



# Farmington Area Commission on Aging

## ANNUAL REPORT 2019

**Purpose:** "To promote the well-being and dignity of older adults in our community through advocacy and education."

### Committee activity includes . . .



#### Communications & Promotions Committee

- Promote FACOA educational events
- Post consumer education handouts online
- Update Adult Resource Directory online



#### Education Committee

- **It's Time to Dream Again** (What to Do in the Second Half of Life) - Chuck Gaidica, 120 attended
- **In-Home Care & Senior Residences** (Options and Resources) - MI Dept Attorney General, 20 attended
- **Caregiver Workshop** - FACOA Member Panel, Fall 2019, Evening



#### Community for a Lifetime Committee

- **1st** in Oakland County to receive the CFL recognition by the State of Michigan (2009). 2019 - 2020 Update our Community Assessment, confer with both Cities on the 10 "aging-friendly" attributes and future plans
- **Enrichment** - Hosted "Community Garden Basics" with Kristine Hahn, MSU Extension, 17 attended
- **Safety & Security** - Met with Oakland County Senior Advisory Council to have initial conversation about preventing financial exploitation of older adults



## Committee activity continued . . .



### Adult Resource Directory Committee

This directory, published every two years, provides a listing of services available to older adults living in the Farmington area. In the Fall of 2019, we will begin to update the Directory, which will be available in print and online in 2020.



### Volunteer & Community Commitment Recognition Committee

- Seek nominations to recognize outstanding . . .
- Volunteer aged 50+ **Gold Award Recipient(s):**  
**Diana Lis**, Volunteer for Xemplar Club, C.A.R.E.S.  
**Von White**, Volunteer for Hospice of Michigan
- Volunteer aged 75+ **Diamond Award Recipient:**  
**Rolland Walt**, Volunteer for WXYZ Call for Action, Jewish Vocational Services, former FACOA member
- Organization - **Community Commitment Award:**  
**Busch's Fresh Food Market** for going above and beyond their business model, as a grocer, to serve older adults in our Community



## Serving Adults 50 & Better

109,604

Meals served  
by the Senior Division

1,072

Served by community  
support groups

21,096

Rides provided to  
seniors in the  
community

## Outreach and Collaboration

### Issues and Perspectives

Several City staff and representatives spoke to the FACOA, creating awareness about important community issues and projects. We sincerely thank ...

- Kevin Christiansen - Status of Maxfield Training Center
- Ellen Schnackel - Update on Harrison project
- Michael Bridges - Attends FACOA mtgs, shares insight
- Karen Mondora - FH local road millage ballot proposal
- Jeffrey King - New FHPD database under development

### Synergy

We appreciate the willingness of other City Commissions to consult with the FACOA, allowing us to add our voice. We extend a special thanks to ...

- Commission on Children, Youth & Families for considering a joint program on how caring for an aging loved one affects families and children
- Parks and Recreation Commission for seeking our input on the 5-Year Master Plan

### It Takes a Village

Many supported our efforts to gauge community interest in a Community Garden. With great appreciation, we thank ...

- Melissa Andrade, City of Farmington, for her knowledge of the Chesley Street Community Garden in Farmington
- Senior Division for sharing their table at Earth Day event where we could promote our Gardening programs
- Walt Gajewski, Farmers Market Manager, for allowing us to promote our Gardening programs at this venue
- Farmington Community Library, both locations, for providing space in which to hold our Gardening talks

### Moving Forward

Members of the FACOA will continue to ...

- Give voice to our Community's positive qualities for all ages by promoting our Community for a Lifetime award
- Recognize exceptional volunteers age 50+ and those organizations that go beyond to serve older adults
- Explore ways to collaborate on preventing financial exploitation of older adults in our Community