

# Annual Report 2022



**Our Mission:** *To enhance the dignity and quality of life for seniors in Yellow Springs and Miami Township and to foster interaction among them and with the community.*

2022 was a year of growth at Yellow Springs Senior Center. We gained new members, emerged from COVID restrictions, and created a new gathering space – our very own patio. This is the first expansion of the Center since the Great Room was built in 1994. There have been many transitions in the 63 years of our growth, including some ingenious fundraising projects. Did you know that in our early years volunteers ran a thrift shop, bakery and flour mill in the building that is now the Emporium?



**The new patio taking shape in October, 2022**

As we consider opportunities for our next steps it is vital to know what the community desires. A survey was conducted in the Fall to seek input from villagers of all ages. We learned that, in general, the typical senior center activities like Bingo, Billiards and Ping Pong do not appeal to YS folks. Instead, people are seeking lectures, academic study, and language classes along with health and fitness opportunities. We also learned that over half of our participants are able to walk to the Center.

During the COVID shutdown many of our programs were offered virtually via Zoom. This new technology has continued, providing opportunities for remote,

hybrid and entirely online classes. This provided a safe option for participation for those who could not travel or gather with others. Staff, homemakers and volunteers were provided twice weekly COVID testing to reduce the risk of exposure.



**Robert and Stephanie learning how to use the wheelchair ramp of our new van with Richard Zopf as an ever-willing volunteer**

Ways we have grown in 2022:

- ◆ Purchased our first wheelchair accessible vehicle thanks to a grant from The Greene County Council on Aging.
- ◆ Doubled the size of our homemaker team
- ◆ New classes and programs including Colloquies, Tech Help, new language options
- ◆ Online auction fundraiser through “Everything But the House”
- ◆ New comprehensive database purchased with grant from YS Community Foundation
- ◆ Resumed the Volunteer Medical Escort Program

Thank you to everyone who supports the ongoing success of the Yellow Springs Senior Center!

*Wayne Gulden, President, YSSC Board of Trustees*  
*Caroline Mullin, YSSC Executive Director*

# Programs

## Support Services Program

18–20 clients are assisted each month with a variety of services including nutrition, housing, rehabilitation, social security, retirement, medical appointments, hearing aids, eyeglasses, advance care planning, and many others. Assistance is also provided through referrals to The Greene County Council on Aging (GCCOA), Area Agency on Aging, and other helping programs.

Stephanie Lawson, Support Services Manager, assisted 85 residents with an annual Medicare plan review during open enrollment in 2022, saving over \$25,000 to those she counseled. She also oversees the Volunteer Medical Escort Program made up of six volunteers available to accompany individuals during more complex medical appointments.



Before our new patio, the carport was a useful gathering place to share time outdoors.

## Homemaker Program

Homemaking services were provided to about 50 clients each month in 2022. Several new homemakers joined our staff. Homemakers not only clean the homes of our clients, they are also providing companionship, cooking, and errands. Homemaking services are provided to most clients through a contract with GCCOA. That contract renewed in 2022 through 2024. Hourly rates were increased slightly in 2022 which has permitted increased pay rates for all the homemakers.

## Activities Program

Improved COVID numbers during 2022 finally permitted social gatherings and outings. The following variety of programs were included, most offered weekly (# of classes per week by type):

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| Literary and Languages | 10      |
| Exercise / Health      | 9       |
| Social and Discussion  | 7       |
| Games                  | 8       |
| Music                  | 3       |
| Art/Craft              | 3       |
| Field Trips            | 1/month |

During 2022 YSSC was able to provide another series of “Local Fare” catered lunches funded by the Yellow Springs Community Foundation. As many as 30 meals per week from local restaurants were delivered to seniors in the village over 14 weeks. We had social gatherings, sometimes using the carport as an outdoor gathering space.

## Transportation Program

In 2022 volunteer drivers and staff, using the Center’s three cars, provided 1069 rides to individuals, a slight increase over 2021. 85% of the rides were to medical appointments. We have not fully resumed rides for social outings. 79% of the rides were outside of Yellow Springs. Volunteers drove for most rides. There were 992 hours of volunteer driver service covering 1,428 miles.



Cheerful sunflowers adorn our 2020 Honda CRV. Volunteer drivers love the chance to take the car for a drive.

## Membership

Members are recognized as those who have paid yearly membership dues. All members are eligible for reduced rental rates of the Great Room and receive the YSSC newsletters and mailings. As of December 31, 2022 YSSC had 588 members, including 39 new members during the year.



The 2022 Flash Mob was choreographed by Miller Fellow Kristyn Andrews (far left) & YSSC volunteer instructor Lynn Hardman (on right)

## Volunteers

The service and talents of volunteers are essential to the success and functioning of YSSC. 107 individual volunteers provided 4520 hours of service during 2022 - helping with activities such as driving, leading classes and programs, serving as board members, front desk receptionists, and mailing help. Other projects have included gardening work, grocery and meal delivery, and committee work.

YSSC also had two “Miller Fellows” on staff funded by YSCF: Kristyn Andrews, and Encore Miller Fellow Linda Sikes. They provided a combined 600 hours of work supporting transportation, activities, facility care and so much more.

## Community Outreach

- Participants in the YS Equity financial assistance program were provided consultation about other programs they may be eligible for
- Lunch & Meet weekly Zoom gatherings profiled community members and organizations
- Local Fare, funded by YSCF, purchased meals from local restaurants for seniors

- Community non-profits have been able to use the Great Room for free
- Increased connectivity with YS Police to help with emergency contact information
- All community members are welcome to participate in programming, regardless of age
- Our ninth annual Flash Mob included dancers from YSSC Staff & members and several Village personnel. A film crew from Cincinnati included clips of the dance in a local promotional video.
- Our Grocery Delivery Program continues, with volunteers shopping for as many as nine customers every week from Tom’s Market
- The Fireplace Room Art Gallery hosts shows by local artists ages 55+
- Monthly Community Colloquies provide presentations by interesting residents on varied topics



Hybrid classes allow remote participants to join via Zoom while the class gathers in the Great Room

## Structure and Infrastructure

“If Only There Was a Patio” was the theme of an event in August—we gathered to dream about options to add a patio where a rusty bike rack and weeds have been. Thanks to generous donations from 64 local individuals, the project was funded and completed. The new space provides an outdoor space to relax, socialize and even have an overflow area for classes and events. Donors will be recognized during 2023 with personalized tiles made by artist Bruce Grimes adorning the patio.

# Finance

**Goal: Secure financial resources to meet current and emerging organizational needs**

## 2022 Revenue and Expenses

**Total Revenue: \$456,376**

GCCOA Grants: \$148,984

YSCF Grants: \$26,900

Other Grants: \$9,560

## Fundraising Report

**Annual Appeal: \$49,061.93**

**Fundraising Events: \$14,627.65**

Events included the Garden Dinner Party, Quilt Raffle, and "Everything But The House" online auction

**If Only There Were A Patio fund: \$12,921.00**

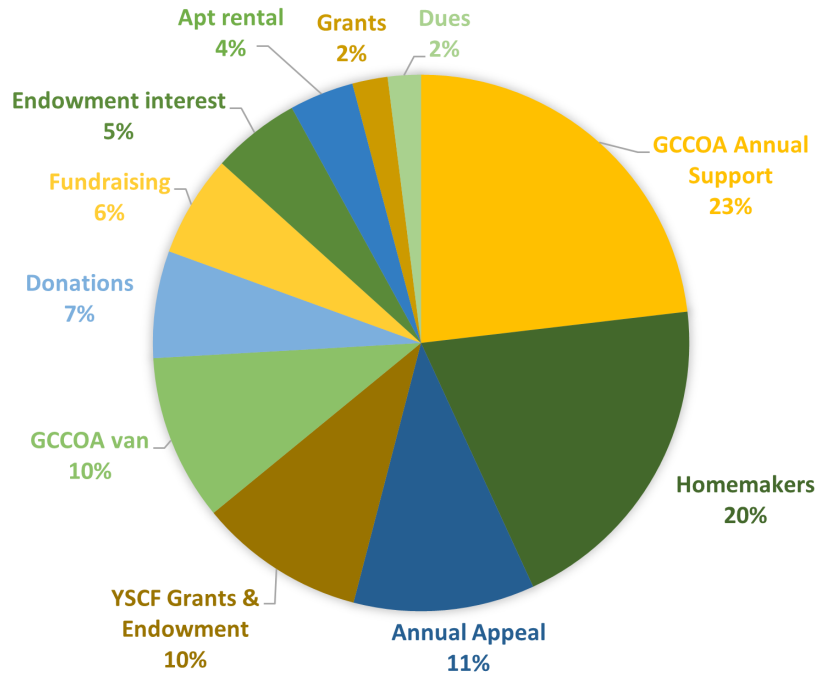
**Other Donations: \$27,346.50**

Donations to transportation, memorials, grocery delivery program, and general donations

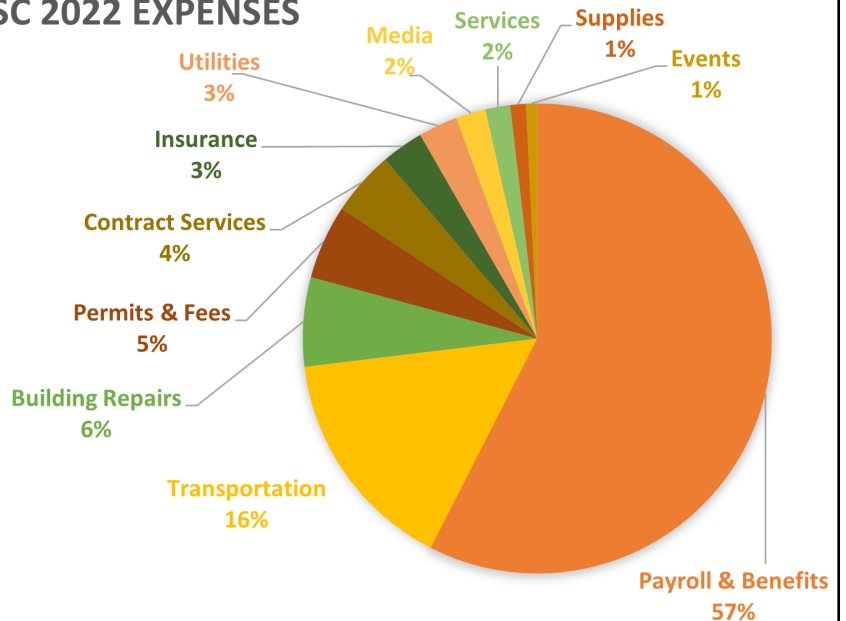
**Total Expenses: \$459,127**

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| Payroll & Benefits   | 57% |
| Programs & Services  | 32% |
| Capital Expenses:    | 10% |
| Fundraising Expenses | 1%  |

## YSSC 2022 INCOME SOURCES



## YSSC 2022 EXPENSES



**2022 Board of Trustees:** Ken Dahms, President through June 2022; Wayne Gulden, President as of July 2022; Diane Chiddister, Vice-President; Ven Adkins, Treasurer; Anna Bellisari, Secretary; Susan Alberter, Dr. Christopher Cox, Cathy Hill, Jim Johnson, Ruth Lapp, Linda Scutt Trustees

**Current Staff June 2023:** Caroline Mullin, Executive Director; Teresa Bondurant, Homemaker Program Manager; Stephanie Lawson, Support Services Manager; Robert Libecap, Transportation Manager; Jeanna GunderKline, Bookkeeper; Maggie Dean, Volunteer & Activity Coordinator; Lin Wood, Operations Assistant; Pam Geisel, Marketing Manager; Vicci Ayers, Amy Bennett, Suzann Blanton, Katia Clod-Svensson, Jennifer Johnson, Julia Molnar, Heather Neill, Tamara Smith, Aiysha Walker, Homemakers