

The Lake County Council on Aging does a great deal of outreach across the county to educate clients and families on the services of the Council on Aging. On both August 16th and October 4th, staff members from the Lake County Council on Aging presented educational programs to the Concord Senior Group which meets at the Concord Community Center. The most recent gathering was a "Medicare Check-up" presentation.

In 2015 the Concord Township Fire Department reached out to the Council on Aging and requested our assistance in addressing the needs of area seniors who utilized the services of the fire department, but needed much more help. Many of these seniors had complex issues and multiple needs that could not be addressed without intervention from other community partners like the Council on Aging. It became evident that the needs of the senior population were greater than just the seniors of Concord and so it was decided that all faith-based organizations in Lake County would be invited to participate. Over 180 organizations were sent a questionnaire as to what services they were already providing and what interest they had in forming a partnership to address these needs. The Council on Aging organized a town hall meeting in October of that year and over 25 multiple faith and community organizations attended.

This grassroots effort has enhanced assistance programs available allowing more individuals to receive services across Lake County. The Concord group now identifies itself as "Lake County Cares" after a similar model in Wickliffe with the Borromeo Seminary.

I also took this opportunity to go beyond our agency data and I inquired with three of our Lake County senior service partners, the "Retired Senior and Volunteer Program" (RSVP), Mentor Senior Center and Fairport Senior Center, and they reported the following: (you may wish to follow up with all Lake County senior centers).

- **RSVP:** Currently has 31 volunteers who live in Concord and help our community in a variety of ways. RSVP also serves 4 Non Profit agencies that have an address of Concord, Ohio.
- **Mentor Senior Center:** Currently has 280 Concord residents who benefit from the programs at the Mentor Senior Center as registered members.
- **Fairport Senior Center:** Currently has 128 Concord residents who benefit from the programs at the Fairport Senior Center as registered members.

Thank you again for your interest in our programs and services, particularly as they impact the lives of the senior residents of Concord Township, Ohio. I appreciate this opportunity to give a little insight into the amazing work our agency and volunteers provide for the senior community across all of Lake County.

Sincerely,



Joseph R. Tomsick
Chief Executive Officer