

**Statement of Activities—Year Ended December 31, 2015**

**REVENUE:**

Grant Revenue	36,718,218
Project Income/Client Co-pay	670,927
Local Income	1,324,551
Rental Income	58,224
Tax Levy	1,909,507
Other Income	102,877
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$40,784,304</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Program Expenses:	
PASSPORT services	32,377,539
Senior nutrition	2,327,394
Community services	4,967,254
Caregiver services	354,242
Agency support	402,595
Corporate activities	235,177
<b>Total Program Activities</b>	<b>\$40,664,201</b>

Management and General	607,054
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$41,271,255</b>
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**NON-OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSE:**

Interest Income	3,870
Change in Net Assets	(483,081)
Net Assets-Beginning of Year	4,618,273

<b>Net Assets End of Year</b>	<b>\$4,135,192</b>
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The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., located at 2131 Park Avenue West in Ontario, provides leadership, collaboration, coordination and services to older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers & resource networks that support individual choice, independence and dignity.

For more information,  
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Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc.



*Area Agency on Aging*  
**Annual Report**

**2015**

*An Extraordinary Year!*



# *A Note from the CEO & Board President*

*Dear Friends and Supporters,*

**2015 has been another successful year for the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc.**

**With the invaluable help of our dedicated staff, board members, volunteers, donors, and partners, we have made 2015 one of our most groundbreaking years yet.**

**In 2015, we focused on expanding the scope of our work while maintaining our mission.**

**This year marks the beginning of a partnership with CareSource and the addition of the Ohio Home Care Waiver to our list of services. Because of these exciting changes, we have transformed the face of our consumer base by extending our services to individuals under age 60.**

**The Agency has also raised its quality of care through the addition of service coordination within both of our housing communities.**

**Additionally, we are making a footprint in housing, allowing us to have a major impact on the future of independent living in the state of Ohio.**

**As the Baby Boom generation continues to age, 2020 and 2040 projections predict that the senior population in our service area will grow rapidly, in fact, even more rapidly than state or national percentages.**

**Thankfully, our staff and our board members are visionaries. They seek and seize opportunities that help us improve the way we serve our ever-growing number of consumers.**

**We look forward to partnering with you for another year of conquering distinctive challenges, generating innovative solutions, and creating a bright future for our consumers, in 2016 and beyond.**

*Sincerely,*

*Jerod Them, Area Agency on Aging Corporate Board President*

*Duana Patton, Area Agency on Aging Chief Executive Officer*



Duana Patton, CEO



Jerod Them, Board President

# *Empowering our consumers*

## **Healthy U Classes**



Barb Markel, a devoted wife to Howard Markel for 58 years, decided to take a Healthy U class in the fall of 2015 in search of some support and tips to help with caregiving for her husband. In spite of her own health issues, she made it her mission to help her 87-year-old husband. Howard, a United States Navy veteran, was retired from hauling water after 65 years. In his retirement years he suffered from COPD, and as the years went on, his condition gradually worsened. Barb struggled to keep

Howard following the regimen the doctor ordered for his breathing. Luckily, she found Healthy U to give her the support and knowledge she needed on how to cope with a chronic illness and how to maintain a healthy and positive lifestyle. Barb's favorite part of the class was the amount of support she received from her fellow group members and especially the leaders, who took time to write down everyone's concerns that needed addressed.

"I would recommend this class to everyone," she said. "You learn so much and the leaders were so great and it helped a lot to be able to open up and talk freely about issues that were going on at home, something I didn't feel comfortable doing otherwise."

Unfortunately, Howard has since passed away, but Barb still uses the information she learned from the class and can't wait to attend another in the future.

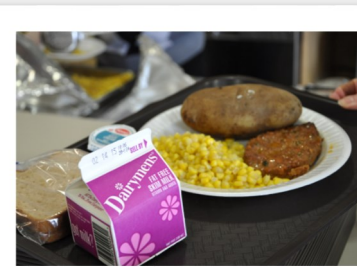
## **Ombudsman Advocacy**

Marlene Mounts, a loving grandmother, loves watching her granddaughters play in the sandbox and enjoys reading, working on crossword puzzles, and playing bingo with her fellow residents. She was having issues seeing properly with the lenses she had, making it difficult for her to enjoy the activities she loves most.

Steve Nemeth, a volunteer ombudsman at the Area Agency on Aging, and Penny Farst from Dr. Donald Brown's optometry office in Ontario, partnered together to help Marlene get the progressive no-line lenses that were medically necessary. She now can enjoy all of her favorite hobbies and spend time with her granddaughters with the help of her new glasses. Marlene would recommend everyone utilize their local resources, such as the ombudsman. She wouldn't have been able to get the lenses she medically needed otherwise.



# *Maximizing space at Hawkins Corner*



Congregate meal sites are often considered the first line of defense against hunger in older adults: They provide each attendee with a healthy, nutritious meal in addition to an opportunity for socialization; They link seniors to other nutrition-related services like food pantries, soup kitchens, and SNAP; They help teach seniors about good nutrition, healthy eating, and the importance of physical activity.

In February 2015, the Area Agency on Aging along with the Community Action Commission of Erie, Huron, and Richland Counties and Mansfield Memorial Homes debuted a congregate meal site at Hawkins Corner. The meal site serves anyone

age 60 or older every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. Meals are funded in part by Title III program of the Older Americans Act and Richland County Senior Services levy. The Area Agency on Aging continually works to provide more to attendees than just a nutritious meal, including offering an 8 week Matter of Balance class.

The meal site has proved to be a valuable asset to the community, consistently growing and changing. This is largely due to the dedication of the attendees, who continue to provide feedback and ideas for the meal site, helping to shape it into the program it is today.





# Special Thanks to...

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\* - At Large  
\*\* - Ex-Officio

# Area Agency on Aging Foundation Update

*Dear Contributors and Donors,*

Every year, the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging Foundation continues to focus on a mission that supports the Area Agency on Aging and the following seven nonprofits in Hawkins Corner:

- Visiting Nurses Association (Mental Health Services)
- Alzheimer's Association of North West Ohio Chapter
- Hawkins Medical Center operated by Third Street Family Health Services
- Habitat for Humanity ReStore
- Experience Works
- Hospice of North Central Ohio



Area Agency on Aging CEO Duana Patton and AAA Foundation Board Chair Jeff DeVito with Greg Boyce of Modern Woodman and the Egg Roulette winners.

This year was no different. The Foundation takes pride in Hawkins Corner. It has quickly embodied our vision for the Hawkins building — a shared space for a diversity of area nonprofits that results in a unique community that offers enhanced programming and services to consumers.

None of this would have been possible without your generous support. As 2016 approaches, we look to continue to build relationships within our nine county service area, and to resource others through this special community of our own.

*Sincerely,*

*Jeff DeVito, Area Agency on Aging Foundation Board Chair*

*Duana Patton, Area Agency on Aging Chief Executive Officer*



# Salute to American Heroes!



On September 10, 2015, The Area Agency on Aging hosted "Salute to American Heroes" as a ceremony to not only raise and dedicate the new flag, but to also celebrate and honor servicemen and women across the United States, and remember the events of 9/11, which would have its 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary the following day.

The purchase of a new flag, however, is not as simple as it sounds. "The Area Agency operates on funds that are here and available to support seniors and the disabled population," Duana Patton, Chief Executive Officer of AAA told the crowd during the ceremony.



"We have very limited funds to do special things like this."

Because of the flag's meaning and importance, AAA pressed forward, and after quickly gaining the support of both boards, began hosting community fundraisers and receiving donations. Through the generosity of countless people, within a few months AAA had met its goal: to install a flagpole and display its very own star spangled banner.

"Sometimes that's easier said than done, but in this case, it was a very easy task because of all the support we received from this community and across our nine counties," said Patton during the ceremony. "So I would be remiss if I didn't stand here today and thank those who made today possible."

Children and adults alike from across Richland County donned red, white, and blue, and gathered on Hawkins Corner to honor veterans, firefighters, the sheriff and police, and first responders on the clear-skied, beautiful day.

The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 21 canteen trailer sold lunches to the public before the start of the ceremony, and an anonymous donor purchased 200 lunches from the canteen to ensure all of the veterans in attendance would eat for free.



AAA gave the first 200 servicemen and women in attendance bags full of gifts, including handwritten thank you notes from the community.

Colonel Gary A. McCue, Commander, 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing represented as the Master of Ceremonies and the Color Guard from 179<sup>th</sup> presented colors before the flag was raised.

"We are here to honor our veterans and their families, salute our country, and display our patriotic pride," said Patton. "And it is an honor to have this event today, have all of you here, and to be able to walk into the office every day and remember, when I look at that flag."

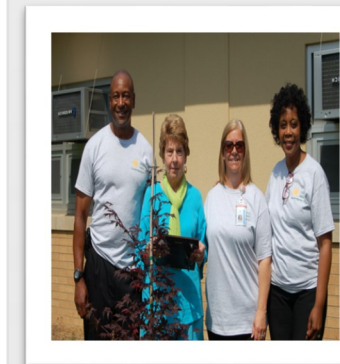
As the ceremony came to a close, all were invited to gather in the Hawkins Corner Training and Event Center for refreshments and to spend time together on the stirring and unforgettable afternoon.



# Connecting with our community

## Elder Engagement

Local community agencies came together on Thursday, June 11, 2015 to host more than 80 seniors at the Springmill Learning Center in Mansfield. The Area Agency on Aging, along with OSU Mansfield, Richland County Children's Services, and the North End Community Improvement Collaboration, hosted this event to honor the connection area seniors have with our children and community. The morning opened with educational sessions on topics of interest to seniors, including social media and printed news & television – then and now. Represented on the panel discussion were the Richland Source, Mansfield News Journal and WMFD. The event concluded with lunch, speaker Stephen Gavazzi, Dean and Director of OSU Mansfield, and special recognition of Mr. Lowell Smith for his contributions in the community. Additionally, Ms. Carol Payton was honored with the 2015 Hawkins Corner Legacy Award.



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## Minority Health Fair

On April 25, 2015, The Area Agency on Aging attended Ocie Hill Neighborhood Center's 18th Annual Minority Health Fair. The fair, which is free and open to the public, is held on the last Saturday of April to celebrate National Minority Health Month.

Brunch was provided by First Adventist Church. Many organizations were represented, including the following: OhioHealth MedCentral Hospitals, Richland Public Health, Richland County Job & Family Services, and the Central City Economical Development Community Action Council.

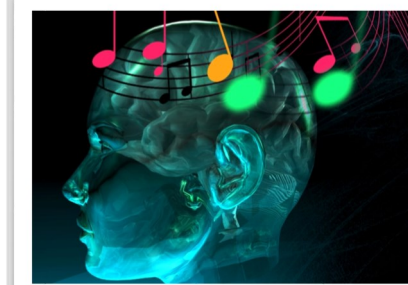
## Richland Young Professionals

In November 2015, Richland Young Professionals, the United Way, North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC) and the Area Agency on Aging teamed up to rake leaves for senior citizens in the area.



The United Way and the NECIC provided tools and materials and the Area Agency identified homes for the group's services. Fifteen members of RYP participated in the four-hour project.

# Music and Memory



What power does music have to help heal the mind and soul? Through the Music and Memory Program at Marion Pointe Nursing Home, a resident with a severe brain injury and trauma is given his iPod, full of rock 'n' roll, and immediately lights up, nodding his head and tapping his foot. The nurse in charge of the Music and Memory program said that when the music starts playing he "becomes alive and is fascinating to see."

Similarly to the gentleman with the brain injury, the nurses at Marion Pointe will get the iPod and preferred music for their patients with Alzheimer's disease or dementia when they have a moment of frustration or have become withdrawn. With the help of

the music, the patients calm down, smile and seem genuinely happy. The nurses have become well-trained in recognizing the best times to get the music to help the patients and enjoy seeing the positive change when the music starts to play. The program has worked so well that the nursing home is seeking other opportunities to buy more iPods to help future residents with similar needs.

