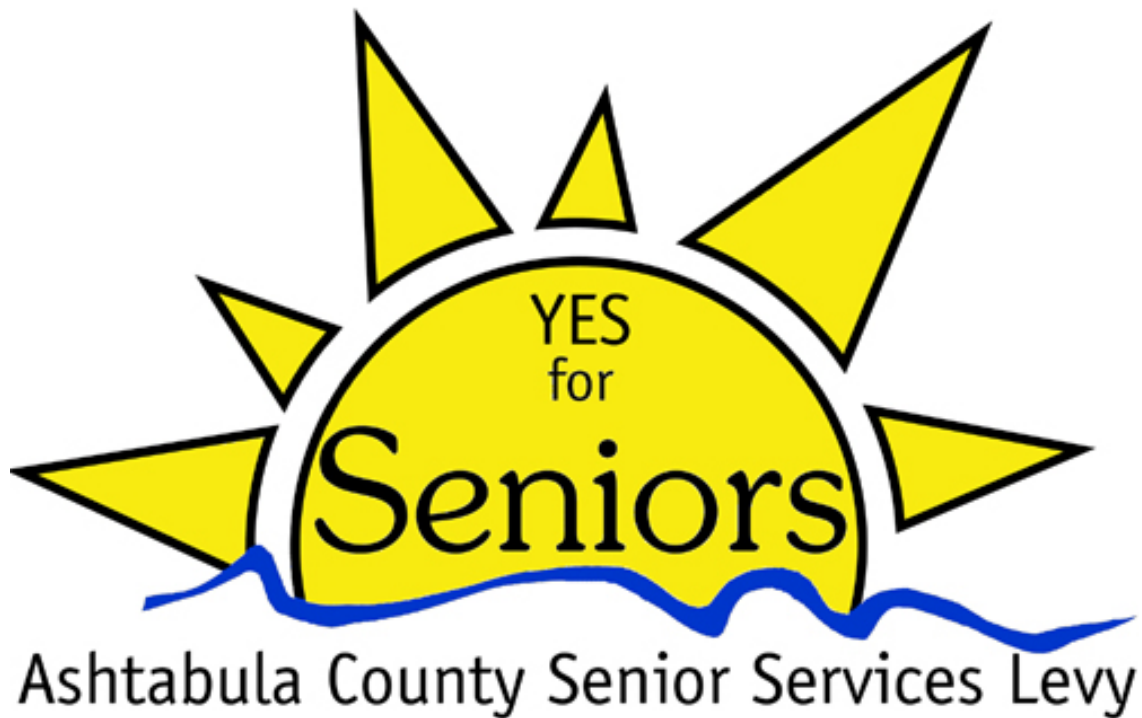


2007 - 2008 Annual Report



The Ashtabula County Senior Services Levy

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The Ashtabula County Senior Services Levy is a five year, one-mill property tax levy that generates approximately \$1.6 million per year. The levy provides funding for programs that enhance the well-being of Ashtabula County seniors. These programs are available in every township of the county and help residents age 60 and older maintain their health and remain in their homes. Spending of Senior Levy funds is determined by surveys, studies, Senior Levy Advisory Board recommendations, and the needs of Ashtabula County Seniors.



The levy funds are distributed among five main categories:
 In-Home Care --- Prescription Assistance ---Transportation
 Protective Services --- Education and Wellness

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Ann Marrison
Chair of the Board

Senior Services Levy Funding Summary

Home Delivered Meals	\$443,718.73
Chore-Homemaker/ Personal Care	\$348,103.39
Education & Wellness	\$104,019.03
Transportation	\$405,548.24
Protective Services	\$161,038.75
Prescription Assistance	\$114,956.82
Special Projects	\$22,018.96
Administration	\$42,867.05

From the Chair of the Board...

This annual report period marked the beginning of the incredible economic challenge currently facing our nation. With finances stretched thin, the ability for any of us to meet our basic needs is compromised. During this time, programs funded by the Ashtabula County Senior Services Levy have become even more essential in meeting the basic needs of seniors.

One of these programs realized a remarkable achievement during the annual report period. The Prescription Assistance for Seniors program surpassed \$8,000,000 in total savings to seniors since its inception. While the yearly amount saved has declined as a result of the introduction of Medicare Part D, this program continues to be an essential part of getting necessary prescriptions to seniors.

It is difficult to think about Ashtabula County without the programs that are provided, in part or in whole, by the Ashtabula County Senior Services Levy. Many of us are affected, either directly or indirectly, by the many programs available. Whether you are receiving a hot meal yourself, or have a family member receiving chore or personal care services, the Senior Services Levy helps to ensure the continued health and safety of an all too often forgotten population. I thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Ann Marrison

The Ashtabula Board of County Commissioners

The senior citizens of Ashtabula County have received services provided with funds from the Ashtabula County Senior Services Levy for over seven years now. One of the exciting parts of that seven-year period is that each year offers new and exciting services or expansions, while continuing the already established services throughout the community.

The ultimate goal of the Ashtabula County Senior Services Levy is to help seniors stay in their home and maintain a level of independence that may be unavailable in assisted and full-care facilities. The levy helps to achieve this goal by funding programs directly essential to the physical, emotional, and social well-being of seniors.

One of the exciting expansions occurring in this annual report period was the Geneva Area Senior Centers opening of a Satellite Site that expanded programs offered through the senior center to include activities such as sewing classes, computer classes, daily pool, television, and Wii.

We, the Ashtabula Board of County Commissioners, offer our thanks for the support that Ashtabula County continues to show to senior citizens living in our community.



Peggy A. Carlo,
President of the Board



Daniel R. Claypool



Joseph A. Moroski

In-Home Care Programs

In-Home Care includes essential programs designed to keep those persons age 60 or older independent and in their homes. The programs provide Home Delivered Meals, Personal Care, and Chore-Homemaker Services, all of which are directly in the seniors home. Seniors living in Ashtabula County must meet certain eligibility requirements including: being a resident of Ashtabula County age 60 or older, frail and/or homebound, and have a verified need for service.

Home Delivered Meals

This service provides nutritious meals to seniors enabling them to have their health needs met while being able to stay in their own home by one of our two providers.

Ashtabula County Community Action Agency

450 Seniors Served 40,723 meals provided

Country Neighbor Program, Inc.

134 Seniors Served 20,857 meals provided

Personal Care

This service provides basic health maintenance and/or personal hygiene assistance in the home. Some of the services provided under Personal Care include paramedical care, bedside nursing care therapy, tub, shower, partial bath services, and Alzheimer's Respite.

Ashtabula Regional Home Health Services

123 Seniors Served 5935.24 hours - Personal Care 1313.75 hours - Alzheimer's Respite

Country Neighbor Program, Inc.

30 Seniors Served 1,620.5 hours – Personal Care

Chore-Homemaker

This service provides house cleaning, laundry, meal plans, and kitchen care to name a few. These services ensure that a senior is living in a clean and healthy home, allowing for a better living environment.

Ashtabula County Community Action Agency

210 Seniors Served 7,306 hours – Chore-Homemaker

Country Neighbor Program, Inc.

67 Seniors Served 2,734.5 hours – Chore-Homemaker

Prescription Assistance for Seniors



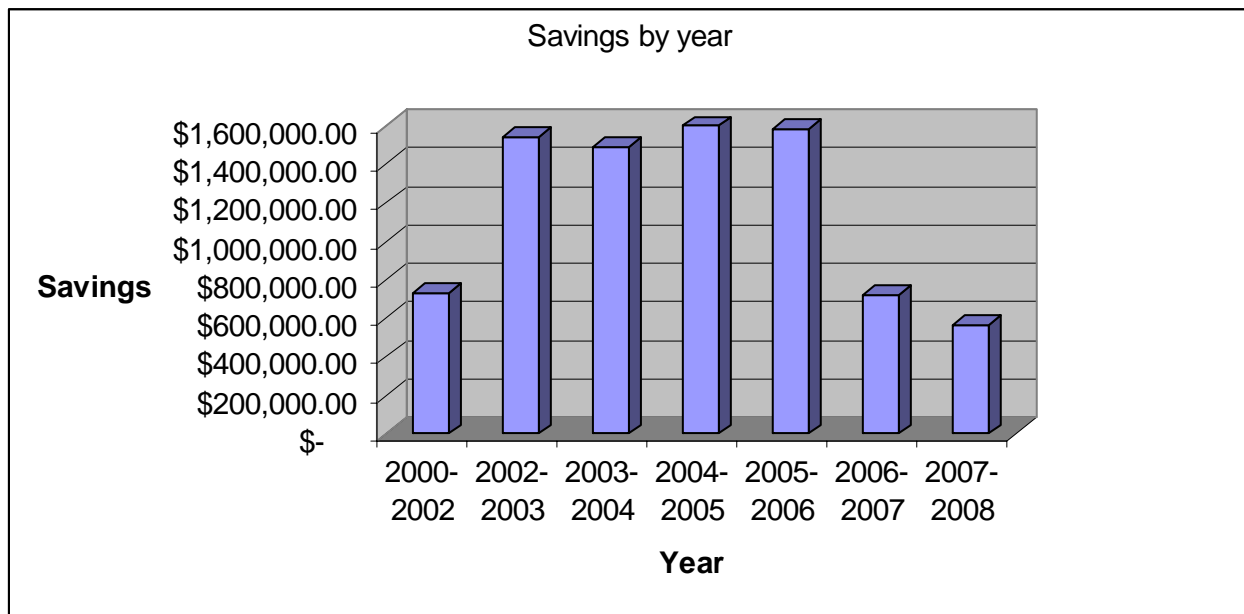
The Prescription Assistance for Seniors program goal is to find the best long-term option for Ashtabula County seniors in maintaining their prescription needs. Seven caseworkers assist in determining eligibility and submit information to pharmaceutical manufacturers to obtain free or low cost medications. Medicare Part D has alleviated much of the prescription needs, however the Prescription Assistance for Seniors program assists with all aspects of Medicare Part D and questions regarding the program itself.

Total Savings for Seniors since 2000 over:

\$8,000,000

Prescription Assistance for Seniors Providers

Ashtabula County Community Action Agency
Ashtabula County Council on Aging
Ashtabula Regional Home Health Services
Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County
Conneaut Human Resource Center
Country Neighbor Program, Inc.



Protective Services for Seniors

Every year senior citizens find themselves the target of abuse, neglect, or exploitation at the hands of those they trust the most. Even more find themselves no longer able to provide for their own basic needs due to health and other issues. The Ashtabula County Senior Services Levy provides funding to various organizations to help combat these issues.

ACDJFS APS Unit

The Ashtabula County Department of Job and Family Services' Adult Protective Services unit helps protect the well-being of the citizens of Ashtabula County by investigating allegations of abuse, neglect or exploitation of community dwelling adults age 60 and older. The senior services levy provides funds that enhance these services.

New cases of alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation: 380

Financial Stewardship

This program, provided by Faith in Action Volunteer Caregivers, provides assistance to senior citizens through organizing bills, preparing checks for signature, and developing budgets.

Seniors Served: 10 Hours of Service: 188

Payeeship

Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County provides assistance to those receiving funds from the Social Security Administration and are unable to manage their income. The Payee administers the funds received on behalf of the beneficiary and allots funds for shelter, clothes, food, medical care, and personal comfort.

Seniors Served: 33 Hours of Service: 581.58

Guardianship

Guardianship, provided by Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County, helps to protect the most vulnerable members of society. This program, through legal arrangements, ensures that all the needs of the senior citizen, physical, emotional, and financial, are met.

Seniors Served: 86 Hours of Service: 576.00

To Report Elder Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation,
Call the Ashtabula County Department of Job and
Family Service's Adult Protective Hotline at:

440-997-7777



Transportation Programs

The need for transportation services has grown over the last several years. As gas prices soar many people are finding themselves in need of the various transportation services offered within the county. For seniors who might have various medical transportation needs with no means of getting to these appointments, this problem is compounded. The Ashtabula County Senior Services Levy has effectively expanded and enhanced the available services to seniors to help combat this issue. Funding is provided to the Ashtabula County Transportation System (ACTS) to allow for seniors to ride for free from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. anywhere on the ACTS service route Monday through Saturday.

Taxi Services

City Taxicab and Transfer Co.

Ridership: 5,287

Premier Transportation Services

Ridership: 1,927



Ashtabula County Council on Aging – Bus Coupons

With funding provided by the levy, ACCOA purchases bus coupons from ACTS which are provided to seniors to utilize outside of the seniors ride for free hours

Seniors Served: 148 Coupons Provided: 14,331

Country Neighbor Program, Inc. – Transportation Services

Serving the southern townships of Ashtabula County, Country Neighbor Program offers transportation for seniors 6 days per week with the priority on health care appointments

Seniors Served: 185 Miles: 76,351 Trips: 2,827

Faith in Action Caregivers of Ashtabula County – Transportation Services

A transportation program staffed by volunteers, offering transportation to seniors with no other means of transportation

Seniors Served: 131 Miles: 31,803 Trips: 817

Jefferson Community Center – Transportation Services

Operation of a community center van provides transportation options to area seniors

Seniors Served: 39 Miles: 16,408 Trips: 47

Education and Wellness

Programs under the Education and Wellness component of the Ashtabula County Senior Services Levy help to enhance the lives of seniors by preventing isolation, improving health, and imparting knowledge. These programs promote well-being through group activities and other personal interaction.

Ashtabula County Community Action Agency Enhanced Senior Information & Referral

Accessed through the 211 ACQUIRE line, this program informs seniors of services available, eligibility requirements and the steps necessary to access the service.

**Seniors Served: 530 Calls: 859 Call Linkages: 1,539
Follow-Ups: 525 Research/Advocacy Efforts: 52**

Ashtabula County Council on Aging – Bus Trips

To prevent isolation, this program promotes attendance and provides transportation to recreational, cultural and entertainment venues.

Seniors Served: 200 Trips Taken: 90

Ashtabula County Council on Aging - Handyman

Provides for such services as painting, fixing faucets, cleaning gutters & various other minor home repairs.

Seniors Served: 232

Ashtabula County Council on Aging – Performing Artists

In collaboration with the Ashtabula Arts Center, this program promotes socialization by providing Performing Artist events which include concerts, comedians, magicians and speakers.

Seniors Served: 1149 Events: 25

Ashtabula County Council on Aging – Program Admission Tickets

This program provides free or reduced price tickets to fine arts performances.

Seniors Served: 125 Tickets: 125

Education and Wellness cont.

Ashtabula County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board – Mental Health Support/Prevention Group Services

This program provides facilitated peer support groups, helps with the promotion of good mental health, and provides education on mental health issues.

Seniors Served: 30 Sessions: 8

Conneaut Human Resource Center – Seniors Together Program

Seniors may participate in exercise, bingo, dancing, crafts and various other activities that help prevent isolation and promote health.

Seniors Served: 128 Program Hours: 1,892

Country Neighbor Program, Inc. – Senior Recreation, Services, & Wellness

Seniors participate in various recreation and group activities, senior wellness promotes health awareness and senior services provides for such services as handyman.

Wellness

Seniors Served: 164 Program Hours: 960.25

Handyman

Seniors Served: 70 Program Hours: 606

Geneva Area Seniors Corporation – General Education & Wellness Programs

Provides senior center type activities and events to seniors in the northwestern portion of Ashtabula County. Activities include ceramics, gardening, exercise and crafts.

Seniors Served: 655 Program Hours: 2,019

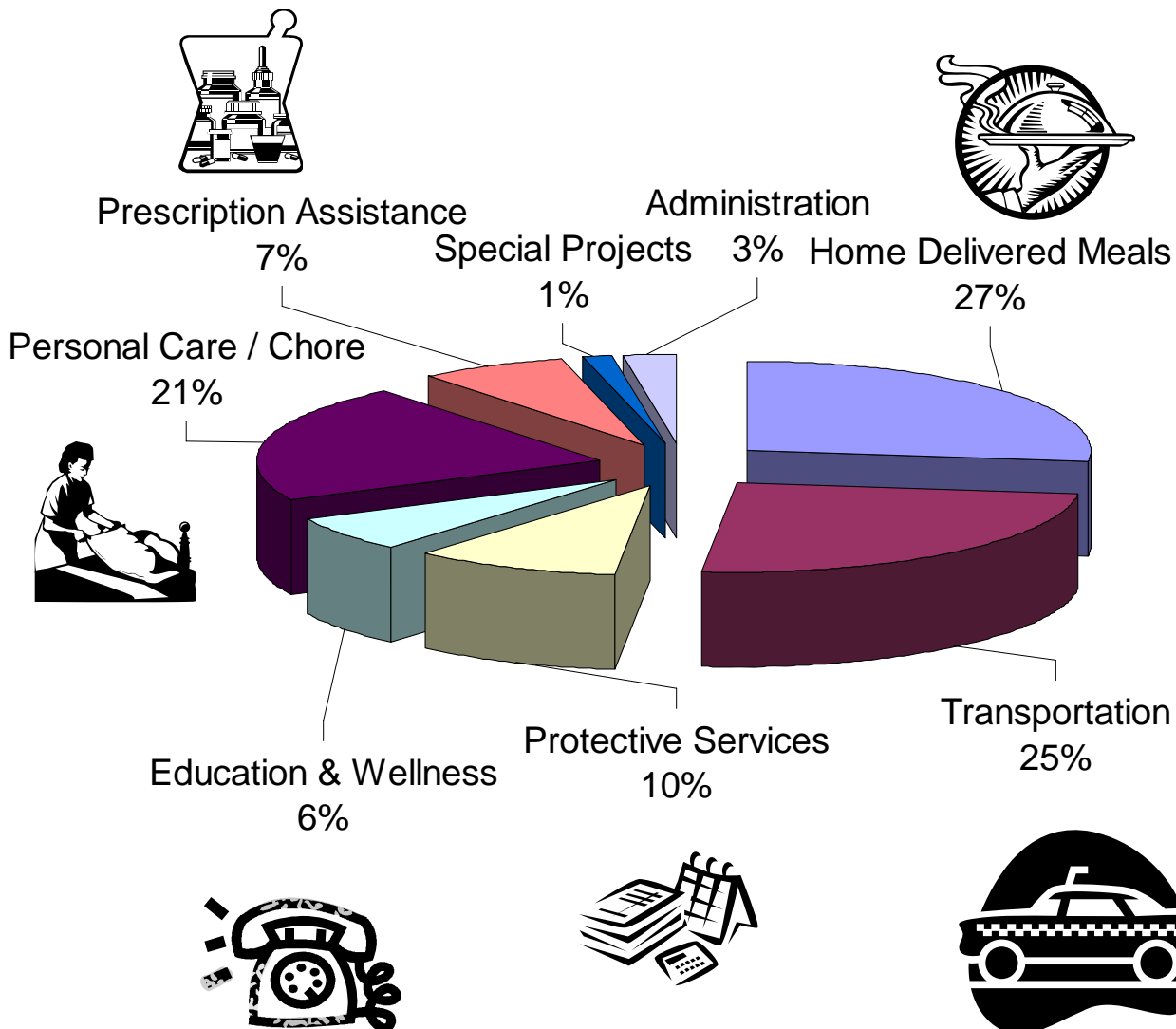
University Hospitals Geneva Medical Center – Senior Health Forums

Forums are offered once a month and presented by an area healthcare professional to inform area seniors on health related issues.

Seniors Served: 952 Forums: 12

2007 - 2008 Contract Allocation Graph

Senior Services Program	Total Contract Amount
Home Delivered Meals	\$ 443,718.73
Transportation	\$ 405,548.24
Protective Services	\$ 161,038.75
Education & Wellness	\$ 104,019.03
Personal Care/Chore	\$ 348,103.39
Prescription Assistance	\$ 114,956.82
Special Projects	\$ 22,018.96
Administration	\$ 42,867.05
Total:	\$ 1,642,270.97










































































































































Ashtabula County



Ashtabula County has 19,436 senior citizens age 60 or older (2000 census)

Services Received Within Each Township

- Home Delivered Meals 
- Prescription Assistance for Seniors 
- Personal Care 
- Chore-Homemaker 
- Transportation 

Township	Population	Services	Township	Population	Services
1. Geneva	2368	    	15. New Lyme	161	    
2. Harpersfield	363	   	16. Colebrook	117	    
3. Trumbull	217	  	17. Kingsville	991	    
4. Hartsgrove	151	    	18. Sheffield	240	  
5. Windsor	285	    	19. Denmark	149	   
6. Saybrook	2280	    	20. Dorset	142	   
7. Austinburg	356	    	21. Cherry Valley	142	  
8. Morgan	290	    	22. Wayne	110	   
9. Rome	248	    	23. Conneaut	2656	    
10. Orwell	480	    	24. Monroe	348	    
11. Ashtabula	4418	    	25. Pierpont	203	    
12. Plymouth	421	    	26. Richmond	156	    
13. Jefferson	1015	    	27. Andover	612	    
14. Lenox	223	    	28. Williamsfield	294	    

Population of township residents age 60 and over from the 2000 census

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