

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

## WHAT A YEAR!

### Dear Friends,

Last year was nothing short of extraordinary for us. In our 14th year of existence, we were able to increase nearly all of the core services provided for Darien seniors. This was accomplished by an unwavering dedication and tireless effort from our staff, our board of directors, and by our invaluable volunteers. Demand for our unique services continues to increase and we are ready to meet this challenge.

In the last issue of our **Out & About** newsletter we spoke about the increased threat and impact of isolation and loneliness for seniors. We have



**"The Elderly Brothers" entertaining guests with hits from the 1950's and 1960's at event co-sponsored by At Home In Darien and the Mather Center**

prioritized opportunities to address this risk for vulnerable seniors and look forward to sharing more details of these efforts as we move further into 2024. In the meantime, however, we would like you to join us in celebrating 2023 through a few highlights and memories contained in the following pages. We are particularly proud of the volunteers who collectively provided nearly 2,000 hours of their time last year, and who are listed in this newsletter.

As we continue into 2024 and beyond with optimism and enthusiasm, we are filled with gratitude for the support and dedication of our extended community. Together we will continue to uplift and empower our senior citizens, providing the services and support that will help them lead fulfilling and dignified lives. Please dive into our newsletter and join us in celebrating our journey over the past year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



William Carney  
Co-President of the  
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*William Carney*



Peter Sosnow  
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### our mission:

*Helping Darien seniors live independently, comfortably and with dignity in their own homes and the community as long as possible.*

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## AT HOME IN DARIEN'S 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



In 2009, a pilot program was created by The Community Fund of Darien, creating a new organization called Aging In Place in Darien. This organization began offering services to help seniors remain at home in Darien for as long as possible. During this time, another organization named Gallivant was also supporting seniors by providing transportation services. These two organizations merged in 2011 under the name Aging in Place+Gallivant before ultimately rebranding itself as **At Home In Darien** in 2013. Over these past 15 years, in addition to providing over 41,000 rides for Darien seniors, we have continued to expand existing and introduce new services that uniquely support seniors in this community.

The first 15 years have been extremely rewarding and we look forward to supporting Darien seniors for many years to come.



2024 AT HOME IN DARIEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Front Row, L to R – Marcia Cleary, Sue Okie, Tamsin Sickinger, Robin Woods, Monica Billeter  
Back Row, L to R – John Hess, Jim Metzger, Marianne Paterniti, Debbie Parnon, Peter Sosnow, William Carney, John Keating, Mark Bergen  
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Congratulations Reva Corrigan



**At Home In Darien** was proud to participate at The Community Fund of Darien's 45th Annual Volunteer Celebration, and honor our Volunteer of the Year Reva Corrigan. Reva began volunteering with our organization in 2012 and over the years has dedicated her time and energy to seniors through work as a Volunteer Visitor and Volunteer Helper. Most recently she has volunteered with one of our members and together they have visited local assisted living facilities to play music and entertain residents. Reva is one of many who is making a difference, and we are blessed to have her as a volunteer!

*(Reva – in blue – standing next to her husband John on far right and with Marie and Richard Sanislo)*

OUR FINANCES

**At Home In Darien's** Financial condition remains healthy and stable. Private donations from members of the Darien community provide the primary source of our funding. We thoughtfully and responsibly spend funds to offer free services and assistance for the benefit of Darien seniors, allowing them to continue living independently at home, socially engaged in our community.

2023 REVENUE

Contributions	\$247,522
Grant Income	\$34,435
In-kind Contributions	\$12,000
Interest Income	\$2,412
Total	\$296,369

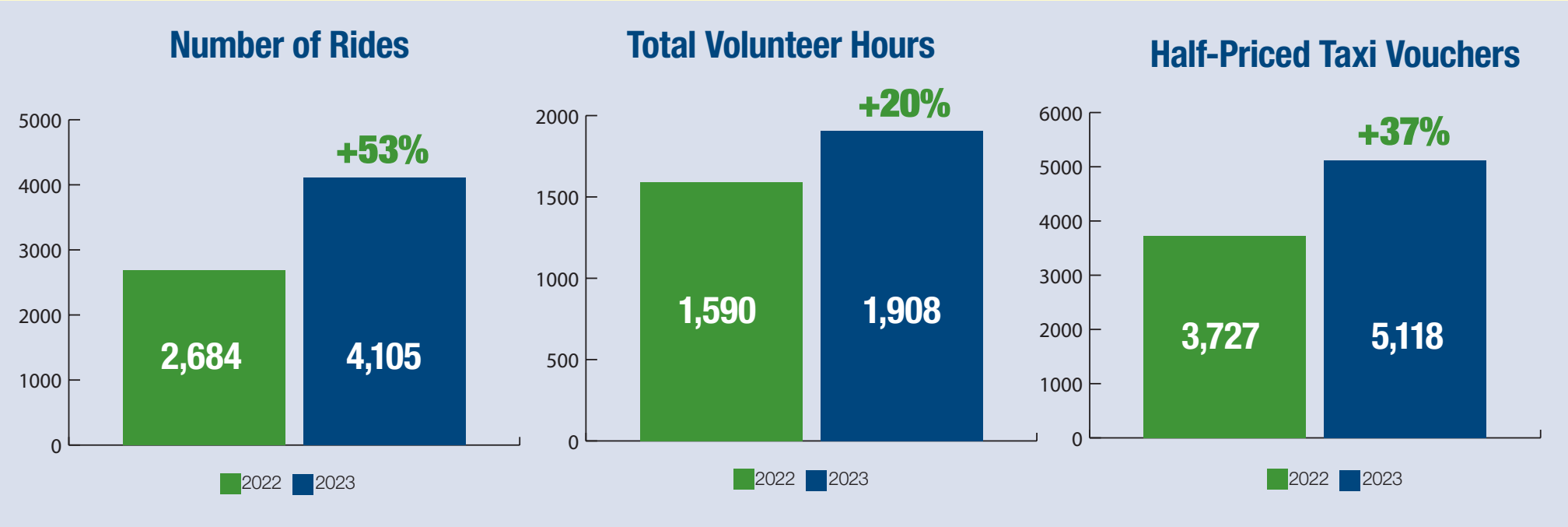
2023 EXPENSES

Programs	\$227,177
Management & General	\$26,293
Fundraising	\$33,109
Total	\$286,579





# A Glance



(L to R) AHID Co-President William Carney, AHID Annual Meeting Guest Speaker Terrie Wood, AHID Executive Director Chris Jones, AHID Co-President Peter Sosnow



Guest Speaker Jennifer Mrozek Sukalo imparting humor and wisdom for AHID’s seniors at the annual luncheon held at the DCA



(L to R) Guests Joe Pankowski, Nina Miller, Barbara Thorne, and Wyn Lydecker arrive early for AHID’s Annual Meeting



Spring flowers and decorations being made for seniors by the Royle Kids Care Club



Jurga Rimkute, Creative Director of Lanphier, with AHID Board member Barbara Scanlon Jessup and AHID team members Michele Treacy and Fran Bellingham



AHID member Vivian Hale with a Valentine card made by the Kids Care Club at Ox Ridge Elementary School



Geri Genovese and Kathleen Maher livening up the guests at the 1950’s and 1960’s theme luncheon

◀ At Home In Darien Board members and staff participating in the town’s Memorial Day parade



AHID Board members Monica Billeter and Marianne Paterniti



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A few AHID members enjoying the Annual Luncheon at the DCA

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