



Report for September 2026

We've completed another year supported by the Senior Millage and will effectively **start the 26/27 year** on October 1. I'm proud to say that we exceeded every benchmark and look forward to doing the same this year as we continue to expand our opportunities. The County has added 2 new Senior Centers in recent years (Mundy Township and the Mays Center), but has vowed that no changes will occur to the initial centers. We were fortunate enough to be granted an increase of 3.5% in funding, bringing our support to \$224,229. Additionally, we are supported by an MTA grant of \$24,000+. These allocations do not cover all of our expenses; however, the CASC Board and volunteers work hard to make up the rest.

Our **bus is back!** Thank you for your support and help in getting the new engine installed. We've already put about 1,200 miles on it through various trips, transporting more than 200 seniors to excursions enriching their lives. Two of our recent trips have utilized both buses – the popularity of our day-trips is growing.

We have had the benefit of **partnering with AARP** for services for the past several years. Participants, 55+, are able to work for AARP in training capacities at various facilities. We have had secretarial staff, kitchen help, tech help, and an actual chef in years past. Recently we have had 3 participants in the program, 2 have phased out after the 4-year term ends and one left for transportation reasons. All that being said, we lost our chef and are diligently looking for someone to replace her. AARP sets the rate of pay and the hours, and we benefit from the internship. If you know of someone who loves to cook, is over 55 and wants to serve lunches 3 or 4 days a week, please give me a call. We can use all the leads we can get.

Research on "senior life" indicates that those who serve feel most-fulfilled. We strive to offer **opportunities for service**. Recently, we made stockings for the troops and with the help of the other Northern Tier Centers, we filled over 600 of them for this Christmas. It was a glorious and fun packing day! Additionally, we have a group that make mats for the homeless out of recycled plastic bags, and another that makes quilts/bedrolls out of old scraps of fabric and linens. Annually, we make nearly 100 of each to give away to the Eastside Mission in Flint. Our ladies, and one gentleman, enjoy the fellowship while making the items and gain a great deal of accomplishment by giving back to the community in this way.

Upcoming Trips:

- Saganing Eagle Casino – October 14
- Mystery Dinner – October 15
- M-319 Mystery Color Tour – October 19
- Chihuly at Meijer Gardens – October 28