

OUR EVOLUTION

- 1972** ● Senior Neighbors, Inc. is established as an **independent agency**.
- 1983** ● Senior Neighbors continues to grow and now employs 26 people **working to meet the needs of local seniors**. Today, there is a staff of 62.
- 1986** ● The Kent County RSVP program, what is known today as **AmeriCorps Seniors**, becomes a part of Senior Neighbors.
- 1993** ● **Robert Barnes** is named Executive Director, a position he continues to hold today, providing years of knowledge and committed leadership.

Kent County Senior Millage is passed in 1999, allowing for even more essential services to be offered to local seniors.

- 2006** ● New programs provide **exercise classes** to seniors and help with **choosing the right health insurance plan**.
- 2013** ● The **Refugee Program** begins again, after a brief pause, with funding from the State of Michigan.
- 2015** ● In response to unprecedented population growth, the **Housing Coordination Program** is born.
- 2017** ● The **Veteran Home Repair Program** launches.
- 2022** ● New programming assists seniors with **using new technology and accessing devices**.
- Senior Neighbors **celebrates 50 years of service** to the community!

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2022 Impact Report

50 years
serving area seniors since 1972

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Senior Neighbors throughout the years...

50 years in the making

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Impact Report

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50 years in the making

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Fifty years ago, Senior Neighbors started with the simple idea of providing nutritious meals for local seniors. Over the following decades, with the support of generous donors, **Senior Neighbors has evolved into a community cornerstone for those facing the challenges of aging**. As Kent County's growing population of seniors tripled over those 50 years, Senior Neighbors has continued to adapt to the changing needs of older adults. Today we serve seniors with a complete array of programs, including transportation, healthy living, socialization, overcoming personal crises, and keeping seniors safe in their own homes.



The "Downtown Center" was located at the SE Corner of Ionia and Weston until it moved in 2009.

2022 is a testament to what hasn't changed these past 50 years—**a supportive community in West Michigan that cares deeply for improving the lives of local seniors**. For the past half century, compassionate individual donors and steadfast agency partners have helped ensure seniors in West Michigan have never been alone in their pursuit of healthy and happy living. **Thank you for being a part of this growing community.**



Senior Neighbors Centers are just as important to the community in 2022 as they were in 1972.

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A HELPING HAND FOR INDEPENDENCE

With the generous financial support of our community, Senior Neighbors connects local seniors to resources to help them maintain independence and navigate through times of crisis.



94% of seniors served reported **improved health, reduced stress, and reduced isolation**.



99% said their **financial situation improved** after working with Senior Neighbors.



Among survey respondents, 100% of seniors reported **improved independence and self-sufficiency** after working with a case manager.



Among survey respondents, 100% of seniors facing a housing crisis **remained in their homes** with the assistance of Senior Neighbors.

Looking Back SENIOR NEIGHBORS 50TH ANNIVERSARY | 1972-2022

When we started 50 years ago, Senior Neighbors offered only a few essential programs. Now, with more than a dozen different services, we address a more complete array of local senior needs, including:

**Volunteer Programs + Case Management + Healthy Aging Classes + Home Maintenance
Home Repair for Veterans + Housing Assistance + Medicare and Medicaid Counseling
Pet Assistance + Refugee Support + Senior Centers + Technology Support + Transportation**



SERVICE & BELONGING FOR EVERYONE

5,474 SENIORS SERVED

CLIENT GENDER



CLIENT RACE/ETHNICITY

According to the census, 91% of Kent County seniors identify as white. Our clients identify as:

- African American 32%
- Asian 2%
- Hispanic 5%
- Native American 1%
- White 65%



41% of clients describe themselves as **frail** or **having a disability**.

437 VETERANS SERVED
421 **veteran spouses** served.

Over 1/3 of Senior Neighbors clients live on less than \$14,000 a year.

CLIENT AGE			
60 to 69	45%	80 to 89	16%
70 to 79	35%	90+	4%



It's a Matter of Balance

Did you know, the fear of falling can be more debilitating than experiencing the fall itself? In the older adult population, this fear leads to social isolation, depression, poor health, and an increased risk of falls.



Senior Neighbors strives to help older adults feel more confident in their abilities to prevent a fall. Those who participate in the many Engaging Wellness classes find themselves more physically fit and confident in their own strength and balance to help manage the fear of falling. Numerous classes offered at all levels:

- EnhanceFitness + Tai Chi + Gentle Yoga
- Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program + Virtual Fitness Classes

98% find improvement or greater ease in **maintaining their physical abilities**.

97% report the **classes help their mind** become healthier as well as their bodies.

Seniors are now riding in a brand new bus!

TRANSPORTATION

Many older adults depend on transportation assistance. The greatest need is getting to medical appointments, followed by grocery shopping, other miscellaneous trips, and finally to our centers for meals.

- Of those surveyed, 100% of seniors showed **improved follow through with medical visits and treatment** because of transportation services.
- 91% reported **reduced isolation** through transportation services.

Gaining a Lifeline Through Community

Senior Neighbors has four senior centers throughout Kent County.* These centers provide vital community and emotional support to seniors who might be isolated from family and friends through no fault of their own.

Grandville + Grand Rapids + Lowell + Sparta

29,242 MEALS SERVED



93% report their center helped them be **more active**.

79% reported **eating more regularly** because of meals provided by their local center.



90% have seen an **improvement in their health** because of activities offered at their center.



HELP SERVE LOCAL SENIORS FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS!

More services funded by community donations → More direct financial assistance to local seniors

Make a tax-deductible donation today!

To join us in supporting area seniors, scan the code below with your phone or visit SeniorNeighbors.org for safe and secure online giving.



Scan here to support area seniors

Looking Back SENIOR NEIGHBORS 50TH ANNIVERSARY



Oh how we've grown! In 1972, our first year of operation, Senior Neighbors provided services to local seniors valued at \$167,876. Thirty years later, in 2002, our programs had grown more than tenfold, reaching a cost of \$2,015,288. Now, after 50 years of serving our community, Senior Neighbors dedicates more than \$4 million annually to essential services for local seniors.

HOW FUNDS WERE RECEIVED IN 2022

Government Support	75%
Donations	13%
In-Kind Partnerships	6%
Fundraising Events	3%
Program Revenue	2%
United Way Grants	1%

Senior Neighbors Inc is funded in part by:



HOW FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED

Programs	90%
Administration	10%

Revenue: \$4,297,011
Expenses: \$4,686,157

To view more financial information, please visit SeniorNeighbors.org/finance



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*The Walker Center was temporarily closed during the pandemic but a new location is being readied to open soon.



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Fiscal Year 2022 Financial

Revenue: \$4,297,011

Expenses:

Program Services: \$4,297,011

Fundraising: \$279,668

Administration: \$208,540

TOTAL: \$4,686,157

Net Assets: \$1,982,146

Liabilities: \$234,273

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