



Proudly Celebrating 46 Years of Service

## BLAZE A TRAIL



Dear Friends,

We are pleased to present the 2015 Colonial Club Annual Report. This report comes out every May, which is also Older Americans Month. This year's theme is "Blaze a Trail" and it fits perfectly to the Colonial Club.

In 1970, when construction began on the Colonial Club, community volunteers led the charge to create a warm, welcoming place for older adults. Little did they know, the trail they blazed would be one that has endured for 46 years; that has been an example for others; and has been a lifesaver for many older adults and their families.

After 46 years of service, one would think the community would know who we are and what we do. Yet, time and time again, we hear things like "oh, they're just a social club" or "my grandma lives there" -- wrong on both counts. The Colonial Club is multi-faceted organization with a mission *to enhance the well-being and independence of older adults*. The goal of everything we do is to keep people in their homes for as long as it is safely possible. We do this through our nutrition, case management, supportive home care, adult day care and transportation programs. It is no secret that healthy aging is within our grasp and the Colonial Club has the resources to make that a reality.

An older adult receives a nutritious meal or gets a little TLC in the adult day center or is guided through the maze that is Medicare Part D. This kind of help far surpasses being simply a "social" place. Sure, we do fun things too....there's lots of active recreation & educational opportunities. But at the end of the day we are providing services that no one else does. We also operate as a defacto community center as our building is open to and used by people of all ages, ethnicities, genders, socio-economic levels, sexual orientations & religious affiliations.

Ralph Waldo Emerson told us "Do not go where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

Thanks to the past trailblazers for taking the Colonial Club this far and we invite you to be part of the next generation of trailblazers.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Power

Dale Nelson

**Executive Director** 

President, Board of Directors

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended December 31, 2015

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Grants	\$ 458,860
Fees	162,044
Contributions	219,954
Rental Income	55,330
Investment return	3,438
Miscellaneous	13,681
Total unrestricted support and revenue	913,307
EXPENSES	
Program services	
Services	574,745
Programs and activities	
Nutrition program	
Supporting activities	
Management and general	265,963
Fundraising	45,324
Total expenses	1,152,492
NET ASSET RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS	
Expiration of time restrictions	199 300
Expiration of time restrictions	
Change in unrestricted net assets	(39,885)
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
Contributions	211 665
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Net assets released from restrictions  Expiration of time restrictions	(199,300)
Change in temporarily restricted net assets	12,365
Change in net assets	(27,520)
Net assets - beginning of year	1,508,492
Net assets - end of year	

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On a cold January day, Donna, one of the many kitchen volunteers helps prepare meals to be delivered to home bound seniors.



The Nutrition Department worked from a small grant to update and improve the onsite dining experience. Dane County Area Agency on Aging staff member, Angela Vasquez (second from right) is shown sharing a meal with Colonial Club diners at the February kick off of 40 Days at Café 301.



*If it's March*, it must be the annual talent show. Betty & Dottie are rehearsing for their number as part of the Colonial Club Chorus, Chimes & Band.



**Longtime-supporter,** Mary Jo of Jo Jo's Beauties brought her talents to the Colonial Club in April. She demonstrates the paraffin wax hand treatment to Jeannie.



**New volunteer Beva** enjoyed the Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition in May. She later help launch Café de Hora, an informal group set on learning Spanish and English phrases.

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A Colonial Club participant had work completed on her home by the volunteers of Project Home. The Green Bay Packers Legends Tour also helped out, some helping with the home project, others sharing their stories with an appreciative crowd.



**Caroline Bach**, weekend news anchor at WKOW spoke at the Mothers Day Luncheon in May. Red Hat members, Donna and Dee enjoyed her presentation.



**Newly-elected Mayor Paul Esser** visited the Colonial Club in July and met with staff members and volunteers. Board Treasurer Mary Kay Weston took part of the conversation with the Mayor.



Staff members, volunteers and participants went "Orange for Hunger" a campaign led by Second Harvest Food Bank of Southern Wisconsin to bring attention to the hunger issue in Dane County.



June isn't June unless it's StrawberryFest. The 28th annual event attracted more than 2,000 to the Colonial Club. Staff members Gail & Patrick Brooks helped runners find their way through the course.



**August rolled around** and so did the annual Brat Bash. Executive Director Bob Power grilled up some tasty treats for the crowd.



As the holidays approached, friends from American Family Insurance stopped by to donate gifts to ensure older adults would not be left out during the gift-giving season.



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