

Wise County Committee on Aging (WCCA) wants to thank the people at the Stanley W. EKSTROM foundation for helping us make it possible to prepare 62,366 meals between March 2022 and March 2023. Without grants like this one we would never be able to do as much as we do for the Seniors of Wise County.

Here is a recap of 2022 and how your grant was spent throughout the year. WCCA averaged 125 clients a week on our home delivered program in 2021 but now in 2022/2023 we have 180+ on our Home Delivered meal program that we serve 7 meals a week too. To all these Clients we served and delivered over 55457 meals too.



In the early part of 2022, the seniors at the Decatur Senior Center gave us their building so that we could open it up for all seniors to use. Before they gave it to us, they were only using it one day a week in the morning for bingo.



We now have it open Monday through Friday with programs for English speaking and Spanish speaking seniors.

Our Spanish speaking program was honored in this week's WC Messenger with a front-page picture,

[https://www.wcmessenger.com/articles/uniting-elders-](https://www.wcmessenger.com/articles/uniting-elders-program-bridges-gap-for-spanish-speaking-seniors/)

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The Owl's center has become a home away from home for many seniors as they come in early in the morning and leave after lunch in the afternoon.



In June of 2022 the Wise Regional Health System gave us permission to use the kitchen at their Bridgeport facilities, as it was not being used. This has helped us to expand our service and have storage for all the meals and groceries we send to our clients each month.



By having newer vehicles like the Elantra that we purchased with your grant in 2020 it has saved us so much in resources as we do not have to fix the vehicle every month.

If we do our monthly maintenance as we have been, this vehicle will last a few more years as it only has 10,600 miles on it, so thank you again!!! We use it not only for the delivery of meals but also to transport clients to medical appointments in Wise County in 2022 WCCA was able to help seniors with over 1577 rides.

