



Clearfield County Area Agency on Aging, Inc. 2008-09 Annual Report

Fast Facts

In FY 2008-09 we:

- ◆ Served 4,215 people
- ◆ Conducted 2,139 assessments
- ◆ Served 159,613 Meals on Wheels & More
- ◆ Served 34,837 congregate meals
- ◆ Provided 31,393 hours of personal care
- ◆ Transitioned 37 people out of nursing homes
- ◆ Served 2,047 people at senior centers
- ◆ Distributed \$35,000 in Farmer's Market Vouchers

Agency Named 2008 Major Employer of the Year



Pictured with the award are (l-r) Wilson Fisher, Board Member; John Kordish, Executive Director; U.S. Congressman John Peterson, Keynote Speaker; Bob E. Day, Advisory Council Vice-President.

The Clearfield Chamber of Commerce presented the Clearfield County Area Agency on Aging, Inc. with the "Major Employer of the Year" award at their annual banquet on October 30, 2008.

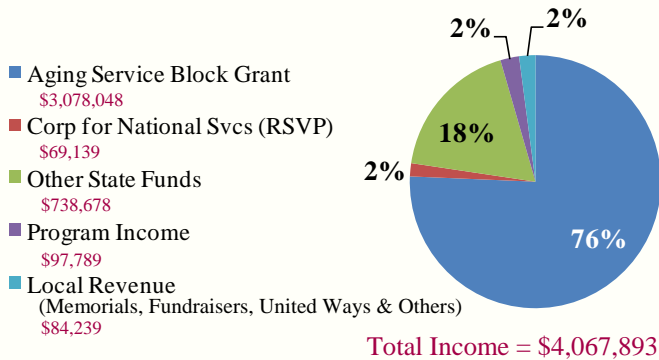
The agency was selected for its "commitment to the betterment of the Clearfield County Community" and was commended on many of their programs and services. The award is recognition of the agency putting into action and practicing daily one of its guiding principles, "Commitment to Community."



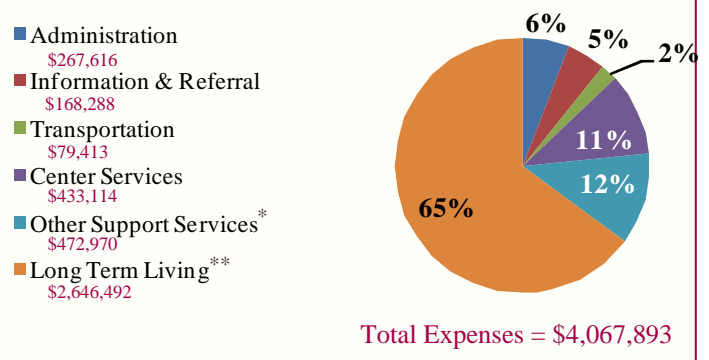
Financial Summary For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009



Summary of Income 2008-09



Summary of Expenses 2008-09



*Protective Services, Family Caregiver Support, Ombudsman, Volunteers, Guardianship, Apprise
**Care Management, Assessments, Personal Care, Meals on Wheels & More, Nursing Home Transition, Attendant Care, 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 13th Annual Anne S. Thacik Auction was the most successful auction to date.



Herb & Kathy Wilson enjoy the fruits of their labor, a semi-sweet red wine called Summer Time. Bid on the chance to "Name & Blend Your Own Wine" at this year's auction - October 15th.



Secretary of Aging, John Michael Hall (right) greets Amanda LeGars, Protective Services Supervisor for the Clearfield County Agency on Aging, at an impromptu meeting recently.



This was the second year the agency participated in Mayors for Meals Day and we were pleased that our participation grew from one mayor to five. Thanks to all who were involved!



In 2008, Tri-County H.O.G. (left) and Sam's Club #6533 (right) each presented the agency with a \$1,000 donation for our Blizzard Box Program. In 2008, we delivered more than 1,000 Blizzard Boxes to Meals on Wheels & More consumers throughout Clearfield County. Due to the many days of inclement weather, we actually had to pack a second round of boxes to ensure that homebound elder citizens did not miss having a nutritious meal during winter storms.



Pennsylvania's Department of Aging Secretary, John Michael Hall (left), is shown presenting the first "Secretary's Award for Excellence in Nutrition" to Sue Kordish (right), Clearfield County Area Agency on Aging, Inc.'s Director of Planning & Program Operations.



RUDD Equipment, Inc. (left) generously donated \$2,500 to help fund the purchase of a new Hot-Tot oven for the CCAAA, Inc.'s Meals on Wheels and More Program. The Friends of the Area Agency on Aging (right), the CCAAA's Auxiliary, also presented \$22,877 for the purchase and installation of a Generac back-up generator at the Meal Production & Distribution Facility.



AAA Impacts Area Economy



As Clearfield County’s elderly population continues to grow, it is not surprising that services to older persons and their families grow also. Not often examined, however, is the benefit those services have on the local economy.

CCAAA Executive Director, John Kordish, notes that growth in aging services has had a remarkable positive impact on Clearfield County as a whole. “We are not often thought of as a player in economic development,” Kordish said.

The agency has grown steadily since its 1977 incorporation. Most staff are highly trained professionals, such as registered nurses, social workers, and a computer specialist. Those staff, coupled with part-time and substitute staff, brings the total agency work force to 74 persons.

“From all indications, our workforce will continue to grow for several reasons,” Mr. Kordish commented. “First, the elderly population is increasing, especially those over the age of 85. As they age, their needs increase. Second, Pennsylvania is serious about expanding services for people in their homes to give them choices and to avoid institutionalization. And third, we have been aggressive locally, working to expand current services, while also trying to bring in new services and funding.”

Beyond steady and expanded employment, there are other aspects of economic development the CCAAA influences. The Medical Assistance Waiver Program serves people at home who are medically eligible for nursing home care. Services are authorized by the Area Agency on Aging and provided by sub-contracted home care organizations. On average, the AAA authorizes state payments of more than \$500,000 each month to home care agencies and medical supply companies for the services and products provided. “That means sub-contractors can also increase their workforce

because of our Waiver Program,” Kordish explained. “That has a widespread effect on the area economy.”

The CCAAA channels funds from the state’s Direct Care Worker initiative directly to current employees of home care agencies to encourage them to remain employed. Funds are used to provide vouchers for home care workers to buy shoes and uniforms at local stores, bonuses for home care workers who remain employed, gas cards, and scholarships for Certified Nurse Aide training at the Clearfield County Career and Technology Center. “Our employees and those of our subcontractors spend most of their income locally for gasoline to get to work, on clothes, food, and household needs. That certainly has a positive impact on the area,” Kordish said.

Through the Family Caregiver Support Program, the CCAAA provides monetary support to eligible families who care for their older loved ones at home. Kordish explains, “With the funds we supply, families can hire local building contractors to remodel a bathroom or build a ramp to ease their care giving burden. And with a small monthly stipend, families can buy hygiene and care supplies locally or pay for support services to get a break or go to church.”

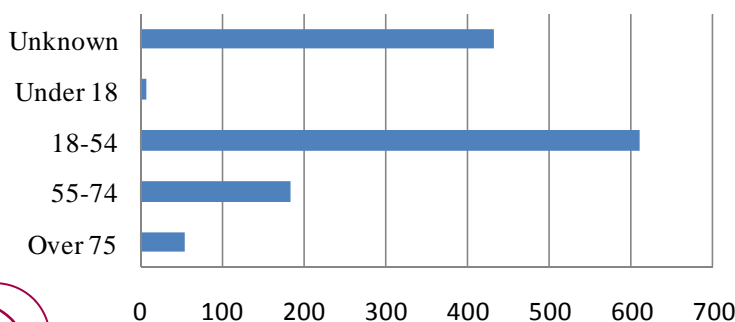
The Area Agency on Aging also annually draws in funds from the PA Department of Agriculture’s Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, which provides vouchers to seniors to buy fresh produce at local participating farmers’ markets.

“These are just some examples of how everyone benefits - seniors, local farmers, area home care providers and their staff, and the local economy as a whole,” Mr. Kordish emphasized. “As we grow and expand, not only do older residents and their families benefit, but the area economy does as well.”

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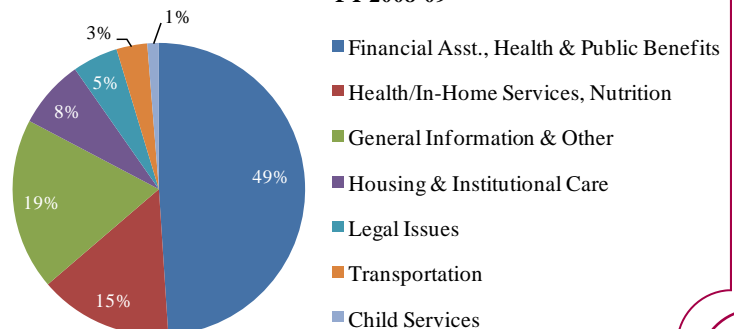
INFO-LINK, the only nationally accredited comprehensive information and referral program in Pennsylvania, is an outreach effort of the agency that provides information about human services and other resources for people of all ages. Anyone can call INFO-LINK. Information provided by phone is free of charge, and all calls are confidential.

INFO-LINK Consumers by Age Group



INFO-LINK Topic Categories

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