Caring for the Community
through people and partnerships
Our Mission is to provide older adults with caring and quality services toward the enhancement of physical, mental and spiritual well-being consistent with the Christian Gospel.
“Each year, we are humbled to share the stories of outreach and support that bring hope and encouragement to the people we serve.”

Laurence C. Gumina
President/CEO

At OPRS, our greatest privilege is to care for the local communities where we live and work, and we are extremely proud of those who make it all possible. As these stories prove, our desire to serve extends beyond our residents and clients, to our neighbors and their families.

Whether through providing warm clothes to those in need or hand carved crosses to those in grief, these opportunities for service would not be possible without the local partnerships we've developed with like-minded individuals and organizations. We are indeed fortunate to partner with those who seek to positively impact the lives of others and consider it an honor to participate in any way, such as fundraisers, food drives, reading classes, life skills events, veteran ceremonies, caregiver support, and more.

By connecting with others to care for our communities and, therefore, benefit the greater good, we become stronger as individuals and as an organization. Thank you for being a part of what we consider some of our most significant accomplishments.
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Members of the Breckenridge Woodshop Club constructed their 2,000th ergonomically designed wooden cross. The crosses fit comfortably into the hands of individuals with impaired hand mobility and are given to those who may be experiencing a loss, illness or traumatic event in their lives. Each of the sanded, tulip poplar wood crosses is transformed by the oils and sweat from its owner’s hands making it personal and unique to that individual. In honor of reaching this milestone, the 2,000th cross was presented to Jack Beckwith, Willoughby Chief of Police, on St. Patrick’s Day during a pancake breakfast.

Additional Support
• Breckenridge hosts a local rug-hookers group whose members have developed close friendships and often celebrate special occasions together.
• Staff, residents and visitors have donated hats, gloves, mittens and scarves to benefit area homeless and low-income families at Christmas time.

Greater Cleveland Region

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Dorothy Love Retirement Community

If you are in need of mending, button replacement or hemming, the Sewing Ladies at Dorothy Love Retirement Community can help. The Sewing Ladies are volunteers from Dorothy Love and the greater community. The number of projects they can handle in a day varies based on how many items are brought in and the degree of difficulty, but they always approach each task with a smile.

Senior Independence

Miami Valley Region

Annually, Senior Independence of Miami Valley chooses a low-income senior housing building at random for a special celebration. This year, they chose Villa Park Springfield. The staff provided Christmas ornaments and cards for all 100 residents. Nearly 40 residents attended a Bingo party complete with refreshments and decorations. The SI group also purchased at least two gifts per child for 38 grandchildren of Villa Park’s residents.
Mount Pleasant Retirement Village

Mount Pleasant Retirement Village has a fun and unique way to connect with the local community by offering space for local music teachers to hold recitals. Mount Pleasant’s beautiful Mary H. Kittredge Chapel fits the need perfectly by providing a space large enough for the students, parents, grandparents and friends to attend. About a half dozen local music teachers who teach piano, violin, guitar and voice take advantage of the recital space. In the past year, over 100 students performed and nearly 800 family members, friends, and residents enjoyed the events. Students’ recital pieces range from classical to traditional to sacred music. These performances are a great way to connect with the local community and also bring music and smiles to the residents!

Additional Support

The Mount Pleasant social work team delivers donated glasses to a local Lenscrafters location. Lenscrafters cleans and repairs the glasses, and then distributes them to underprivileged individuals throughout North America. Mount Pleasant has donated hundreds of eyeglasses to date.
Residents and staff members have joined together to support active military troops through the Yellow Ribbon Campaign. Numerous items are collected including snacks, personal care products, playing cards and flip flops. The Vineyard residents meet every month to pack the U.S. Mail boxes full of the donated items. Some residents even donate funds to pay for the postage for these packages. Since The Vineyard on Catawba started participating in the Yellow Ribbon Campaign in 2011, 116 packages have been packed and mailed to troops overseas.

Additional Support
- Staff volunteered at the Red Cross Delaware Safe Family Day, an event that helps provide bicycle helmets for kids and adults, making sure helmets are fitted to the person for a safe ride.
- They also participated in highway cleanup.
- Members of the leadership team served on judging committees for the Delaware Rotary Club and the Excellence in Teaching award programs.

Sarah Moore Community

Environmental Services Director Rick Ringley helps with planning and with making meals for the John Freemans Benefit Breakfast. The money raised is given to Delaware County families in need, Ronald McDonald House, Delaware County Sheriff’s Department “Shop with a Cop” program, Andrews House, Roops Toy Drive and other charitable causes.

The Vineyard supports the Toledo Chapter of ConKerr Cancer, a nationwide effort to bring smiles and hugs to children with life-threatening illnesses, by cutting and sewing pillowcases that are taken to various hospitals.
Lake Vista of Cortland

Lake Vista teamed up with SI’s Mahoning Valley region to host a “Frozen” Ball, as an effort to raise money for their Relay for Life team and ultimately, the American Cancer Society. Invitations were distributed to adults and children through SI, Lake Vista and social media, resulting in over 45 guests and 35 princesses. A variety of activities were offered at the event including a sit-down dinner, a dance with a DJ, photo booth, face painting and a princess parade. The residents enjoyed seeing all of the princesses and receiving pictures the children had colored for them. Over $1,800 was raised during the event.

**Additional Support**
- Lake Vista opened its doors to six students from the Trumbull County Technical Center (TCTC) to assist with a variety of housekeeping, laundry, activities and culinary services.
“The Women Who Inspire” event was held in October at Llanfair and featured several dynamic speakers. Topics ranged from the creation of the Random Snacks of Kindness project to ending human trafficking and sexual slavery, to serving in the military, caregiving and living with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome. Attendees enjoyed appetizers and drinks during this very inspiring event.

Additional Support
- Llanfair hosted a prom for Carpe Diem-Aiken, a tuition-free charter school sponsored by Cincinnati Public Schools for students grade seven to 12. The event was a success with over 100 people in attendance.

SI participated with a number of other senior organizations in collecting over six large boxes with items for the troops at Christmas time. Donations were collected from employees, residents and family members. The collections were then sent to Blue Star Mothers in California, where they assembled and sent care packages to designated, deployed troops.

Additional Support
- The Mahoning Valley SI Relay for Life team raised a total of $4,500 for the Boardman Relay for Life Team 2015.

The staff at the Anderson Senior Center assisted the local Wish Tree program by picking up gifts that had been dropped off at local businesses and taking them to the distribution center. They also helped by wrapping the presents and delivering them to the people in need.
Park Vista is passionate about supporting the Ohio Older Adults Falls Prevention Coalition by providing education and information about the importance of fall prevention. As a result, a partnership among Youngstown State University, Park Vista, Hillside Rehabilitation Hospital and Challenge Performance was developed and the Moving Forward program was created. Moving Forward is a physical exercise and balance improvement class that meets three times a week. Before and after each session, each attendee’s vital signs are measured, and each participant completes a brief survey of any falls, doctor appointments or community outings that have occurred between sessions. The survey not only illustrates the individual’s progression but is also used for ongoing, collaborative research between Park Vista and Youngstown State University. Research from the program was presented at the Ohio Physical Therapy Association state conference in April 2015.

Additional Support
Park Vista works with the Mahoning County Area Agency on Aging to provide Matter of Balance, an evidence-based educational and physical exercise series. Matter of Balance aims to minimize the risk for falls and the fear of falling through group discussions, exercise and education.

Rockynol
The spirit of giving continued at Rockynol through its annual wreath fundraiser. Each year, local school children, organizations and community members use their very creative talents, resources, and generosity to create beautiful, decorative wreaths. Rockynol then displays and sells these unique, one-of-a-kind decorations. This year the display included themed and seasonal wreaths to adorn doors, walls, and mantles throughout the year. The event raised $2,489 for The Barnabas Ecumenical Ministry.

Additional Support
- Staff regularly visit the Findley Community Learning Center to read to students in grades K-5.
- Over 20 staff and friends of Rockynol participated in the Walk A Mile Program raising more than $800 in two weeks through a bake sale, silent auction, 50/50 raffle and donations.
- Rockynol donated Christmas wreaths to the Battered Women’s Shelter of Akron.
Swan Creek Retirement Village

Each fall and winter, Swan Creek calls upon the crafty talents of residents, family, staff, and community members to knit, crochet, and sew. Projects include everything from hats, scarves, mittens, and socks for children at a local inner city elementary school to knitted squares for an orphanage to newborn baby hats and lap blankets for two nearby hospitals. Each year an estimated 1,500 hours goes into creating the 800 plus items that are donated.

Additional Support

- Swan Creek donates newspapers to the Toledo Animal Shelter for lining small animal and puppy cages.
- A dog kennel space was sponsored in the name of Swan Creek with proceeds from the annual Valentine’s Day rose sale. The sponsorship tag on the kennel has inspired others to do the same thing.

Senior Independence

Greater Toledo Region

Personal hygiene items were collected for residents of the Beach House. A huge basket was placed in the lobby of the SI office, and staff members were encouraged to help fill the basket by donating bars of soap, shampoo, shaving cream, deodorant and other personal hygiene items. Items from the basket were sorted into shopping bags and delivered to the Beach House for its residents. The Beach House offers families housing, medical assessments, nutrition and budgeting toward the goal of successful re-entry into independent family living.
Westminster-Thurber Community

The Westminster-Thurber culinary team partnered with local restaurants, hotels, catering providers and retirement communities in support of Columbus State Community College’s Taste of the Future by providing the menu and setup. The goal of the event was to raise money for tuition assistance for people who need extra help, which it did successfully by raising $300,000.

Additional Support
- Culinary and Nutrition Services assisted approximately 25 Girl Scouts in earning a badge. To get the badge, the girls needed to create a recipe and then make the recipe with their families. The group decided to work together with Director Jason Koprivich and made homemade strawberry shortcake with chocolate syrup.

Senior Independence
Central Ohio Region

SI routinely presents Hoping for the Best, Planning for the Rest, a step-by-step approach to preparing for crises. Each attendee receives a free iCaregiver Guide – a planning tool and resource for older adults and their families. The guide helps prepare older adults and their loved ones for an emergency that can occur in a highly emotional time. The guide covers topics such as personal and medical information, financial information, legal information and advance planning.

Corporate Office

OPRS Corporate Office employees rallied together on behalf of those in need of home goods, personal hygiene products, and clothing for men, women and children in the greater Columbus area. Over 330 items were collected and donated to New Life United Methodist Church, who distributed them to families in need through its clothing room ministry.

Additional Support
- Corporate Office gave donations to the Cleveland Clinic and LeadingAge Ohio Foundation as well as held a food drive to benefit the Mid-Ohio Foodbank.
OPRS Foundation

Generous donors have given more than $1 million through a successful capital campaign to establish and endow the Mahoning Valley Lifelong Learning Institute.

Housed on the Park Vista of Youngstown campus, the Institute was created for the benefit of the entire Mahoning Valley region. Open to all Mahoning Valley residents, this Institute challenges the minds and stimulates the intellectual curiosity of those age 50 and up.

The Institute currently hosts two semesters per year, each offering 20-30 professionally-taught, collegiate-level courses from four lecture series (three of which are endowed): the Harris Series on History and Political Science, the Gelhaar Series on Arts and Culture, the Kyle Series on Religion and Spirituality, and the Wellness and Rehabilitation Series.

The capstone of the campaign is the creation of The Gelhaar Center at Park Vista. It will include state-of-the-art technology to bring course presentations to life, make virtual learning from around the world possible, and help those with vision or hearing difficulties to participate with ease.

The Gelhaar Center is anticipated to open in the spring of 2016.
Health Care & Assisted Living Medicaid Charity .................. $10,879,646

Medicaid is the state of Ohio’s health care funding source for low-income individuals. The dollars in this line item represent the difference between the cost of care at OPRS health care and assisted living centers, and the Medicaid or Medicaid Waiver reimbursement for that care.

Life Care Commitment .......................................................... $3,589,233

The Life Care Commitment, backed by OPRS with the help of charitable support, helps assure all OPRS residents that they will always have a home even if – in good faith – they run out of the funds meant to see them through.

Honorable Service Grants ...................................................... $87,450

We have instituted a program to honor the service of long-standing church workers and those with military service. This program provides significant discounts on fees for apartments and homes at OPRS Communities.

OPRS Communities, Senior Independence, OPRS Foundation and Corporate Office ...................................................... $1,406,263

This number represents community benefit activities.

Senior Independence Charity .................................................. $217,765

Senior Independence offers a number of home and community based services to older adults. We work with Passport, local levies, Title XX, United Way, Title III and numerous other funding sources in order to make services available to people of all income levels. The dollars depicted in this line represent the difference between the cost of providing these services and the reimbursement received.

The information below illustrates the total financial impact of OPRS’ community benefit. Each dollar represents our commitment to each community we serve.

Total Financial Impact
$16,180,357