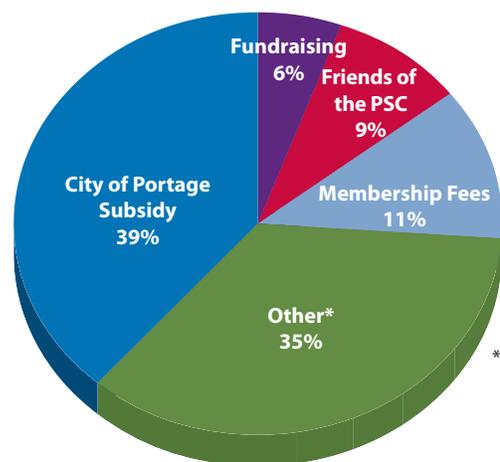
Staff, Friends of the Portage Senior Center and members raise more than 50 percent of operating costs. The Portage Senior Center receives partial funding from the City of Portage. Additional funds are raised through membership fees, special fundraising events, trips, grants, donations and memorial gifts.

*Based on raw financial data as of September 30, 2014. Complete financial reports will be available following official audit results.

Expenditures \$275,705



Revenue \$275,705



*Travel revenue, activity fees, facility rental, advertising revenue, etc.

Portage Senior Center Staff

William Deming, Director of Parks, Recreation
& Public Services

Kim Phillips, Senior Citizen Services Manager

Janet Gates, Administrative Assistant

Denita Demler, Program and Volunteer Coordinator

Johanna Thompson, Trip Coordinator

Allison Alexander, Receptionist

Judy Grey, Receptionist

Senior Citizen Advisory Board, 2013-2014

Ann Perkins, Chair

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Mary Maisto

Ruth Ann Meyer

Mary Lou Petrulio

Trudy Riker

Art Roberts

Karen Warner

Friends of the Portage Senior Center Board of Directors

Kimberly Middleton, President

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Alexandria Lueth, Treasurer

Jason Horan

Greg Miller

Georganne Oldenburg

Bob Perkins

Arun Tandon

Ryan Turtle

Supporting the Portage Senior Center

***Your generosity of spirit and support
can make a difference in the lives of
seniors. Assist the Portage Senior
Center in fulfilling its mission and
providing a range of services. Support
the Portage Senior Center in the
following ways:***

Become a Member

Make a Financial Contribution

***Contribute "In Kind" Goods (Coffee,
Program Supplies, etc.)***

***Include the Portage Senior Center in
Your Estate Planning***

***Volunteer - Lead a Group, Drive the
Senior Center Van, Assist with a
Special Event***

