



SPRYE

ANNUAL REPORT 2021



Harrison
Port Chester
Rye
Rye Brook



An organization for older adults who want to stay confidently
in their homes and connected to their community.

DEAR FRIENDS,

As we entered our 10th Anniversary year in 2021, it became apparent that COVID-19 would remain with us on some scale for the foreseeable future. Just as assuredly, SPRYE would remain open and provide essential services to our members.

Securing vaccines for all members was the first priority of the year. SPRYE identified local vaccination providers, scheduled appointments, and provided the necessary transportation. A vaccine policy was formally adopted by the Board. As members became vaccinated and COVID cases declined, SPRYE was able to resume in-person events during the latter six months. Diligently following NYS health protocols, SPRYE safely hosted outdoor picnics, an Oktoberfest, our 10th Anniversary Masked Ball Celebration, and our Holiday gathering. Even Hurricane Ida couldn't keep us from rescheduling our fall member picnic at Rye Town Park!

SPRYE was strongly committed to developing our *TotalAccessNOW* program. This venture offers technical one-on-one training and assistance with devices so our members will always stay connected to their friends, family, doctors, and communities, regardless of COVID restrictions. The additional value to members was their increased ability to participate in SPRYE's robust on-line programming. This benefit will expand well into the future.

SPRYE will continue to adjust its programs and services to provide reassuring assistance and connectivity to older adults. SPRYE wants to reach even more within our communities to enrich their lives. With this in mind, the Board of SPRYE formally adopted plans to lower its minimum age level for membership in 2022 to 55 years-of-age so more can benefit from our diverse platform of offerings and social engagement. Look for our new membership options on our website: www.sprye.org.

As you read through this report, take pride in knowing YOU made a difference! Your ongoing support means our members and their families have peace of mind, no matter what the uncertainty, knowing SPRYE is just a phone call away.

Thank you.

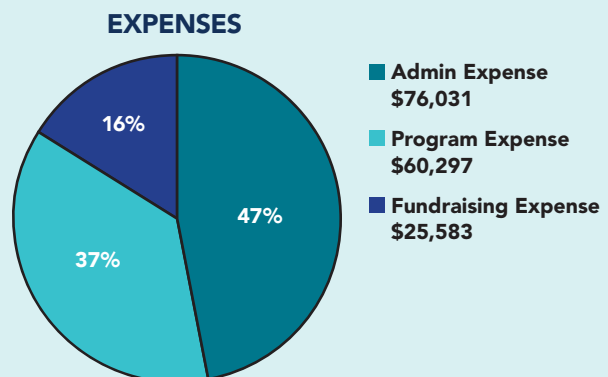
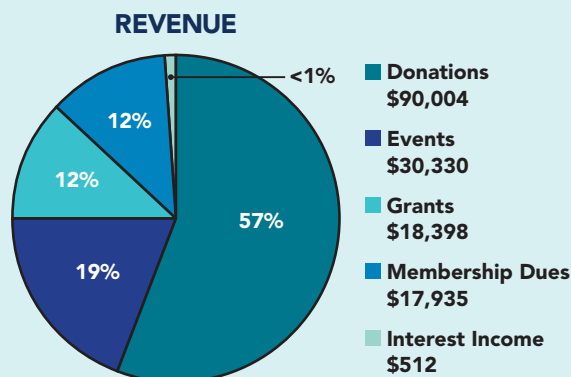


Lauren S. Miscimarra
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Executive Director

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021



SPRYE carefully monitors revenue and expenses. Volunteers help defray the costs of delivering programs and services to our members. Annual donations increased 36% thanks to the generosity of our supporters. Grants from charitable foundations also increased. Program costs declined by 17% due to pandemic restrictions on in-person gatherings. Administrative expense increased with the addition of a part-time assistant to support the Executive Director; better workflow has improved member service.

Note: SPRYE Financial Reporting is on a fiscal year basis covering July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

SPRYE 2021 — A YEAR IN REVIEW

Serving Harrison, Port Chester, Rye and Rye Brook Since 2011

The many services and programs SPRYE provided in 2021 reflect the essential work accomplished while adhering to fluctuating pandemic restrictions. During these extraordinary times, dedicated volunteers, partners, and board members continued to support our members in three key areas:



#1. SPRYE NEVER STOPPED DELIVERING

- In 2021, volunteers provided our members with **630 roundtrip rides** to essential appointments and errands, **driving 5,055 miles**.
- The Executive Director made **24 home visits** and provided **26 referrals** for professional services, and a total of **26 errands** helped members who were confined to their homes.

- Thanksgiving Day meals delivered (22 members).
- Irish soda bread delivered on St. Patrick's Day to all members.

#2. SPRYE KEPT OUR MEMBERS CONNECTED

- Staying connected in their community is critical to older adults and was an ongoing challenge during this pandemic. SPRYE successfully launched its exciting new initiative **Total Access Now** in the Spring to provide one-on-one tech assistance and deliver smart devices to qualifying candidates. A total of **38** older adults learned how to better navigate their iPads, iPhones, laptops, and answering and fax machines.
- Online and Zoom programs included **45** weekly Book Club gatherings, 10 monthly Current Events meetings, and **24** Gentle Chair Yoga Classes.



#3. SPRYE RETURNED TO IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

When restrictions lifted in the Summer and Fall, SPRYE was at the ready with in-person programs to bring old and new friends together. Members and friends of SPRYE eagerly gathered for the following:

- June picnic in Rye Brook (40 people)
- Weekly Gentle Chair Yoga classes (24 classes)
- "Cruise to Nowhere" on L.I. Sound (8 adventurers)
- September picnic dinner at Rye Town Park with music (40 people)
- Oktoberfest lunch with Oompah band at Crawford Mansion (42 people)
- SPRYE's 10th Anniversary Masked Benefit at the Apawamis Club (122 people)
- Community Theatre at Hidden Falls (50 theatre-lovers)
- Holiday luncheon at Shenorock Shore Club (54 people)

These events were possible because of your continuing support. Thank you.

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!

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