

Dear Citizens of Greene County:

The Greene County Senior Tax Board is pleased to present its annual report for 2010. The Board's responsibility to be good stewards of the senior tax money is taken very seriously. We make every effort to expend funds so that we maximize the benefits for each dollar spent for senior's needs.

The economic recession has led to reductions in support for the elderly from both federal and state governments. The Senior Tax Board cannot replace state and federal responsibilities towards providing services for the elderly. It does not have the resources to do that. But, seniors living in counties that have the senior tax are much better served than those in counties that have not yet voted in the tax. This year, for example, along with the other projects listed in this report, the Board was able to provide \$5,000 to each senior center to buy food. It also supported the mileage paid to volunteers delivering meals to the home bound.

While we believe we have helped many seniors this year, much remains to be done. We still need more support for such areas as transportation, particularly for those with chronic illnesses who have to see physicians weekly or monthly and have no relatives to transport them. We will continue to endeavor to stretch our tax dollars so we can make it possible for many seniors to continue living in their own homes for as long as they can safely do so.

Denny Pilant, Board Chair



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Our Mission:

To assist Greene County senior citizens to remain in their homes for as long as they can safely do so and to “provide programs which will improve the health, nutrition, and quality of life of persons who are sixty years of age or older.” (Section 67.993, RS MO)

Greene County Commissioners:

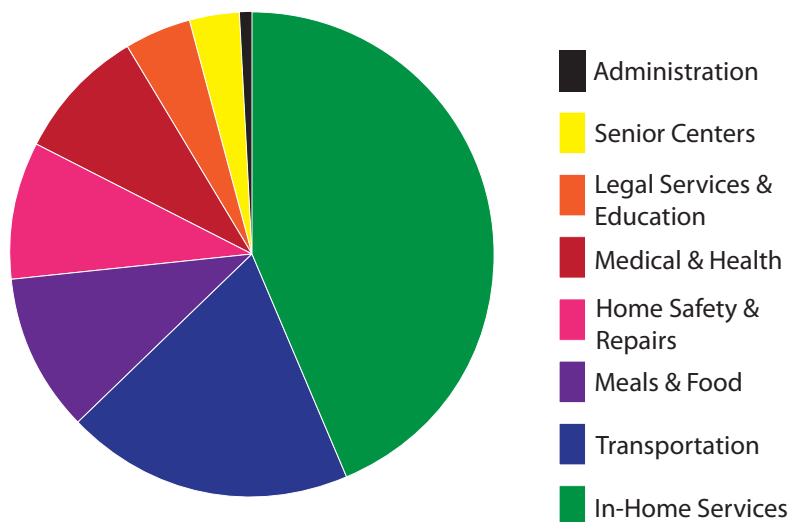
Jim Viebrock, Presiding Commissioner;
Harold Bengsch, Commissioner 1st District;
Roseann Bentley, Commissioner 2nd District

Senior Citizens’ Services Tax Fund Board of Directors:

Denny Pilant, Chair; Thelma Neff, Vice-Chair;
Ed Smith, Treasurer; Krissy Sinor, Secretary,
Jay Rippee, DeForrest Cline, Carl Keiser

2010 Expenditures

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| In-Home Services..... | \$814,712.06 |43.76% |
| Transportation..... | 358,563.95 |19.26% |
| Meals & Food..... | 195,205.29 |10.48% |
| Home Safety & Repairs..... | 171,856.39 |9.23% |
| Medical & Health..... | 162,817.23 |8.75% |
| Legal Services & Education..... | 82,648.00 |4.44% |
| Senior Centers..... | 64,450.55 |3.46% |
| Administration..... | 11,544.95 |0.62% |



2010 Services and Programs

In-Home Services

The Senior Tax provided nearly 700 individuals with various in-home services, including home maker and respite services. Also, Personal Emergency Alert systems for 31 qualified seniors were distributed by the Southwest Missouri Office on Aging (SWMOA). A grant to CoxHealth Foundation covered the delivery of Life Alert systems to 40 participants.

Transportation

One of the largest expenditures from the Tax Fund has been transportation. This has enabled many seniors to get to physician’s offices, the grocery store, and senior centers. In 2010, a grant to OATS for senior transportation paid for 27,991 such trips. Also, Council of Churches logged over 30,000 miles in Greene County via its RSVP program. Finally, funds were provided for emergency taxi trips for qualified seniors. A grant to St. John’s Foundation provided for driver testing for seniors . In some cases, seniors undergo training to overcome physical disabilities and regain their driver’s licenses.

Meals & Food

Over 22,093 meals for Greene County Seniors were provided to SWMOA. This is often a critical service enabling many seniors to remain in their homes. SWMOA served an additional 205 clients with funds provided by the Tax Fund. With increased funding provided by the Senior Tax, The Salvation Army was able provide meals to 3,886 individual seniors. Also, food needs for seniors were met with grant funds through The Kitchen via Franciscan Villa.

Home Safety and Repairs

The Tax Fund Board allocated funds through SWMOA for home assessments and safety-related items. Minor home repairs for qualifying seniors were provided to over 112 households through SWMOA and to 103 households through the Council of Churches. United Way provided 76 seniors with home maintenance through volunteers in the Hands On For Seniors program; they completed 113 projects.

Medical and Health

Educational programs were presented by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department to Greene County seniors, with 436 Shingles vaccinations being administered and approximately 750 informational packets distributed. During presentations, information was delivered on other vaccines, fall prevention, and emergency preparedness for older Americans. In addition, funding was granted to SWMOA for foot care clinics, primarily at Greene County Senior Centers.

Legal Services

A grant to Legal Services of Southern Missouri provided 127 seniors with legal services, including some representation. They also provided training sessions on legal issues for seniors.

Senior Centers

Senior Centers provide many services for Greene County senior citizens. They help reduce the social isolation of many widows and widowers, provide nutritious lunchtime meals, as well as a cool place to be in the summer and a warm one in the winter. The Senior Tax assisted the senior centers by providing a number of items to help them carry out their services. These included items such as dessert coolers, food pantries, ice machines, cabinets, meat slicers, sprinklers for fire safety, parking lots, and roofs.

In 2010, grants were awarded to the following agencies:

- Ash Grove Sunshine Center
- Council of Churches of the Ozarks
- CoxHealth Foundation
- Franciscan Villa
- Greene County Congress on Aging
- Legal Services of Southern MO
- Northview Senior Center
- Older Adults Transportation System (OATS)
- Republic Friendship Center
- Rogersville Senior Center
- The Salvation Army
- Southwest Missouri Office on Aging
- Springfield-Greene County Health Department
- Springfield South Side Seniors
- St. John’s Foundation
- Strafford Senior Center
- United Way of the Ozarks