

ADVOCATES *for* Senior Issues

YOU'RE INVITED

IN-PERSON MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 20, 2022 10am – 12pm

Arrive a few minutes early to enjoy a continental breakfast & coffee.

WHO: The Advocates for Senior Issues Members, Guests, and Sponsors

WHAT: An opportunity to be together **in-person** once again to ADVOCATE, LEARN, and BUILD Community while GROWING together!

WHEN: May 20, 2022 10am-12pm

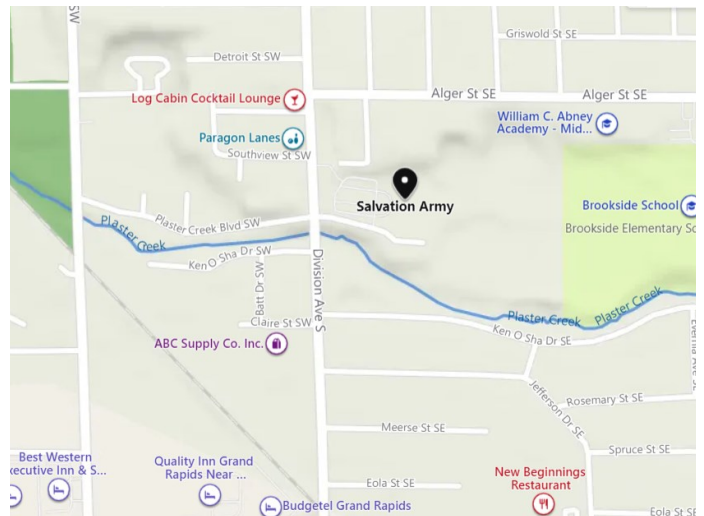
WHERE: Salvation Army KROC Center

2500 Division Avenue South
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Questions?

Please contact Advocacy Coordinator,
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ADVOCATES for Senior Issues MEMBERSHIP MEETING



BEACONHILL

AT
Eastgate



2500 Division Avenue South, Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Friday May 20, 2022 10:00 am



AGENDA

Call to Order and Announcements:

Lody Zwarenstejn, President



Bob Dunlap

Legislative Presentation

Representative Rachel Hood



State Representative Rachel Hood is serving her second term representing the 76th House District, which covers a large section of the city of Grand Rapids. Hood has spent her career developing, financing and implementing innovative urban investment, water protection and energy conservation solutions. She is a graduate of Michigan State University's James Madison College, where she earned a degree in Public Policy.



Program Presentation



**Region 9
MEA – Retired**



**Philip and Judy
France**



Next Meeting: June 17, 2022

Advocates for Senior Issues is a non-partisan organization, affiliated with the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan

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P E N

Parents Empowering Network



Kent County Senior Millage (KCSM)

BY THE NUMBERS

2022 = **\$13,937,000**

Funding

95.5%
directly to services

4.5%
towards administration

32

Agency Contracts

51

Unique Services
Funded

43

Purchase of Service
Agreements

Over 50% of funding

Goes to Priority Services

These are services for the most at-risk older adults to help maintain their care and independence in their own homes.



Home Delivered Meals



In-home Care



Transportation



Adult Day

Eligibility Requirement

- Kent County resident and 60 years of age or older.
- Donations accepted and some cost sharing is required.

History of the KCSM

- Millage first passed in 1998 at 1/4 of a mill.
- Voters renewed millage in 2006 at 1/3 of a mill and again in 2014 at 1/2 of a mill.
- Requesting renewal in 2022 at 1/2 of a mill.

Pandemic Support

- KCSM partners worked to provide additional support to seniors and their caregivers during the coronavirus pandemic.
- This included the delivery of essential items such as groceries and prescriptions, activity kits for clients, produce boxes, personal protective equipment, and wellness check phone calls.

Other Services

Funded through the KCSM include...



Community
Food Club



Healthy
Aging



Dental
and Vision



Adaptive
Equipment

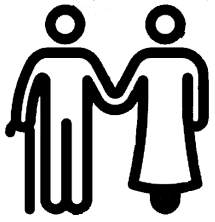


Home
Repair

and many
more!

2020 Client Data

Services are available across all of Kent County.



24,899

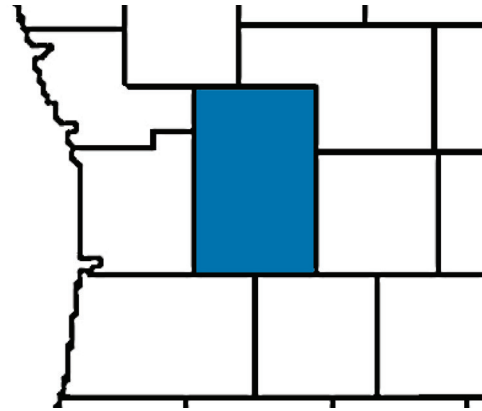
clients served

67%

Female

33%

Male



Race and ethnicity data is higher than the minority elder data for Kent County.



31%

at or below
poverty level



30%

live alone



5.5%

are veterans

A Closer Look at the Care Management Program

- Care Management serves the most vulnerable of KCSM clients.
- Clients are able to age in the home of their choice.
- Basic needs are addressed (top three include help with bathing, dressing, and walking).
- Most clients receive an average of 9 hours of service a month, costing only \$195.25 (\$2,343 a year).
- Assisted caregivers with 5 hours (on average) of respite services a month in 2020.



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Senior Millage*

