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# ANNUAL REPORT

**JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023** 

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to present the annual report for the Stamford Senior Center (SSC) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. This report highlights the significant achievements and impact we have made in serving older adults throughout the greater Stamford community.

The SSC serves over 100 individuals a day who come to the Center for a nutritious affordable meal, fitness classes, arts, lifelong learning and enrichment programs. But perhaps the most important of all is the fostering of friendships and social connections that reduce the risks of social isolation, loneliness and depression. We want to share with you a letter written by one of our members, Virginia, in honor of National Senior Center month this past September.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our donors, volunteers, staff and the community for your unwavering support. Together, we will continue to positively impact the lives of older adults and nourish their minds, bodies and spirits.

We are excited for the year ahead and the new opportunities and partnerships that we will form. Thank you for being an essential part of our efforts and we hope we can continue to count on your support in the coming year. Warmest wishes for a Healthy, Peaceful and Prosperous New Year!

Kindest regards,

Christina Crain, MSW President/Executive Director

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#### **Rescued by the Stamford Senior Center**

by Virginia, SSC member



I am a retired RN who first joined the Stamford Senior Center in 2016. However, I had not been to the center in almost three years due to the COVID pandemic and then a major medical crisis in December of 2022.

After a lengthy hospital and rehab stay, I returned home. The days were long, lonely and boring. I felt isolated with very little human interaction. As hard as I was working to get better, I found myself wondering "what for?" There was no quality to my life. I had gone from being very independent to completely dependent on others. I was crying all the time and very depressed. As Occupational Therapy began preparing me for discharge from homecare services, I remained depressed, isolated and alone. I was encouraged by the OT to reconnect with the Senior Center to begin attending exercise classes again and to reconnect with others.

It has been three months since my return to the SSC and I am now doing daily activities, be it riding the NuStep bike, attending various exercise classes and lectures and making new friends. Thanks to the daily support of the staff and the many wonderful friends I have made at the Center, I now wake up every morning happy, excited and enlivened to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> home where I can once again enjoy life at the age of 80. My physical and mental health has never been better. I was truly saved by the Stamford Senior Center.

PREADING

"The SSC is my second home. I feel so energized I come daily and enjoy learning new things and sharing my knowledge with others." – Len

"The Senior Center is my antidepressant." – Genie

"I'm forever grateful for the love I feel everyday. You've shown me how it feels when goodness, kindness and caring are present." - Hilda

"I did not have many opportunities to make new friends, but this all changed when I joined the SSC. Bless them!" - Carolyn

"The SSC has become my new way of life after I retired. I love it everyone should come and try it." - Teddi

IN THE PAST YEAR, THE SSC **PROVIDED:** 

9,433 hours of fitness classes

83%

5%

5,200 meals served

1,145 hours of lifelong learning programs

2,753 hours of multi-cultural programs

# FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

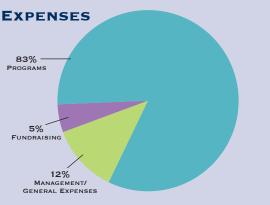
#### REVENUE

City of Stamford \$279,500
In-Kind Support \$161,894
Donations/Grants \$171,096
Membership Contributions \$29,185
Program Revenue \$70,305
Total Assets \$652,729
Total Liabilities\$85,196
Net Assets \$567,533

## REVENUE 39% STAMFORD 1% / INVESTMENT INCOME 4% MEMBERSHIP DUES 10% PROGRAMS/ SPECIAL IN-KIND 25% DONATIONS/ GRANTS







#### **EXPENSES**

Programs Itemized:
Fundraising \$36,736
Management & General\$82,729
Programs
Total Expenses

Exercise Classes	\$118,780
Skill Development	\$87,181
Cultural/Social Events	\$138,403
Outreach & Information	
and Assistance	\$114,402
Hispanic Program	\$120,128



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#### \$10,000 & ABOVE

City of Stamford Southwestern CT Agency on Aging

Piper 522 Fund at Fairfield County Community Foundation

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To provide affordable opportunities for older adults in the greater Stamford area to be active and healthy in mind and body and remain connected to the community in a welcoming, safe and diverse environment.