

Johnson County Livable Community 2012 Annual Report to the Community

JCLC's Mission: To help Johnson County become a livable community where everyone can age successfully.

The key purpose of Johnson County Livable Community is to address the needs of an aging population, and to serve as a unifying structure bringing together common interests and collective resources to enhance the quality of life for older Johnson County residents.

2012 JCLC Strategic Goals

1. Increase number of individuals and organizations involved with the Policy Board efforts
2. Build the organizational capacity of the Policy Board to increase outreach and information dissemination
3. Develop additional financial resources
4. Report on progress and success of efforts

Fiscal Year 2012 Financial Report (as of June 30, 2012)

Revenue

Johnson County	\$17,000.00
Contributions	5,635.00
Community Foundation Grant	1,100.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$23,735.00

Expenditures

Aging Specialist subcontract	\$11,916.66
Travel	391.80
Website/domain hosting	20.00
Annual meeting	138.20
Action teams/committee	1475.84
Website redesign	3605.75
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$17,548.25

Community Foundation Account Balances as of June 30, 2012

Community Foundation Charitable Giving Fund.....	\$11,114
Community Foundation Endowment Fund	\$ 1,050

Livable Community Community Partners

\$1000 - \$4999

Kirkwood Community College (Heritage Agency on Aging)
Knowledge Meridian
Robert and Eunice Welsh

\$100 - \$499

Carl and Barbara Brown *
Care Initiatives
Eve Casserly *
Home Repair Team
Lee McGovern
Suellen Novotny
Janelle Rettig and Robin Butler *

\$1 - \$99

Eve Casserly in honor of Linda Severson
Paul Deaton
Kubby Girls Inc.

** Denotes contribution designated to the Endowment Fund*

2012 Accomplishments of JCLC Committees and Action Teams

Aging in Place Action Team

Mission: Explore models to support aging in place in Johnson County.

Activities:

- Developing a resource directory of service providers that facilitate aging in place. This user-friendly resource will initially be web-based.
- Researching area home maintenance and yard/gardening groups. This is the first step in the overall plan to focus on four specific categories of home- and community-based services that support aging in place. The initial four categories of services include: 1) home maintenance 2) meals 3) health and 4) wellness.

Get Involved!

Meetings are held on the first Friday of every month at noon at the Johnson County Health & Human Services Building, 855 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City.

(Current Members: Kice Brown, Lynne Cannon, Lorraine Dorfman, Terrence Neuzil, Co-Chair Rick Noeth, Naomi Novick, Bob Welsh, Co-Chair Shawn Zierke)

Visibility Action Team

Mission: Offer a network of advocacy that provides for the safety, health and well-being of LGBTQ older adults in Johnson County.

Activities:

- Working to establish a Sage Affiliation by conducting and reviewing findings from surveys and focus groups.
- Hosted several social and educational programs for LGBTQ older adults.
- Meetings are open to anyone interested in issues concerning LGBTQ older adults.

Get Involved!

We are in need of additional members. Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month, with the exception of June and July. Email Chair michelle-buhman@iowa-city.org or call 319-356-5220.

(Current Members: Audrey Banner, Brad Baufmann, Sharon Beck, Karmen Berger, Chair Michelle Buhman, Heidi Cuda, Mark Grover, Shiho Hirasawa, Mark Holbrook, Veronika Kolder, Michael Lensing, Susanna Middaugh, Susan Murty, Tim Nedoba, Katharine Nicholson, Sandy Pickup, Kelley Putman, Patti Fields, Lindsay Salvatore, Jody Thomas, Sara Tokheim, Tina Willits, Claire Wofford)

Communications Committee

Mission: Create, generate and communicate timely information about and for seniors in Johnson County.

Activities:

- Redesigned and upgraded the JCLC website, including a comprehensive provider directory, calendar of events, and informative information.
- Obtained a grant from the Community Foundation to assist with cost to produce the quarterly *Connections* newsletter.
- Contributed to the content of the quarterly *Connections* newsletter.
- Produced, printed and distributed copies of the *Directory of Aging Services & Resources*.
- Prepared and edited promotional materials.

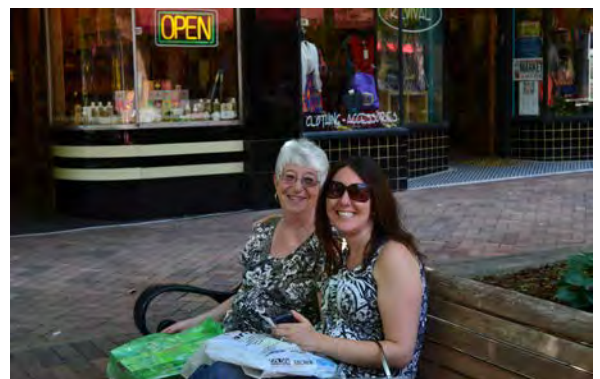
Future Goals:

- Increase membership and participation on the Communications Committee.
- Develop promotional literature for JCLC and website.
- Market the new Speaker's Bureau.
- Enhance the *Connections* newsletter by adding new features.
- Maintain a website that is both current and informative.

Get Involved!

We are seeking additional members. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month from 8:30am-9:30am at the Johnson County Health & Human Services Building located at 855 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City.

(Current Members: Maeve Clark, Al Hood, Betty Kelly, Lynette Jacoby, Tom Martin, Jill Wenger)



Fall Prevention Action Team

Mission: Develop a fall prevention program with focus on both consumers and professionals, and disseminate fall prevention information.

Activities:

- Implemented Sure Steps, a fall prevention program that focuses on helping seniors stay independent at home.
- Participated in numerous community awareness activities.
- Completed personal and home environmental risk assessments.
- Encouraged increased physical activity.
- Developing *Matter of Balance* classes.

Future Goals:

- Complete and facilitate *Matter of Balance* classes.
- Facilitate fall prevention during transitions between hospitals and homes.

Get Involved!

We are looking for volunteers to work with us:

- As *Matter of Balance* coaches (training provided)
- Assisting with general fitness screening (training provided)
- Helping promote and distribute mini-displays and other community fall prevention activities.

To volunteer call 319-337-9686 & leave a message for lola at extension 155.

(Current Members: Doug Beardsley, Kice Brown, Joyce Eland, Jane Gay, Jill Gleason, Emily Griffin, Sher Hawn, Wally Helms, Jeff Kellbach, Betty Kelly, John Lundell, Mary McCarthy, Sherry McKay, Paul Mulhausen, Scott Prochaska, Susan Wehr, Bob Welsh, Pam Willard)



Housing Action Team

Mission: Raise awareness of housing accessibility and viability to accommodate senior needs.

Activities:

- Promote accessibility codes throughout Johnson County.
- Promote Universal Design (in collaboration with the Greater Iowa City Area Homebuilders Association in the Parade of Homes).
- Explore senior housing adjacent to the University of Iowa (in collaboration with the College of Public Health).
- Explore density bonuses as an incentive to develop affordable housing.
- Continue the Housing Accessibility Project (HAP), a collaborative project with Access2Independence, Elder Services Inc., Carpenters Local 1260 and Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity. The major focus of HAP is building ramps to help make homes accessible.
- Consider using or converting mobile home parks to increase affordable housing options.

Future Goals:

During the coming year we hope to educate the public more aggressively on the values of Universal Design and speak on zoning and public policy issues related to housing. Consideration is being given to dividing into workgroups such as Universal Design, Policy Issues, Mobile Homes, and the Housing Accessibility Project.

Get Involved!

This action team welcomes others in the community to join us. Contact Chair Bob Welsh via email welshbob@aol.com or call 319-354-4618.

(Current Members: Tracey Achenbach, Doug Boothroy, Kice Brown, Rick Dvorak, Bob Dvorsky, Charlie Eastham, Jane Gay, Rob Hajek, Co-Chair Betty Kelly, Mark Patton, Paul Retish, Keith Ruff, Len Sandler, Sally Scott, Glenn Siders, Joan Tiemeyer, Dee Vanderhoef, Chair Bob Welsh, Dean Wheatley, John Yapp)



Transportation Action Team

Mission: Explore changing transportation needs of a transitioning older and disabled population.

Activities:

- Implementation and oversight of the New Freedom Transportation grant which provided 575 door-through-door rides to medical appointments in 2012 using 17 trained volunteer drivers. Volunteers have contributed 720 hours, driving 3,115 miles.
- Explore transportation needs in rural areas.
- Developed a North Liberty Transportation Committee to address medical transportation needs in the northern part of the county.
- Explore additional transportation service options.

Get Involved!

North Liberty Transportation Committee is seeking volunteer drivers for the north part of the county. The Transportation Action Team meets every quarter (January, April, July and October) on the second Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. in the Iowa City Public Library. For more information about the Transportation Action Team, contact Co-Chair Joan Cook, jcook@elderservicesinc.com or Co-Chair Tom Brase, tbrase@co.johnson.ia.us

(Current Members: Kris Ackerson, Susan Boyd, Co-Chair Tom Brase, Roger Bradley, Eve Casserly, Co-Chair Joan Cook, Liz Eisen, Kellie Elliott-Kaporos, Jane Gay, Tom Geraci, Brock Grenis, Jeff Kellbach, Emily Light, Ron Logsdon, Chris O'Brien, Harry Olmstead, Sarah Marcum, Brad Neumann, Keith Rippy, Keith Ruff, Sally Stutsman, Bruce Teague, Dee Vanderhoef, Carolyn Warkentin, LaVonne Yeggy)

Policy Board

Linda Kopping, Chair
Iowa City/Johnson County Senior Center
Represents: Non-Profit Organization

Maggie Elliott, Vice Chair
Iowa City Hospice
Represents: Non-Profit Organization

Carl Kice Brown, Secretary
Represents: At-Large, Non-Urban Area

Lynette Jacoby, Treasurer
Johnson County Social Services
Represents: Johnson County Government

Doug Beardsley
Johnson County Public Health
Represents: Johnson County Government

Lorraine Dorfman
University of Iowa
Represents: Non-Profit Organization

Patti Fields
United Way of Johnson County
Represents: Non-Profit Organization

Jeff Kellbach
Pathways Adult Day Program
Represents: Non-Profit Organization

Richard Noeth
Represents: At-Large, Urban Area

Naomi Novick
Represents: At-Large, Urban Area

Harry Olmstead
Represents: At-Large, Urban Area

John Etheredge
Johnson County Board of Supervisors
Represents: Johnson County Government

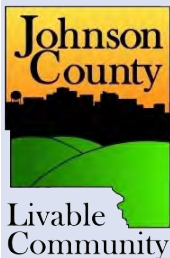
Carolyn Warkentin
Represents: At-Large, Non-Urban Area

Susan Wehr
Represents: Non-Profit Organization

Bob Welsh
Johnson Co. Task Force on Aging
Represents: Non-Profit Organization

Liaison: Jill Wenger
part-time JCLC Administrative Specialist

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Information for Successful Aging

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319-356-6090

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