

Hillsdale County Senior Services Center is a private non-profit organization established in 1983 that is always "Growing to Serve." The Center is a place where older persons meet to pursue mutual interests, receive services, and take part in programs and services which will enhance their dignity, improve their health, support their independence, and encourage their involvement in the community.

The Perennial Park Vision reflects the Center's goal to improve the quality of life of all Hillsdale County residents. Our vision addresses the needs of rural residents facing a high incidence of obesity, cardiovascular disease, illiteracy, and limited opportunities for life-long learning and socialization.

Testimonials

“The Center is a blessing, and we are so grateful for our Direct Care Worker, who brightened my Mother’s Day.”

"God Bless and thank you all!!! For all the working personnel and volunteers, the Center is a blessing to our County."

"I just wanted to thank you, and let you know how much it means to me to have all the fresh fruit and vegetables each month-which are not included in my budget-and especially the extended two months and the surprise extras in the November package. It is organizations like yours that make life a little easier, and more healthy for people like me. Bless you all for your love and concern."

"Thank you so much for your help. What wonderful services to seniors and disabled people. I look forward to each warm meal. When I first got home from the hospital having someone come in and clean was wonderful, because I couldn't do it. Thank you for all your services. I moved to Michigan because I wanted to live in Hillsdale County because of your senior center. I never thought you would help me in these ways."

“My neighbors told me about a place called Perennial Park so I set out on a journey that would change my life forever. If you can imagine a beacon of light and vision of hope, that is a moment that is engraved in my memory.”

Ways of Giving . . .

Outright Gifts: These include gifts of cash, appreciated securities, or other property. These gifts provide the Center with immediate financial assistance.

Planned Giving: Planned giving is a way to arrange a gift today that will be received at some point in the future. The most common planned gifts are bequests, gifts of life insurance, gift annuities or charitable trusts. Along with creating a legacy, planned gifts can offer substantial benefits. Always consult with your financial advisor before entering into a planned giving arrangement.

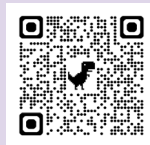
Gifts of Honor or in Memory: Gifts may be made in honor to commemorate a special occasion or in memory of a friend or loved one. We provide acknowledgement cards, gift receipts, and recognition in our bi-monthly newsletter *Golden Leaves*.

Gifts in Kind: The Center accepts In Kind donations. We rely heavily on volunteers for meal delivery, non-emergency medical transportation, and special events.

Giving Tree: The Perennial Park Vision provides an opportunity to those contributing more than \$500 to be recognized on the Giving Tree located in the lobby of the Center.

Strategic Planning . . .

Check out our Strategic Plan for 2023-2027 and our updates for 2025!

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2025 Annual Report



Growing to serve since 1983!

A Year in Review . . .
Perennial Park, a 501(c) (3) private nonprofit established in 1983, is dedicated to keeping older adults at home, independent, and involved in the community. In fiscal year 2025 (October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025), our direct impact was felt by 3,031 unduplicated Hillsdale County residents, or 32% of the county's older adult population, 50 and older.

FY25 marked meaningful progress and growth for Perennial Park. We invested in critical facility improvements such as IT infrastructure, creating a catalyst for increased efficiency, improved safety, and accessibility, and positioning us to expand our programs and services in the years ahead. The percentage a nonprofit spends on its mission-related programs is represented by its program expense ratio, which reflects the proportion of total expenses an organization allocates to direct services. Proudly, in fiscal year (FY) 25, HCSSC spent 89 cents of every one dollar on direct services, well above the 70% non-profit standard.

We celebrate the generosity and dedication of our community partners, local businesses, donors, sponsors, clients, staff, and volunteers whose commitment, creativity, and compassion drive our mission every day. Our nonprofit partners continue to strengthen our reach and effectiveness through collaboration, shared expertise, and a united commitment to meaningful community impact. Throughout the year, we brought people together through community events and engaging fundraisers that not only raised vital funds but also deepened our outreach and awareness. Together, we have built stronger foundations, and we look forward to building on this momentum in the year ahead.

Kristina Dewey

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HCSSC Board President

Maggi Monroe

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HCSSC Executive Director



Awards from Fiscal Year 2025

Perennial Park was honored to receive several awards in fiscal year 2025! These awards include:



Hillsdale Community Choice Awards Best Non-Profit/Charity Organization and Best Fitness Center/Gym!

Michigan Association of Senior Centers' Volunteer of the Year Award that was awarded to Maribel Knight for her dedication to volunteering in transportation at the Center.



Hillsdale Area Career Center's Employer Partner of the Year Award!

Highlights from Fiscal Year 2025 . . .
(October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025)



In fiscal year (FY) 2025, Perennial Park helped **201 clients with our Home Based Services!** Including in-home respite, we dedicated **13,277 hours** to helping older adults with these services!

Provided 88,180 meals through Meals on Wheels (MOW) to 466 unduplicated clients around the county! During March for Meals, we had influential leaders come to the Center to ride along with MOW drivers including Don Germann, Sara Lisznyai, and associates of Senator Gary Peters.



In FY 2025, we served **141 clients with our Volunteer Transportation** service! **Volunteer Drivers in our Transportation Program drove 64,655 miles** while providing non-emergency medical transportation to individuals. One of our volunteer drivers, Maribel Knight won MASC's Volunteer of the Year Award!

We added a new class called **Digital Literacy** where **students from the Hillsdale Area Career Center come to help older adults with their techonogy!** This was made possible by a grant through the National Council on Aging and AT&T.



With a grant through the Hillsdale County Community Foundation, we were able to host a **Senior Prom**. The theme was a Masquerade Ball and around 100 older adults came to the event!

Our Fitness Center had **34,550 Fit Visits!** Cardio Drumming is our most attended fitness class and our cardio drummers perform at Senior Day at the fair each year.



Provided 12,062 Congregate Meals to 901 unduplicated clients at Perennial Park. This includes our Special Events such as the Good Friday Senior Breakfast, Mother's Day & Father's Day Lunches, Senior Picnic, Health Fair, Thanksgiving & Christmas Dinners and more!



We **raised \$23,400 from our Thanksgiving Appeal, the Great Give, and March for Meals campaigns in FY 2025.** With these funds we were able to purchase a new van for our Meals on Wheels program where we deliver hot, nutritious meals to older adults across Hillsdale County to help combat hunger and isolation.

We delivered **410 bags of fresh produce to 119 older adults** in Litchfield with the **Fresh Produce Initiative!** This program was made possible by the Hillsdale County Community Foundation and we plan on continuing it in FY 2026!



We **raised over \$55,000 (gross) from our fundraisers in FY 25.** These fundraisers include Subs for Funds, March for Meals, the Spring Appeal, Oktoberfest in July, Pancake Breakfast, Designer Purse Bingo, Murder Mystery Dinner, and the Thanksgiving Appeal and Great Give. Thank you to everyone who supported the Center!



Interested in donating to Perennial Park? Scan the QR code and be directed to our new donor database system, Neon One, that we onboarded in FY 2025! **We also accept cash, checks, and credit card payments at the Center located at 320 W. Bacon Street, Hillsdale, MI 49242.**



Top 10 Donors of FY 2025: Montgomery United Methodist Church, CNB Foundation, Barry & Karen Hill, Edward & Judy Pollins, Craig & Susie Burchfield, Sarah 'Sally' Glazier, Tom Simon, Stan & Debra Miller, Sharon Rothfuss, and Paul Spicuzza.

Top 10 Sponsors of FY 2025: Meijer, Hillsdale Hospital, Jesco Industries, Inc., Eagle Funeral Homes, Belson Asphalt Paving, Inc., Hospice of Hillsdale County, Barrett Insurance, Becker & Scrivens, Farm Bureau Health Services, and Moore Insurance Services.

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