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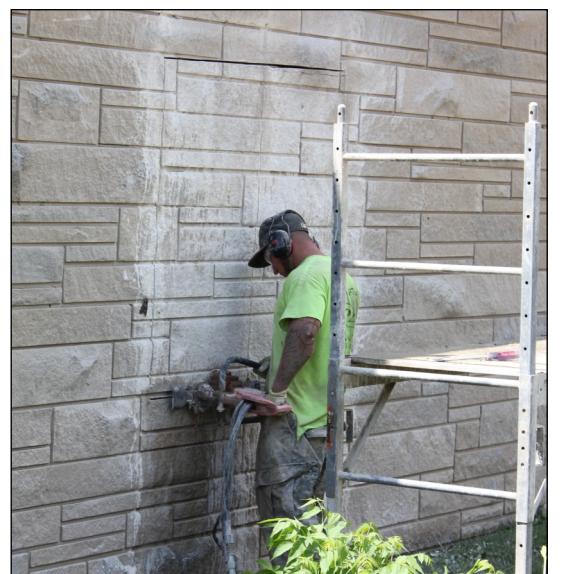
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NEWSLETTER



A NEW LOOK

Recently we began the process of remodeling the front façade of our building at 1005 Campbell Street. The Chester Architectural and Construction Services team removed the old siding and cut spaces for the six new windows. A hanging canopy that will extend from the parking lot to the front door will also be installed. Watch the progress on Facebook and our next newsletter will have photos of the finished project.



PCACS MISSION

PCACS extends a helping hand to seniors, people with disabilities, and the low-income residents by providing compassionate services to improve their quality of life while maintaining their dignity and independence.



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For more information on the services provided by PCACS, contact:
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PCACS is proud to be a member agency of the United Way of Porter County

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A YEAR IMPACTING THE COMMUNITY

Director's Report for Annual meeting: Reflecting on another year of service

Porter County Aging and Community Services recently marked its impact on the community during its annual meeting which covered the fiscal year from 7/1/16 — 6/30/17.

The non-profit agency reviewed the opportunities it had to serve through its transportation service, ramp program, Energy Assistance Program, United Way Emergency Assistance Grant, State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) and the Federal Housing Voucher Program.

The demand-response transportation program provided Porter County seniors and individuals with disabilities transportation to doctors, dialysis, adult day care and other necessary activities.

"Our transportation program is in great shape as we replaced five buses last year and have five new and highly qualified bus drivers."

The annual Energy Assistance Program assisted over one thousand clients during the season, running from November 2016 to May 2017. This included 370 senior clients, 299 disabled clients and 138 new clients. The total amount of funds distributed through the program was an increase of over \$100,000 from the previous season.

"Energy Assistance is an income-eligible program managed by Deputy Director Judy Peracki with intake staff members Carol Hammond and Marilyn Lindner as well as volunteers Gail Galvan, Inge Nimtz and Dorothea Price."

As an administrator of the United Way Emergency Assistance Grant, PCACS utilized \$45,460.59 to help almost 100 clients with financial assistance for such emergency situations as medical expenses, housing and car repairs, and mortgage or rent payments.

During our last ramp building season fourteen homes received ramps thanks to an increase in funding and the strong skills of the teams from



PCACS Executive Director Bruce Lindner, left, and Board President Ethan Lowe share a laugh during the annual meeting.

Chicago UAW/Ford Community Service Ramp Project and Task Force Tips.

"We are striving to construct at least fifteen ramps and hopefully more this season. We have already have completed eight ramps to help community members access their homes."

The SHIP volunteers submitted almost forty Medicare Savings Program applications last season and nine Medicare Part D Extra help applications. SHIP is a free and unbiased counseling program provided by the Indiana Department of Insurance for Medicare beneficiaries in Indiana.

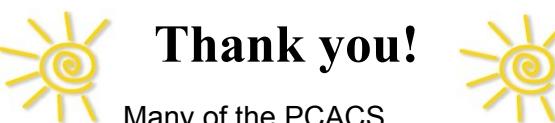
"We are proud to be a program sponsor for SHIP, which now has five volunteers: Ginger Brockwehl, Tom Murphy, Deborah Brann, Sandy Schaffer and Brenda Bocek. Their dedication to their volunteer roles is obvious in the work that they do."

The Federal Housing Voucher Program assisted over three hundred clients in the last year. The program has been administered by Valerie Martinez for four years.

"Valerie cultivates positive relationships with landlords and is resourceful at finding additional avenues to better serve clients."



PCACS board members spotlight how the agency has impacted the community during the last year.



Thank you!

Many of the PCACS board members have served for years and are a vital component of the agency's success. They believe in the mission and goals of PCACS.

PCACS board members:

- Ethan Lowe – president
- Bob Macmahon - vice president
- Barb Kubiszak - secretary
- Michael Lipp - treasurer
- Diane Bates
- Cathy Ellis
- Ed Gottschling
- Sylvia Graham
- George Lemmolo
- Clifford Malings
- Rondi Wightman
- Kimberly Wiseman

BY THE NUMBERS

A look at how the PCACS programs are making a difference in the region.

- * Bus one-way trips: 23,010
- * Transportation clients served: 279
- * Total passenger miles: 183,024
- * Energy Assistance funds disbursed: \$397,790.93
- * Energy Assistance clients served: 1,048
- * United Way Emergency Assistance Grant clients: 93
- * Ramps built: 14
- * Medicare Savings Program/Low Income Subsidy: 48 applications: 39
- * Federal Housing Voucher Program clients: 308