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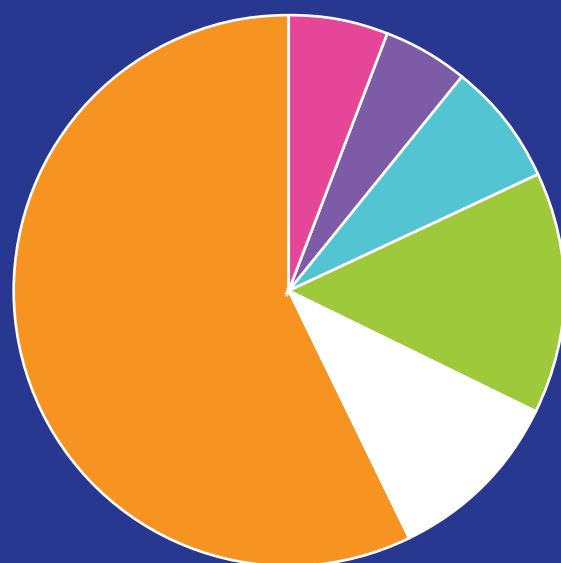
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ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

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Building Brighter Futures
by serving, educating, and empowering
families in our community

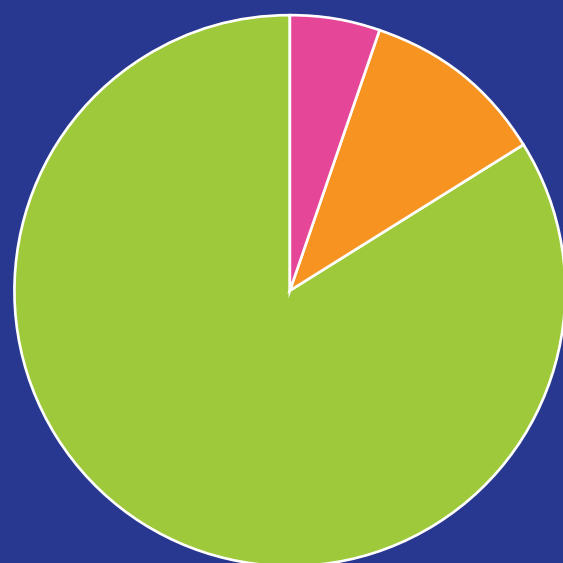
FINANCIALS



REVENUE

\$4,286,769

Rental		\$211,852
Other		\$258,689
Events		\$314,795
Government Programs		\$446,643
Contributions		\$604,630
		\$2,450,160



EXPENSES

\$4,133,514

General		\$219,233
Fundraising		\$454,800
Program		\$3,459,481

EVOLVING TOGETHER

Dear Carver Community,

Thank you for making 2017 yet another remarkable year for Carver Center! This year we celebrate 75 years of service to the community. Once again, our devoted staff has done an incredible job expanding our outreach while strengthening our programs and services.

This year, Carver has blossomed—emerging back into the scene with a new appearance, new focus, new branding, and new opportunities for our clients. Despite all the transformations, one factor remains strong: our dedication towards building brighter futures by serving, educating, and empowering families in our community. It is not only our mission, but our privilege.

At Carver, we have a long-term commitment to our clients—exceeding single-issue solutions and temporary fixes. Our holistic focus ensures children excel in school, youth learn the skills needed to thrive in the job market, and people of all ages are provided with learning opportunities that promise a better life.

As we move forward in 2018 and beyond, I am proud of what we have accomplished and excited about the future. Our community is strong and vibrant, and together we will continue our efforts of tackling diverse, ever-changing needs in hopes that everyone achieves their full potential.

Thank you for wholeheartedly being an essential part of Carver Center's growth.

With Gratitude,

Joseph Kwasniewski
Chief Executive Officer

IMPACT

80,000
pounds of food
distributed through our
food pantry this year

OVER 400
Volunteers completed
3,100 hours of service

OVER 1,500
individuals and families
shop at Carver Market,
our self shopping food
pantry, each month

OVER 400
senior citizens dined with
us during our monthly
Senior Breakfast

687
elementary and middle
school students
enrolled in our After
School Program

47
people became U.S.
citizens through our
Citizenship Classes

78%
of our Teen Center Members
receive free or reduced
lunch at school, a nationally
recognized signifier of need

185
grocery deliveries were
made to homebound
senior citizens

94%
of our Teen Center
members say our
program helps them
with school

84%
of students say
mindfulness helps them
in their daily lives

VOLUNTEER TESTIMONIALS

“ Volunteering at Carver Center has been enlightening and gratifying. The educators in the After School Program with whom I have had the pleasure of working have been welcoming, professional, and dedicated mentors. They have a profound impact on the children in our community every day. I have discovered how critical it is to offer kids the support and resources they need for their growth and development. Playing a small role in Carver’s burgeoning Mindfulness Program, I had the opportunity to see firsthand how providing kids with simple, everyday tools that help them focus and cope better truly helps them flourish. ”

“ I want to take a moment to tell you that the Carver Center’s celebration of new United States citizens on July 29, 2017 was so special. It was wonderful to meet some of the families of the people I have been working with, and for them to meet my family as well. The food, decorations and entertainment were excellent and every table was full! I was also impressed meeting so many dignitaries and listening to them say that they strongly support the initiatives of the Carver Center citizenship test prep program. Lastly, Fabiola continues to be an inspiration to me. Her firm belief that anyone can become successful through dedication and hard work is the heartbeat of the program. You are so lucky to have her as a member of your Carver Center family. ”

“ I have volunteered for many different programs and organizations, and have found the after school program at Carver to be the most gratifying. It is extremely well organized and managed. Even though the children have been in school all day, they really enjoy coming to the program. It is a balanced mix of homework and fun activities. ”

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PROGRAMS

Our programs are designed to meet people where they are and encourage them to move forward to lead healthy, productive, and independent lives.

From After School Programs to Senior Breakfasts, we offer something for everyone in the family at any stage of life to stimulate and challenge them to grow beyond their current position.



SATURDAY PROGRAMS

Our Saturday Learning Adventures program provides a variety of classes throughout the school year offering enrichment activities to children in our community. Our Saturday Enrichment program gives children and adults the opportunity to hone their skills and discover new talents. Our diverse set of courses expose individuals to art, STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), recreation, cooking, and music enrichment classes.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The mission of Carver Center's After School Program (CAP) is to successfully contribute to the learning and healthy development of children. Our model is based on four focus areas: academic support, enrichment, social-emotional development, and health & wellness including a balanced daily meal.

SUMMER CAMP

Camp Carver provides a 6-week summer fun experience to kids ages 3-13 taught by NYS Certified Teachers. Children attend field trips to museums and water parks, and take part in educational, recreational and enrichment activities. Campers receive breakfast, lunch and snack daily.



SENIOR SERVICES

Our monthly Senior Breakfast offers seniors a chance to socialize with peers and enjoy a warm meal. Relevant topics are presented such as health care, tax information and village updates, and special guests provide our seniors with the opportunity to get free flu shots, or learn a new skill!

Carver Market provides homebound deliveries to seniors who cannot make it to the store themselves. A three day supply of food is hand delivered monthly by our Teen Center members who volunteer their time.

CARVER MARKET

Carver Market is the only self-shopping food pantry in the village of Port Chester. Clients are welcome to browse our aisles and shop for a three day supply of nutritious food for their family. Weekly visits from nutritionist and wellness experts offer our clients recipe ideas and information to live a healthier life.

Carver Market is stocked through partnerships with local food banks, local businesses, and the generosity of our community.

AQUATICS & FITNESS

Our Aquatics & Fitness programs offer our community an affordable way to stay healthy and in shape. We house the only public swimming pool in the village and offer our Teen Center, After School and Summer Camp kids an opportunity to learn to swim, a new skill for many of our youth.

This year we began construction on our locker rooms and aquatics center to better serve the needs of our community.

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TIMELINE

1943

CARVER CENTER OPENS

Carver Center opens its doors at 51 Pearl Street to serve the needs of children after school, under the direction of Founder Robert S. Brown with assistance from John Kettler and Mildred Motley. Effie Gordon begins her 5-year tenure as Carver's first President.

1946

CHORAL GROUP

Carver Center's Choral Group performs at Rye High School.

1949

BASEBALL VICTORY

The first ever Carver youth baseball team takes the field. Coach John Kettler leads the team to victory over the Corpus Christi team.

1961

MOVING TO TRAVERSE

Carver Center moves to 35
Traverse Avenue, a 3 story
building that allows Carver to
increase programs and serve
a larger number of people.

1945

FUNDRAISING

Carver Center
announces a \$5,000
fundraiser as they seek
a permanent home.

2015

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM EXPANDS

Carver's receives \$750,000 grant to offer free After School Programming to Port Chester schools

1953

FIRST BENEFIT

First benefit dance for Carver Center held at St. Peter's Church, Port Chester. Entertainment included a performance by the Glee Club of Westchester.

1971

DAYCARE OPENS

Daycare program begins at Carver Center. Two classrooms supervised by Alan Davis, college student and artist, the Evening Teen Program, afforded structured activities nightly 7-11pm.

2017

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

Carver's undergoes construction on the locker rooms and pool.

2013

NEW PLAYGROUND

Carver Center breaks ground on a new playground.

2002

FOOD AND CLOTHING

Carver's Clothing and Food Pantry opened its doors to the community.

1998

MOVING ON UP

Carver relocates from the 6,000 square foot building at 35 Travers Avenue to our current home at 400 Westchester Ave, a 50,000 square foot building with a full gym and junior Olympic pool.

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