





Harrison
Port Chester
Rye
Rye Brook

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

## "...and what have you done? Another year over. And a new one just begun."

Inspired by the words of John Lennon, SPRYE humbly presents to you in this Annual Report 2022 what SPRYE brought to our members and communities this past year and our aspirations moving forward. SPRYE purposely evolved in 2022 to adapt to our changed world. The resulting support and programming for members aided in fulfilling our new Mission Statement to help them "...live confidently at home and stay connected to their community in meaningful ways."

The SPRYE Board began the year with Strategic Planning sessions that would guide us through the year and lead to a deeper understanding of how to better serve older adults in our communities. We restructured our Membership Categories to reflect a lower minimum age requirement of 55. Now we can reach more adults seeking safe and relevant ways to connect. Our revitalized Mission Statement followed a new articulation of our Values and Vision to better reflect the essence of the organization in this, our second decade. Read them at www.sprye.org.

Our Annual Gala Benefit "Getting to Know You" epitomized what we have learned from imposed restrictions – that Friendship and Connection are vital to the human spirit. SPRYE knew we needed to be a force behind that connectivity. Opportunities to meet safely in person increased throughout the year, so our Programming Committee stepped up to make it happen. SPRYE eagerly offered boat trips, picnics, lectures, luncheons, plays, technology tips, tours, and rides, so members could once again come together. SPRYE's options of robust on-line programming continued as well. Membership and Care Committees contacted existing and potential members to engage them through phone calls, get-well cards & soup, and Birthday drive-by's! SPRYE was there.

New inspiration fueled a total revamping of our website by the Marketing Committee, Staff, and our web designer for easier use and richer interaction. Now our SPRYE Online Calendar reflects all offerings in upcoming months with details for registration. Take a look at our website: www.sprye.org. So much useful information is there for you!

We are deeply grateful to our Major Donors and Supporters for your faith in us to provide meaningful social connections to our served communities of Harrison, Port Chester, Rye, and Rye Brook. Our Volunteers, Staff and Board couldn't do it without you.

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, knowing SPRYE is just a phone call away.

Thank you.

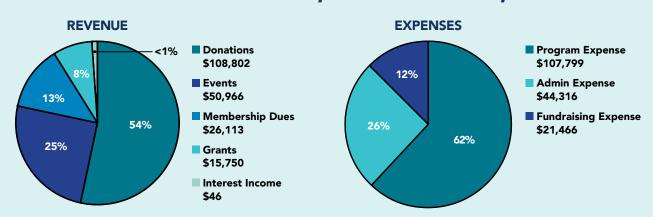


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# FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022



SPRYE's staff and Finance Committee carefully monitor revenue and expenses. Volunteers help defray the costs of delivering programs and services to our members. Annual donations increased 21% thanks to the generosity of our supporters. Program expenses increased with the return to in-person gatherings and a revitalization of SPRYE's offerings.

# **SPRYE 2022 — A YEAR IN REVIEW**

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

The SPRYE Year in Review sums up the entire year's activities and shares them with donors, volunteers, supporters, board members and anyone interested in the mission. It's about progress and success, the lives we've impacted and the connections we've made, through the increased variety of in-person gatherings in the four communities SPRYE serves.

Last year, the older adults in the SPRYE community enjoyed theatre performed by local actors, picnics, lectures, boat rides, book clubs, current events, lectures and exercise programs.







## Here's a look back at a very active year.

In 2022, SPRYE's dedicated team of volunteer drivers provided our members 610 roundtrip rides to essential appointments and errands, driving 4,700 miles. Members enjoyed the following:

- Jazz in June picnic at Crawford Park (43 people)
- Spring and Fall weekly Gentle Chair Yoga (24 classes)
- Lectures from New York Times columnist Paula Span and author Barry Doherty (55 people)
- Cruise to Nowhere on the Long Island Sound (22 adventurers)
- Sculpture walk at PepsiCo in Purchase (12 people)
- SPRYE member picnic at the beach (50 people)
- Weekly Book Club (46 weeks out of the year)
- Current Events/Public Affairs monthly meeting (10 months) both in person and Zoom
- Performances from local theatre troupes (74 people)
- SPRYE's Holiday Lunch at Shenorock Shore Club (56 people)
- SPRYE's 11th Anniversary Benefit at Shenorock Shore Club (122 supporters)
- Paul Hicks recounting the history of the Wainwright family (34 people) and Paul Rheingold exploring how the streets in Rye got their names (32 people). Both at the Wainwright House



- Zooms of weekly Book Clubs; Fordham Professor Brian Rose discussing Hitchcock movies, the History of Advertising, and the Golden Age of Television.
- Hearing and Health Zoom by ENT and Allergy Associates Audiologist Megan Mass.
- The Care Team bringing cheer to members with cake and balloons on their birthdays and Oodles of Noodles hot soup and warm smiles to those who were not feeling so SPRYE!

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