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GOLDEN AGE CENTERS

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Year in Review

The Golden Age Centers (GAC) was established in 1954 to enhance the quality of life and independence of low-income older adults in Cleveland. In its early years, GAC replicated a pilot project of the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging that was designed to demonstrate the benefits of bringing older adults together to meet their social needs. Over the years, GAC's operations and programs expanded; at its peak, the agency served 7,000 older adults at 16 sites. With declines in funding, the scale of operations diminished in recent years. In 2014, GAC faced increasing challenges due to further funding cuts and became the Rose Centers for Aging Well, a limited liability company (LLC) of the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging.

The alliance enabled us to continue uninterrupted service to community seniors. In 2014, GAC/Rose Centers served 1,988 older adults in its centers and in their homes.

Our Home-Delivered Meal Program brought 168,694 frozen or hot nutritious meals to 1,012 homebound seniors.

In addition, thanks to our Supplemental Food Distribution, 700 qualified low-income seniors received shelf-stable food each month for

emergency situations when meal-delivery trucks could not safely deliver meals.

In our centers, 45,680 hot noontime meals were served in 2014.

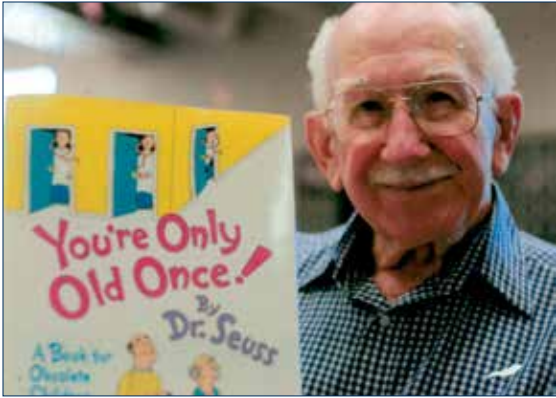
Transportation services were provided to 176 seniors during the year, enabling them to visit our centers for social and



wellness programs, and providing transportation for grocery shopping and activity trips.

More than 790 seniors served by GAC/Rose Centers received social work services, including linkages and referrals to additional benefits and services, case management, counseling, and assistance completing government and insurance forms.





The Golden Achievement Awards

The Golden Achievement Awards, established by the Golden Age Centers of Greater Cleveland in 1993, honor individuals of mature years for outstanding service to their community in six specific categories. In each case, the recipient's commitment to excellence is directed beyond self-interest and serves as an exemplary model for others to follow. The 2014 Golden Achievement Awards were presented at the annual gala on May 4, 2014 at the Country Club in Pepper Pike. Honorees included:

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Michael Schwartz PhD, *Education*



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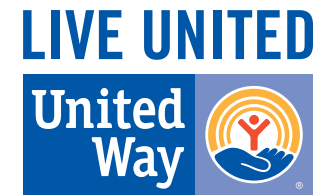
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Each of our Home-Delivered Meal vehicles logs more than 11,000 miles per year. Generous support from organizations like **Meals on Wheels of America** and the **Northern Ohio Gold Charities Foundation** help replace aging vehicles. Continued support of the home-delivered meal fleet helps us ensure the nutritional needs of homebound seniors are met.



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