



CONNECTIONS TO CARE

2023 Annual Report



More Than a Ride,
A Connection



Message from the Director

The mission of Connections to Care is to connect with older adults and help them care for their health and maintain independence.

OUR IMPACT IN 2023

One-way Rides
2,114

Passengers Served
175

New Passengers
70

Volunteer Drivers
62

New Drivers
21

Miles traveled
15,800+

Round Trip Rides Since 2006
36,074

Since 2006 Connections to Care has enabled countless older adults to be as healthy and connected as possible. How? Simply by providing them with a ride. A ride to the doctor, dentist, lab, physical therapy, diagnostic testing, or minor procedure. All provided by our caring, compassionate volunteer drivers.

In 2023 Connections to Care continued the tradition of serving the needs of older adults in 14 Northwest suburbs. This year also saw these achievements:

- Awarded Non-profit organization of 2023-Arlington Heights Chamber of Commerce
- A balanced budget
- A successful Annual Appeal
- 70 new riders
- 20 new drivers

Although we provide services to all seniors 60+, our average age is 86. And this segment of the population is predicted to triple by 2040. In the future, older adults will require greater assistance and need organizations like Connections to Care even more.

Many of you may be familiar with the beloved children's book "The Little Engine that Could" which originated in the 1920's.

As the story goes, a stranded train carrying a heavy load is unable to find an engine willing to take it over difficult terrain to its destination. Only the little engine, a small steam engine, is willing to try. While repeating the mantra "I think I can, I think I can", he overcomes a seemingly impossible task and pulls the train up the mountain to the other side.

Connections to Care is that "little engine".

Despite limited resources, we have taken on the seemingly impossible task of helping our community's seniors get the health care they need so they can remain a vital part of this community.

Difficult yes, impossible, no. With the help of our committed volunteers, dedicated Board, and staff as well as our many community supporters and donors,

I think we can!

Thank you for all you do!

CHARLENE PADOVANI
Executive Director

WHAT OUR PASSENGERS & VOLUNTEERS SAY . . .

"Dear Good Samaritans:
Thank you for providing
this amazingly special
service for people who
need a little extra care."

Mary, *passenger*

"So proud to be a
volunteer for this
organization!"
Cathy, *driver*

"Thank you for the
ride. Your volunteer
driver was great! Hope
to use it again."

Jan, *passenger*



"The staff provide a very
welcoming experience for
seniors...I hear it every
time I have a ride."

Bill, *driver*

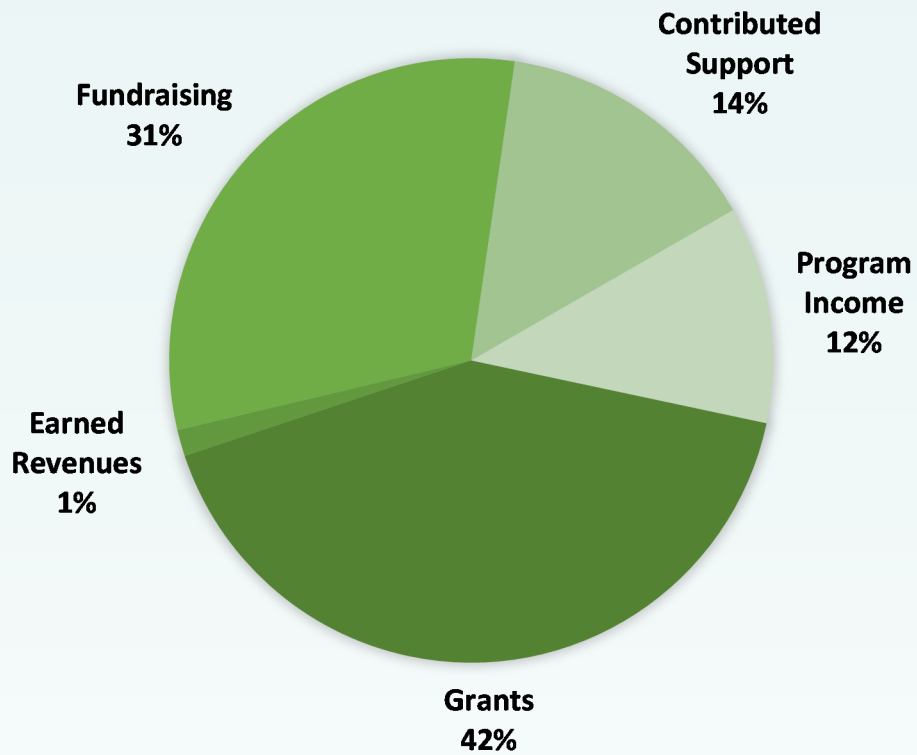


"This service is so
needed! What would
I do without it! "

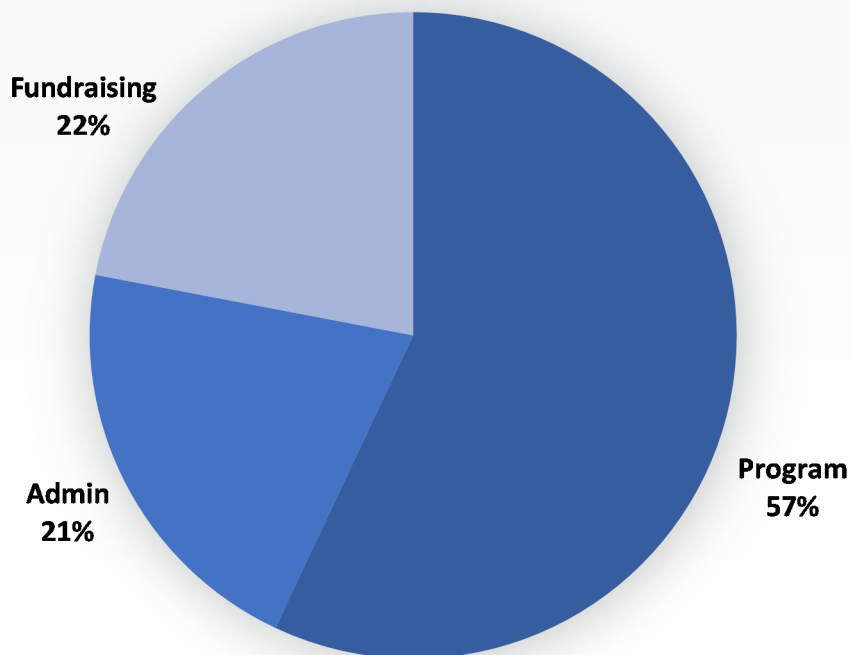
June, *passenger*

FINANCIALS

INCOME



EXPENSE



SUPPORTERS

The following companies, organizations & government entities provided generous donations or grants to Connections to Care in 2023, thus supporting our efforts in the community. We are grateful for their support.

\$15,000+

Wheeling Township

\$1,000 - \$14,999

Arlington Heights Community

Development Block Grant

Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc

Elk Grove Village Township

ITN America

Arlington Heights Lions Club

Luther Village Spiritual Foundation

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Block Grant

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Palatine Township

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Estates

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Schaumburg Township

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To \$999 (cont'd)

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Flaherty Jewelers

Hey Nonny

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Northwest Auto Wash

Palatine Jaycees

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Scratch Board Kitchen

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Rick & Kathy Pfleeger

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We want to thank the following individuals for their donations to Connections to Care in 2023. Every dollar is greatly appreciated and will ensure we can continue to make a connection with older adults in our community.

\$10,000 +

Anonymous

(our Annual Appeal Match Partner)

\$1,000—\$2,500

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James & Catherine Liggett

Linda Smith

\$500—\$999

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\$250 - \$499

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