



Fiscal Year 2009 Statistics and Milestones

Nutrition Services

- Senior Connections served 397,511 meals between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009 through its Meals on Wheels and Neighborhood Senior Center programs, nearly doubling the number of meals provided the previous fiscal year.
- Senior Connections prepared 354,980 tasty, nutritionally-balanced meals for delivery to the doors of homebound seniors five days a week, Monday through Friday.
- Managed neighborhood Senior Centers served over 40,000 family-style meals to center participants.
- Connection Café, opened in February, 2009 offers delicious meals carefully planned by our executive chef and registered dietitian; an array of health and wellness education opportunities; and a variety of classes designed for older adults. Patrons of Connections Café can choose from healthy meal options such as soup and salads, fresh fruit, and sandwiches at a reasonable cost. Connections Café also offers a lounge and computer area for its guest. The café revenue helps reduce production overhead for our other meal preparation and helps lower meal production costs down.

Home Repair

- Senior Connections' Home Repair department made critical repairs in excess of \$3 million to the homes of 299 seniors in DeKalb, Fulton, Cobb and Gwinnett counties, making them safe and accessible. These substantial repairs were made possible thanks to competitive grants awarded by Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta.
- Thanks to \$200,000 in funding from Atlanta Gas Light's Home and Heartwarming project, Senior Connections was able to replace furnaces and perform other weatherization improvements to the homes of many area seniors.
- Federal Funding from the City of Atlanta Block Grant, totaling \$200,000, made 18 additional Atlanta residents safe in their homes this past year.

In-Home Care

- Skilled Personal Support Aides provided 41,038 hours of In-Home Care to Senior Connections' most frail senior clients.
- The Personal Support Aide Employment and Training program, which trains homeless women and women in transitional housing as personal support aides, graduated six students. Successful program participants are eligible for hire by Senior Connections as In-Home Care aides or are placed with other home health agencies.

Neighborhood Senior Centers

- With the acquisition of Life Enrichment Services, Senior Connections now manages a sixth neighborhood center, the Mack Love Center, which offers a broad range of activities and services to area seniors.

- Our six Neighborhood Senior Centers enjoyed collaborative working relationships with a variety of organizations including the DeKalb Extension Office, DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, and numerous schools and cultural and religious organizations.
- Seniors from all six centers came together to take part in several joint events this year including The Annual Senior Picnic and the Senior Prom.
- The outcomes-based UPRIGHT! Fall Prevention program served 44 seniors, providing fall risk assessments, medications reviews, vision screenings, home assessments, and strength building exercise training.
- Senior Connections has folded in Life Enrichment's popular education classes and Travel Aire travel excursions, expanding the quality and type of recreational programs available to seniors.

Volunteers

- Senior Connections' is grateful for its dedicated corps of community volunteers who have delivered meals, packaged meals in our central kitchen, built wheelchair ramps, helped with administrative duties, and purchased and delivered special holiday gifts to seniors. In total, nearly 250 volunteers have donated just shy of 15,000 hours of their time in the past year.
- Corporate volunteer partners in FY08 included Auto Trader, AGL Resources, UPS, and Enterprise Rent-A-Car.
- Volunteer Services is also supported by a host of faith-based organizations such as Tucker United Methodist Church, Holy Cross Catholic Church, Straight Life Church and Dunwoody Baptist Church.

Fundraising

- In FY09, the Fundraising department raised nearly \$580,000 through grants, direct mail, board and staff campaigns, special events, and other means.