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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*



Portage Senior Center

2014-2015 Annual Report

Our Vision

*We envision a community that
understands and embraces the
power of healthy aging to positively
transform lives.*

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.*



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



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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.

Active aging is the process of optimizing opportunities for health, participation and security in order to enhance quality of life.

At the Portage Senior Center (PSC), we create opportunities for older adults to realize their potential for physical, social and mental well-being. Active adults can remain vital contributors to their families, friends and the community.

During the 2014-2015 year, many opportunities were offered to older adults to help them maintain or improve their level of activity and connect with others. Community partnerships continued to help develop new programs. The PSC worked with Portage Public Schools to create a winter indoor walking program using a school facility. "Coffee with Public Safety" was launched, allowing members to connect with local Public Safety officers. The PSC Needlers created mittens, gloves, hats and scarves throughout the year, resulting in donations of over 1,000 pieces to local not-for-profit organizations.

Services and programs are made possible and enhanced by committed PSC volunteers. This year, 218 volunteers provided over 20,000 hours of service, such as leading interest groups and programs, serving meals and working behind the scenes as members of a board or performing administrative duties. Thanks to the generosity of Michelle's Restaurant in Portage, almost 100 volunteers were able to enjoy a special recognition breakfast.

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
- ◆ Western Michigan University

The Year In Review

Registered Members	1,255
New Members	216
Volunteers	218
Volunteer Hours	20,395
No-Cost Income Tax Preparations (Partnership with AARP)	132
Travel Adventures Offered	36
Travelers	468
Scholarships for Membership and/or Programs	31
Value of Scholarships	\$1,139
(Partnership with Friends of the Portage Senior Center)	

Some of the PSC rooms received much needed renovations, thanks to the Friends of the Portage Senior Center (FPSC) and member donors. Remodeling of the PSC's Meeting Room was accomplished with the removal of cabinets and repair of flooring and walls. The Multi-Purpose Room is much brighter thanks to the installation of new energy efficient lighting fixtures.

Fundraising is an area that is increasingly important to our ability to provide services. The FPSC held several outstanding fundraisers in 2015. Of special note was the first-ever "It's in the Bag" event. Over 1,000 donated purses were made available for sale at the event where more than 200 shoppers raised approximately \$4,500. This year, FPSC gave an end-of-the-year gift of \$35,000 towards operational costs of the PSC. Other special events included the Holiday Bazaar and the annual Golf Outing.

Other programs of special note included events that not only helped educate the community but gave members opportunity to interact and assist with a variety of presentations. A "Countdown to Kwanzaa" event held in December, as well as a presentation on Native Americans were well received. A successful partnership with Bronson offered a number of health-related programs. New exercise programs were added giving members continued chances to increase their activity levels, including a popular "Drumming" class.

We know that the upcoming year will hold more opportunities for growth and change. There is no doubt that staff, volunteers and members are ready to help the Portage Senior Center grow and meet the needs of older adults in the community. Thanks for being a part of the journey!

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	2,736	296
Community Events	479	317
Computer Education	134	45
Education	142	57
Evidence Based	2,,553	126
Fitness	3637	147
Fundraisers	347	163
Health and Wellness	1,257	317
Information and Referral	1,225	510
Intergenerational	445	54
Meeting	319	80
Recreation	7,658	320
Senior Services Lunch	1,834	234
Social	4,128	415
Transportation	1,028	43
Travel	822	303
Volunteer	110	98
Total Event Sign-ins	28,854	1,466

VOLUNTEERS

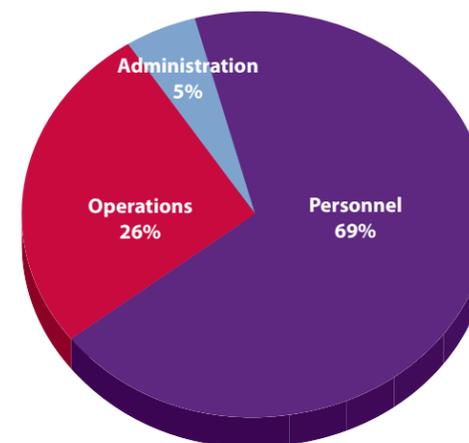
The Portage Senior Center relies heavily on volunteers to provide information and a range of services, opportunities and activities which promote personal growth, health, friendship and independence for older adults.

Volunteer Service Type	Hours	Duplicated	Unduplicated
Administrative Support	503.58	153	13
Board Member	331.70	133	14
Club/Group Support	15,114.63	2,597	154
Coffee Bar Hostess	20.00	10	1
Events/Programs	645.00	181	51
General Services	32.50	22	4
Health Services	105.08	37	5
Instructor	215.75	59	5
Kitchen	505.12	610	16
Transportation	895.95	165	7
Travel	2,026.08	338	14
Totals	20,395.39	4,305	218

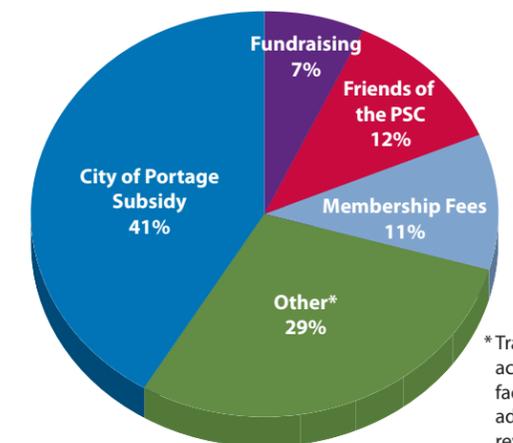
2014-2015 Financial Report

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.

Expenditures \$299,187



Revenue \$299,187



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