

Director's Report

June 2025

Programming Board Report

Meals served May 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025:
(Breakfast 45; Lunch 980)

January 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025: 5,098
(Breakfast: 212; Lunch: 4,752)

Volunteer Hours: May 1 – May 31, 2025

- Transportation: 144.25
- Mechanic: 4
- Our Friends House: 94
- Servers: 120
- Exercise Participants: 204
- Social/ Activity Participants: 219

Update:

We celebrated Mother's Day with a beautifully prepared lunch courtesy of our kitchen staff, which served 93 meals that day.

We had two memorable meals, one for the Kentucky Derby and one for Cinco de Mayo. We played Loteria (Spanish Bingo) after our Cinco de Mayo meal, and it was very well received. Our guests are asking to play it monthly.

The SAIL class continues to grow, with an average of 28 or more people in each class. We have a small group that enjoys Drum Fitness and Chair Volleyball. New friendships have been made in this group, and they meet weekly to exercise together. We also offer Zumba and Yoga on Fridays; each has its group of guests who attend. Since the downtown gym has changed ownership, we have seen an increase in attendees in a couple of our classes.

In May, I hosted my annual Spring Tea, with close to 40 guests signing up this year. I served sweet dessert treats, cucumber sandwiches, cheese and crackers, and fresh fruit. I used antique china cups and saucers, and Mary and her mother, Marianne, made sewn caddy holders that had pink geraniums on each table. In the end, all the centerpieces were given away. I also did a small presentation on arranging flowers.

We also went on a Greenhouse Tour in May. Mary drove, and we had eight guests go on the day trip. They traveled throughout the area, going to greenhouses and markets, and had lunch at Up North Market.

A few other services we offer that our guests seem to appreciate are, Podiatry Clinic, Massage Therapy,

Parmenter Law, Caregiver Support Group, and Beltone.

The Programming team is looking forward to Summer and planning activities and events for our OCCOA guests.

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Senior Care Services:

May 2025 Board Report

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- Currently, Senior Care Services is assisting 50 clients with in-home services.
 - Of those:
 - 43 are full private pay
 - 2 are Senior Resources
 - 4 are a combination pay of private and Senior Resources
 - 1 is Reliance
- In-home Community Living Support is still in high demand for Oceana County Seniors! The SCS Director is still conducting assessments for new clients, but we currently have a waitlist.
- We have seen an increase in families/clients calling to increase hours. These are current clients who are currently receiving services, but do not feel current services are not enough and are looking for more support from our staff.
- In May, there were a total of 4 in-home assessments completed for possible new clients.
- OFH is very close to maximum capacity! We are excited for the renewed interest in this program. We have room for 1-2 more clients who fit the criteria, but after those spots are filled, we will begin a waitlist for this program as well.
- The Bathing Program is in full swing! We are happy to report the following:
 - 6 clients receiving services through the Bathing Program!
 - 10 baths/showers are performed weekly for those clients
 - We currently have 2 more Bathing assessments scheduled
 - Goal is 4-5 baths/showers per day to a total of 16-20 baths/showers per week
- SHIP (State Health Insurance Program) has slowed down significantly with open enrollment being closed. We anticipate having a new SHIP volunteer joining us at OCCOA to assist with counseling sessions and assist during open enrollment. This is very exciting!
- We are excited to announce that we have received the Great Lakes People Fund Grant! We were granted \$2,000 to help restock our diminished loan closet. We have been able to purchase new bedside commodes, a new knee scooter and other accessories. We are thrilled to have this opportunity.

SCS Shout Out:

👋 Shoutout to Lupe, Our Amazing Bathing Specialist! 🎉

- Lupe has worked diligently to build and grow our bathing program, and her dedication has made a lasting impact. She's been an incredible asset not only to the program but to all of us at Our Friends House.
- Her warm personality and genuine charisma have earned her the love and respect of our staff, clients, and their families alike. Lupe, thank you for the care, compassion, and excellence you bring every day — you truly make a difference! ❤️👏

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Transportation Update:

	MAY 2024	MAY 2025	YTD 2024	YTD 2025	YTD INCREASE
BUS MILES	10,882	8,351	43,324	38,145	-5,179
NON-SENIOR TRIPS	23	6	75	65	-10
SENIOR TRIPS	231	262	667	1,161	494
NON-SENIOR DISABLED TRIPS	243	209	1,274	994	-280
SENIOR DISABLED TRIPS	591	462	2,286	2,102	-184
TOTAL TRIPS	1,088	939	4,302	4,322	20
PARATRANSIT MILES	569	825	1,461	3,007	1,546
TOTAL TRIPS	10	20	30	81	51
VOLUNTEER MILES	3,797	3,476	12,898	22,724	9,826
TOTAL TRIPS	89	83	272	541	269

- Non-Senior Disabled Trips are mostly WMCMH "Progressions" clients.

OFH Update:

CLIENT HOURS: 493.50

MEALS: 117

TRANSPORTS: 129

VOLUNTEER HOURS: 12

*Meals and Transports are counted in Program and Transportation reports. They are separated here to highlight what is used by OFH

May brought our annual Mother's Day par-tea! We packed the house and enjoyed lovely table settings, delectable snacks in a charcutier-tea style where the snacks were served in teacups. We had fun games with beautiful prizes, poetry read by Pat Zack as well as pretty piano music by Lola! Thanks to all who donated to help us pull this off and make it such a huge success. We currently have 12 clients, a growing garden and weather we are looking forward to enjoying as we start our field trips.

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- OCCOA Loan Closet was the recipient of a Great Lakes Energy People Fund Spring grant to replace broken items and add needed items to the inventory.
- Stephanie attended the National Council on Aging (NCOA) Conference in Washington D.C. and had the opportunity to visit Capitol Hill with 110 senior professionals, five from Michigan where they were able to meet with staff from their respective legislature to share facts, stories, and concerns regarding reappropriation of Older Americans Act monies as well as concerns over additional funding, staffing shortages, and the growing need for senior services.
- United Way Oceana Board members visited OCCOA on May 29 to learn more about the organization and how their grant award is being utilized and what additional services we provide to the community.
- Great Lakes Energy was at OCCOA Thursday, June 5th to gather video footage for a short film they are making to share the impact made by those who round up their GLE bills.
- The Kayak Club season begins Thursday, June 5th. If you are interested, please see Abby or Stephanie.
- Blackmer Construction will be on site June 19th to take care of some items that require larger equipment. One item on the list is placement of foam panels in the clerestory to help absorb sound. These will be placed behind the quilts and possibly behind the barn door on the East end. The flag will also be replaced at that time as it too is showing some fading.
- The community garden has been planted and will provide fresh produce, not only for the kitchen, but also be available to the seniors. MSU Extension was on site June 6th to film footage of the garden, conduct interviews with the volunteers and some seniors, and find out more about the program.
- Stephanie and Kay attended the Senior Advocate meeting with Stephanie in person in Muskegon at Senior Resources. Stephanie was asked to provide an update for the members, including the office of Senator Gary Peters on not only the national conference but what is happening with agencies like OCCOA.
- Stephanie has reached out to the Community Foundation for Oceana County to see if there is any interest in partnering with OCCOA to help facilitate a form of Senior Project Fresh.