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Annual Report

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53 YEARS STRONG

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MISSION

**Kennett Area Senior Center
helps adults 50 and better
live healthy, active, and
independent lifestyles.**

VISION

- Adults in our community have access to high-quality, free and low-cost intergenerational lifelong learning services; health, fitness and nutrition programs; activities that enhance brain power; and recreational and social events.

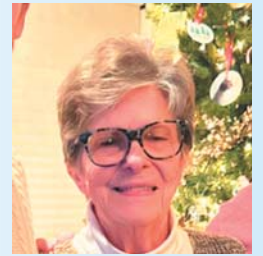
- The Kennett Area Senior Center has vibrant, highly functioning facilities that effectively support a wide range of programs and services.

- The Kennett Area Senior Center has strong and active partnerships with civic, nonprofit, and business organizations throughout the region.

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A Message From Our Board President



Karen Martin

President, Board of Directors

Dear Friends,

Wow! What a year it's been. I am continually amazed and deeply moved by the remarkable impact we can achieve when we come together as a community. The unwavering support of our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, grant-makers, donors, and members has been nothing short of inspiring. Your dedication fuels our passion and commitment to serving our community's often-overlooked older adults.

As many of you know, our seniors face numerous challenges, including financial difficulties, food & housing insecurity, health and mobility issues, isolation, loneliness, and limited access to essential services. Thanks to your generosity, we've been able to step up and provide vital support to over 1,200 local older adults. How do we do it? We offer over 77 unique programs designed to meet the health and wellness, informational, and nutritional needs of participants across 44 local townships and municipalities.

One ongoing challenge we face is ensuring that our Center remains a warm, safe, and welcoming space for everyone. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our former Board Member, Julie Noolan, we completed a major renovation of our main program space in 2022. But the work doesn't stop there. I'm thrilled to announce that we've received a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Aging to replace our aging windows. Soon, our Center will boast energy-efficient, beautiful new windows for our participants to enjoy!

At KASC, friendships are formed, learning flourishes, nutritional needs are met, well-being is enhanced, and as a result, our community becomes a better place. We are deeply grateful for your trust and investment in the Center, which enables us to provide essential, no-cost services to everyone we serve.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Karen Martin

The Need

KASC

A unique and vital community resource.

Social Interaction and Connection: At KASC, participants make meaningful connections to combat loneliness and isolation.

Health and Wellness Support: Older adults need access to programs that support physical and mental health.

Lifelong Learning and Cognitive Stimulation: Our visitors participate in activities that keep their minds sharp and allow them to continue learning.

Assistance with Daily Living: Our visitors often need help navigating services such as transportation, meal programs, and financial or legal advice.

Sense of Purpose and Volunteering Opportunities: Many of our participants gain a sense of purpose through volunteerism and contributing to the KASC community.

Recreation and Leisure Activities: Our visitors benefit from recreational programs that cater to their interests, such as music, games, outings, and events. These activities help them stay active and engaged.

Access to Technology: Many of KASC's participants receive help with learning and using technology for communication, keeping up with news, or accessing healthcare.

Emotional and Mental Health Support: Counseling, peer support groups, and stress-reduction programs are crucial to addressing mental health issues like anxiety, grief, or depression.

Nutrition

Feeding the Soul

6,980 Lunches Served



KASC's Monday through Friday lunch program serves more than just food!

Nutrition and Health: Many older adults face challenges accessing nutritious meals, whether due to limited income, mobility issues, or lack of nearby resources. Our meal

program ensures they receive balanced, nutritious meals that support their overall health, reduces the risk of malnutrition, and helps them to manage other chronic health issues they may have.

Social Interaction: Our group meal program is as much about feeding the soul as the body. For many seniors, social isolation is a significant issue, and attending meal programs offers a chance to connect with others.

Access to Resources: Attending a meal might be the first step toward accessing other crucial resources to improve the overall quality of life for our lunch attendees.

Maintaining Independence: Gathering together for meals helps our participants to maintain their independence. By providing healthy meals and a network of social support, our participants are better equipped to live in their homes and communities without the need for more intensive care services.



16,370 Services Provided

Forty-five unique programs were offered to promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Engagement in these programs empowers seniors to lead healthier, more independent lives.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- * Daily Lunch Café
- * Alzheimer's Support Group
 - * Arts & Crafts
- * Health & Wellness Workshops
 - * Mental Gymnastics
 - * Digital Photography Club
- * Lifelong Learning Programs
 - * Genealogy
 - * Healthy Grieving Group
- * Volunteer Opportunities
 - * Book Club
 - * Line Dancing
 - * T'ai Chi Chih
- * Games, Cards, Puzzles
 - * Group Games
 - * Social Events
- * SilverSneakers Classic
 - * Aqua Kendal & Crosslands
- * Kennett Square YMCA
- And Many More!



10,311 Services Provided to 893 Participants

KASC's Information & Assistance Program provides access to critical resources and guidance on navigating complex issues like food & housing insecurity, healthcare, fraud prevention, and legal matters.

These programs empower seniors to make informed decisions, ensuring they receive the benefits and support they are entitled to.



- ☑ General Screening for Available Assistance
- ☑ Free Tax Preparation Service
- ☑ Fraud Prevention & Other Educational Workshops
- ☑ LIHEAP Home Energy Assistance
- ☑ Property Tax & Rent Rebate Assistance
- ☑ General Paperwork Assistance
- ☑ Technology Help
- ☑ Support Groups
- ☑ Food & Housing Insecurity Assistance
- ☑ Medicare / Medicaid Counseling
- ☑ Produce / Baked Goods Distribution
- ☑ Mental Health Referral Service

240 Volunteers Served 12,500 Hours

Volunteers are the heart of the Kennett Area Senior Center. Their dedication helps us deliver essential programs and services. Without their generosity and commitment, we wouldn't be able to achieve our mission of helping older adults live healthy, active, and independent lifestyles.

- Lunch Servers
- Board Members
- Committee Members
- Yard Sale Helpers
- Greeters
- Food Preparation
- Food Delivery
- In-kind Donation Processing
- Class & Club Instruction
- And more!



36,639 Services Provided to 1,229 Participants

The KASC community is a vibrant tapestry of individuals from diverse walks of life. Each visitor brings a wealth of experience and knowledge, shaped by unique careers, cultures, and personal journeys. From veterans, educators, and artists to caregivers, entrepreneurs, and world travelers. Their collective wisdom enriches us all.

Our participants come from 44 Southern Chester County townships and municipalities. The majority are over age 70. Approximately 50% of our visitors live either at or below 125% of the poverty level or are considered low income.





REVENUE	
Contributions	\$64,001
Fundraisers	\$15,038
Foundation Grants (\$6,900 is restricted to non-operating expenses)	\$49,120
United Way Southern Chester County	\$12,360
Chester County Department of Aging Service	\$93,223
Local Townships/Municipalities	\$16,000
PA Department of Aging Restricted Grant (capital improvement)	\$52,000
Program	\$39,101
Facility Rental	\$11,405
Membership	\$15,960
Ordinary Operating Revenue	\$368,208
Investment Dividends and Interest	\$34,141
Investment Realized and Unrealized Gains	\$33,775
TOTAL REVENUE	\$438,125



EXPENSES	
Payroll	\$209,882
Maintenance & Repair	\$18,036
Utilities	\$21,774
Operating Insurance	\$17,388
Program	\$35,122
Professional Services	\$33,881
Equipment Rental & Office Expenses	\$22,809
Misc. - (Bank fees, Subscriptions, Licenses, dues, advertising)	\$4,294
Depreciation	\$41,067
Ordinary Operating Expenses	\$404,253
Investment Expenses	\$3,524
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$407,777
<p>While our ordinary operating results were slightly negative, we ended the FY with overall excess revenue of \$30,348 due to positive investment income for the year.</p>	

Unstoppable Partners: Champions of Change

We couldn't accomplish all that we do without the unwavering support of our unstoppable partner organizations. Their contributions—whether through grant making, food and product donations, or other vital forms of assistance—have been instrumental in enriching the lives of the seniors we serve. We are deeply grateful for their ongoing commitment.

American Endowment Foundation
Borough of Kennett Square
Chatham Financial
CC Community Foundation
CC Department of Aging Services
Chester County Food Bank
Daughters of the British Empire
Forney Family Foundation
Giant Food Stores
Hutton Family HeLP Fund
Italian American Citizens League
Katheryn Johnson Family
Kendal Crosslands Community
Kennett Rotary Foundation
Kennett Run
Kennett Square Lions Club

Kennett Township
Knights of Columbus St. Patrick
London Grove Friends Meeting
Longwood Rotary Club Foundation
Luther Foundation of SCC
Marshall Reynolds Foundation
Mushroom Festival
New Garden Township
PA Department of Aging
Pennsbury Township
Phillips Mushroom Farms
St. Michael Lutheran Church
Unionville Presbyterian Church
United Way of Southern CC
W.W. Smith Foundation
Willowdale Chapel

Overheard at KASC!

"The Kennett Area Senior Center is a place where memories are made! It's a place where my Nana was welcomed, made friends, and thrived." **Tasha**

"The Kennett Area Senior Center is a Boomer's Place. It is a happening place, a gathering place." **Roberta**

"The Kennett Senior Center? I had no idea they offered so much!" **Kathy**

"The Senior Center is a place to have fun and make new friends." **Dot**

"The Kennett Area Senior Center has many resources to help our community's seniors." **Joan**

"I have met the most wonderful and amazing people with different backgrounds, all enjoying the center's activities together." **Grace**

"I tell my friends, "Get out here and see what's offered!" **Charlotte**

"KACS is a welcoming space and its environment is energetic and friendly." **Mary**

"This place is important to me. Without it, what would I be doing?" **Jean**



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The Kennett Area Senior Center A Vital Resource for Our Community

Imagine a place where seniors can gather for connection, support, and enrichment—a welcoming place just for them, filled with friendship, support and opportunity. The Kennett Area Senior Center (KASC) is that place. It is more than just a building; it’s a lifeline for older adults in our community.

But we can’t do it alone. The need for our services continues to grow as our aging population expands. Many seniors in our area face financial and health challenges, social isolation, are at risk for being victims of fraud, and have limited access to the resources they need. These challenges impact their overall quality of life and well-being, highlighting the need for supportive services and community resources. They rely on the Kennett Area Senior Center as a safe haven where they can find community, friendship, and the resources they need to thrive.

Your support will allow us to continue providing these essential services and expand our reach to even more seniors who need help. Every contribution, whether it's time, talent, or financial support, helps us change lives. Together, we can ensure that no senior is left behind.

Let’s invest in our seniors, honor their contributions, and ensure that they live with dignity and joy. The Kennett Area Senior Center is making that vision a reality, but we need your help to keep going strong. Will you join us in supporting our seniors?

Donate Securely at <https://kennettseiorcenter.org/donate/> or mail your check to Kennett Area Senior Center, 427 S. Walnut Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348.

Every little bit helps us to continue to provide no-cost services to our community’s older adults!



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