

The logo for the League of Progressive Seniors is set against a dark red background. It features the words "LEAGUE OF" in a smaller, yellow, sans-serif font at the top. Below that, "Progressive" is written in a large, white, serif font with a slight shadow effect. At the bottom, "SENIORS" is written in a very large, bold, white, serif font, also with a shadow effect.

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Fact Sheet

Milwaukee County Senior Centers

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Locations: The five Senior Center funded by Milwaukee County and operated by Interfaith are strategically located to be within a short travel distance for every Milwaukee County older adult.

- Clinton & Bernice Rose Senior Center, 3045 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Drive
- Kelly Senior Center, 6100 S. Lake Drive
- McGovern Park Senior Center, 4500 W. Custer Avenue
- Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 W. Vliet Street
- Wilson Senior Center, 2601 W. Howard Avenue

Activities: Each Senior Center is open five days a week and offers a wide variety of fitness, wellness, personal enrichment, recreation, education, and travel activities, most of which are free. Fitness Center Programs operate at each center and each center is a Senior Dining Site as well. In addition, a social worker from the Aging Resource Center makes regular visits to each center to help seniors deal with issues pertaining to their health, legal matters, transportation, and other problems. The emphasis at each center is on supporting good health so that older adults can enjoy maximum independence and be the strong elders our community needs.

- 319,973 service units were provided (service unit = 1 person doing 1 activity)
- Registered members averaged 40.9 service units per year
- 6,613 Stock Boxes with healthy foods distributed
- 386 volunteers engaged provided 28,749 volunteer hours
- 405 new activities provided (not offered in previous year)

Collaborations: The Senior Centers bring in a host of community resources for older adults via a network of 86 collaborative partners including AARP, Alzheimer's Association, Concordia University, Genealogical Society, Historic Milwaukee, Independence First, MATC, Next Act Theatre, Respect Care, SDC, Synergy Homecare, United Health Care, Urban Ecology Center, UW-Extension Nutrition Center, UWM, Vision Forward, and the Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging. These collaborations represent thousands of dollars for services for older adults that would otherwise be inaccessible or unaffordable. This tremendous community investment would be lost if the Senior Centers were to lose significant public funding.

People Served: In 2016, the five Senior Centers had 7,822 registered members (many thousands more attended events or meetings at the Centers). Current (2017) facts about the people served by the Senior Centers:

- 64.2% are women; 35.8% are men
- 51.8% are White; 42.1% are Black/African-American; 2.5% are Hispanic; .8% are Asian; .6% are American Indian; .8% are two or more races; 1.5% are classified as other or are unreported
- 32.8% have incomes below the federal poverty level
- 10.0% are under 60 years of age; 57.7% are 60-74; 23.6% are 75-84; and 8.6% are 85 or older