



Clearfield County Area Agency on Aging, Inc.

# 2010-11 Annual Report

## “Building Into the Future”

After nearly 2 years of research, in 2010 the Clearfield County Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (CCAAA) moved forward in a new initiative to convert its fleet of vans from gasoline powered to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG).

Following the historic and dramatic sudden rise and then gradual fall in gasoline costs in 2008, CCAAA management determined that an alternative approach was needed to maintain its delivery system for the essential Meals on Wheels and More Program (MoW). The spike in gas prices to well over \$4.00 per gallon proved to be unsustainable over an extended time frame and the MoW Program was in jeopardy of disruption.

A number of alternatives were considered and tested, including service modifications and routing software. The use of an alternative fuel to gasoline was repeatedly discussed and conversion to CNG became the top option.

Research of related industry literature was extensive and numerous contacts were made with Natural Gas company staff, transit companies, CNG equipment installers, elected officials and possible funding sources. Early direction and encouragement came from such persons as Louis Stubbs with

UGI-Central Penn Gas and US Congressman Glenn Thompson (R-PA 5).

Then, in mid 2010, the CCAAA entered into discussions with a new CNG conversion company, Alternative Fuel Solutions of PA, which began operations in Mahaffey, Clearfield County. In early 2011, the CCAAA was successful in securing a competitive “Building the Future Impact Grant”



The CNG powered vans are now operational and the calculated cost is estimated in the range of \$1.50 per gallon of gas equivalent.

from the Wal-Mart Foundation in partnership with the Meals On Wheels Association of America. The grant funds enabled the CCAAA to contract with Alternative Fuel Solutions to convert two of its MoW vans to CNG. That followed with a grant in June from the Auxiliary of the CCAAA - *The Friends of the Area Agency on Aging*, to purchase a CNG refueling compressor to be installed at the Agency’s Meal Production and Distribution Facility where the meals are produced and the

van fleet is based. Outside funds are being pursued for additional van conversions and early results are promising.

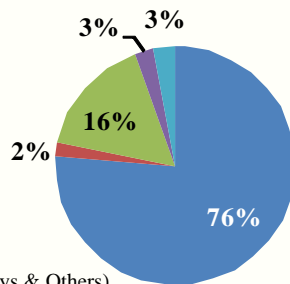
The CCAAA believes they are at the beginning of a great project that will benefit not only their own organization and the people they serve, but could also be the catalyst to start the growth of a new type of infrastructure and service system for the Clearfield County area.



### Financial Summary For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011

#### Summary of Income 2010-11

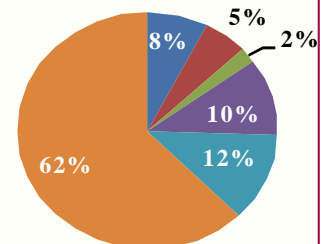
- Aging Service Block Grant  
\$2,973,500
- Corp for National Svcs (RSVP)  
\$71,213
- Other State Funds  
\$635,741
- Program Income  
97,817
- Local Revenue  
(Memorials, Fundraisers, United Ways & Others)  
\$120,813



Total Income = \$3,899,084

#### Summary of Expenses 2010-2011

- Administration  
\$299,195
- Information & Referral  
\$210,153
- Transportation  
\$81,542
- Center Services  
\$409,375
- Other Support Services\*  
\$470,212
- Long Term Living\*\*  
\$2,428,732



Total Expenses = \$3,899,084

\*Protective Services, Family Caregiver Support, Ombudsman, Volunteers, Guardianship, Apprise  
\*\*Care Management, Assessments, Personal Care, Meals on Wheels & More, Nursing Home Transition, Personal Assistance, Provider Certification

Our generous donors enable us to continue to serve older residents of Clearfield County!  
Our Agency, is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable corporation; therefore, all gifts are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

## OUR MISSION

The Clearfield County Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is a charitable, non-profit corporation dedicated to providing a comprehensive array of the highest quality health and human services to residents of Clearfield County. We will accomplish this mission by committing to our Guiding Principles of Integrity, Coordinated Community Partnerships, Best Service, Progressive Attitudes, Professionalism, Teamwork and Investment in our Employees and Volunteers.

## OUR VISION

The Clearfield County Area Agency on Aging, Inc. and its team of staff and volunteers will be widely regarded and consistently ranked as the premier resource, advocate and coordinator of services and information for residents of Clearfield County.

## ~ Highlights of the Year ~

The 15th Annual Anne S. Thacik Charity Auction was a Success!  
Thanks to all our donors, sponsors and attendees.



Two Agency staff members, John Kordish, Executive Director, and Amanda LeGars, Protective Services Supervisor, successfully passed examinations and became National Certified Guardians in October 2010. There are presently only 39 certified guardians in the state of Pennsylvania and 1,974 nationwide.



The Agency launched an all new SM<sup>®</sup>ART Dining Program in January 2011. Over 100 people and four local restaurants have already joined.

## 1977~2011 Enhancing Quality of Life

The 2010 Summer Celebration was a huge success! Sightings of Elvis, James Dean, Marilyn Monroe, Minnie Pearl, Elton John, Dorothy and Toto, and many more Hollywood characters were seen at the "Hello to Hollywood" celebration. Music was provided by the Vagabonds. Having fun and enjoying the company was easy for everyone!



Three local mayors participated in Mayors for Meals Day. Our Agency received a Silver Award grant from Meals on Wheels of America for our efforts. Thanks to all who were involved!



Alice Pollock, local APPRISE coordinator, was presented with the first BRAVO award for excellence in client service at the annual APPRISE conference on April 21, held in State College, PA. She is pictured holding her award with John Kordish, executive director for the Agency.



Wal-Mart D.C. #6027 again partnered with the Agency to help package over 1,000 Blizzard Boxes for Meals on Wheels & More Consumers throughout Clearfield County. They also donated \$1,000 to the project. The 28th Annual Blizzard Boxes contained two complete shelf-stable meals.



## Clearfield County LINK Established

In July 2010, the Agency received notification that Clearfield County was designated as an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) for persons age 60 and over and for persons age 18 years and older with disabilities. Known as "PA LINK Networks," the goal of the ADRC program is to streamline and assist individuals to effectively navigate their health and long-term support options. The ADRC design is set up to help people locate and access services in the most efficient and effective ways possible. It is all about ease of access to what people need.

The ADRC Program was initiated as a collaborative effort of the US Administration on Aging (AoA) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The ADRC initiative is part of a nationwide effort to restructure services and supports for older adults, all persons with disabilities, family members, and care providers.

The PA Department of Aging and Office of Long Term Living (OLTL) established the first two ADRCs in the Allegheny and Cumberland AAAs in 2005. In 2008, the effort began to expand to the Harrisburg area and to a few counties surrounding Cumberland County.

Because of the passage of the federal Health Care Reform Act earlier this year, Pennsylvania will be required to have ADRCs statewide before October, 2011. This expansion announced to Clearfield County is the first for any areas in north-central and north-western PA.

The CCAAA has linked with two core partner agencies, Life and Independence for Today (LIFT), based in St Marys and Community Resources for Independence (CRI), based in Erie and with a branch office in Clearfield, in this collaborative effort. Eighteen collaborative partners have also joined together in establishing a uniform structure for requesting and applying for services. "The state calls it a 'single point of entry' into services, while others have called it a 'no wrong door' approach," explained John Kordish, Executive Director of the CCAAA. "Regardless of what it is called, people in need of long term care services and their families should have the most information they need to make wise decisions about their care, and they deserve the most streamlined methods available to access that care."

The Clearfield LINK to Aging and Disabilities Resources became operational in early October. For more information about the Clearfield LINK or the services and programs of the CCAAA, contact the Clearfield County Area Agency on Aging, Inc. at 765-2696, (800) 225-8571, or visit our website at [www.ccaaa.net](http://www.ccaaa.net).



### Fast Facts

In FY 2010-11 we:

- ◆ Served 4,882 people
- ◆ Conducted 2,359 assessments
- ◆ Served 152,659 Meals on Wheels & More
- ◆ Transitioned 27 people out of nursing homes
- ◆ Served 1,883 people at senior centers
- ◆ Enrolled 101 consumers in our SM<sup>®</sup>ART Dining Program
- ◆ At no point in the fiscal year was there a waiting list for any service

### In Remembrance

A gift to the Clearfield County Area Agency on Aging, Inc. in remembrance of or in honor of someone is a special way to pay tribute while helping others. There are many programs or services that would benefit from your gift. Please specify which program you would like to receive your gift.

- Meals on Wheels & More    Transportation    In-Home Care    Volunteers    Mature Resources Foundation
- RSVP of Clearfield County    \_\_\_\_\_ Center for Active Living (Specify)    Other \_\_\_\_\_

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All checks payable to **Clearfield County Area Agency on Aging, Inc.**, PO Box 550, Clearfield, PA, 16830.

Donations can also be made online at [www.ccaaa.net](http://www.ccaaa.net)

For information about how you can remember the CCAAA in your will, please contact the Agency.



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