



*Friends of the*  
**PORTAGE**  
SENIOR CENTER

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Dear Friend,

We have great news for all of our **Friends of the Portage Senior Center (PSC)**. This year, the PSC has served more older adults in our community than ever before. Over the past five years, membership has risen 20%. As more and more adults become "seniors," the Center is busier than ever.

New members lead to new programs. PSC staff works diligently to offer current programming trends, which leads to the latest and greatest activities and events for participants. Recent program additions include a WMU Professor Lecture series and Speed Dating for Older Adults. The PSC was one of the first locations in the State of Michigan to offer the Aging Mastery Program; the success of this program in Portage is recognized nationally as a "best practice."

This recognition and the programming offered is great news for the adults who are key to the PSC success story. However, with growth comes challenges. Increases in services leads to increases in cost. While the PSC staff has proven that they are great stewards of financial resources, the PSC needs our help.

The many Friends of the Portage Senior Center have proudly provided financial support to the PSC for over 25 years, covering approximately 20% of the PSC's operation costs each year. We want to do even more with your support.

**Please help us continue the successful growth of the Portage Senior Center.** By providing a special place for older adults in our community, we can positively influence the social and health needs of our older citizens. Enclosed is a donation card and a return envelope. We are grateful to have your support and to consider you as a "Friend." Help us support the Portage Senior Center.

With appreciation,

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Board Chair  
Friends of the Portage Senior Center

Kimberly Phillips  
Senior Citizen Services Manager  
City of Portage

The Friends of the Portage Senior Center is a 501 c)3 membership organization founded in 1992. Its purpose is to support the Portage Senior Center/Senior Services financially by encouraging sponsorships, gifts, and bequests and by stimulating public interest in the PSC and Senior Citizen Services. It seeks to ensure both short and long term funding for the services provided by the Portage Senior Center.

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