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# Elizabeth Seton Center

## 2017-2018 Annual Report



# From Sister Barbara Ann

Recently we hung in our main entrance a huge picture painted by children attending the School-Age Program at Seton Center. It depicts persons of different nationalities and cultures and says in large letters, "Seton Center Welcomes All". If this is a lesson learned by the children attending the Center, we are accomplishing our mission:

**"...to be a magnet center of intergenerational lifelong learning where people of all ages can gather to learn, to change and to grow in body, mind and spirit."**

The Center offers a variety of programs for people from age 6 weeks to, at this time, 102 years young. In each one, all are welcome. We strive to honor the dignity of each person, building community among them. What makes us unique is that the programs do not exist in isolation; they work

together in harmony. Our intergenerational programming brings the generations together for shared activities, teaching lessons in respect, empathy, and understanding.



Often we see a change in the school-age children from their competitive interaction with peers to their spirit of service with the elderly. Just a few weeks ago, we asked for student volunteers to serve lunch to a group

of senior citizens. The children were eager to help with the event. As they were returning to their classroom after the luncheon, the students passed through the dining room. The seniors applauded them! Activities such as these build bridges and break down walls of separation.

As the preschool children enjoyed an art project with the seniors recently, one child asked the adult, "Can you come home with me and meet my mom and dad?" The child did not see differences; she experienced friendship and wanted to share it.

If we teach one lesson to young people today, it should be: Spend less time on video games and screens, and spend more time looking into the eyes of your fellow human beings. Experience firsthand the joys and other rewards of building relationships. At Seton Center, we provide opportunities to make these kinds of experiences happen every day.

*I invite you to see our efforts and **share** in our mission.*



# Highlights of the Year



**AUGUST** Fire Alarm System installation, underwritten by a grant from the Richard King Mellon Foundation, completed.

**SEPTEMBER** Sr. Barbara invited by Public Policy Director at the Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children (PAEYC) to participate on a panel that explained the results of the Heinz Endowments study on funding challenges for early education.

**NOVEMBER** Awarded a grant from City of Pittsburgh Department of City Planning. Our children received instructional visits from local Firemen, EMTs, SWAT Team members, and Police Officers. The children were delighted to sit on the police motorcycle, blow the fire truck siren, and tour the SWAT truck!

Awarded a grant from Jack Buncher Foundation to redesign our website and build a fundraising program.

**DECEMBER** Christmas celebrations at the Center were wonderful with standing room only for the children's Christmas Show. Santa visited all the children and the Adult Day Services clients.

**JANUARY** Awarded mini-grant from the PA Nutrition & Physical Activity Self-Assessment for Child Care (PA NAP SACC).

**FEBRUARY** Both of the Adult Day Services (Greensburg and Brookline) passed their annual state inspections.

**MARCH** Full Service Network replaced our phone system. This system includes a camera at the front main entrance for greater security.

Awarded a grant from the A. J. and Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust to enhance our intergenerational programming.

New website ([www.setoncenter.com](http://www.setoncenter.com)) went live. It features the ability to accept online donations.

**APRIL** Received an Education and Retention Award from Keystone STARS for bonuses to staff in early childhood and related fields. Awarded a grant from Mary J. Donnelly Foundation to build a fundraising program.

**MAY** The Senior Center had its first bus trip to Presque Isle near Erie, PA.

Thirty-seven children graduated into Kindergarten on May 30, 2018, complete with a special, top quality year book.





# Taking Intergenerational Programming to a

The God-given dignity and potential of every person, community, and relationship – these are the values of Elizabeth Seton Center. Why wouldn't we live these values with our children and with our seniors? And why wouldn't we explore ways to bring the two groups

together? These ideals have been our mission since Seton Center's inception.



A wonderful opportunity came in late March. Seton Center was awarded a special grant from the A. J. and Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust to **enhance our intergenerational programming** and to develop a curriculum for

these efforts for the future. Even in our first months of implementation, we have seen dramatic results as well as unexpected challenges that we welcome.

Now with an Intergenerational Program Coordinator, planned shared activities occur at least twice a week. Because the health of some seniors has declined recently, our attempts at cooperative crafts have been less successful than anticipated. What works well, however, are the physical activities: catching ball, playing "golf" or "bowling," gardening, parachute games, etc. **The children and seniors share lots of laughs.** A special treat is

watching their cooperation at special events: when the infants are brought to visit the seniors, when the children perform or parade through the center wearing costumes, or when both share in singing.

What happens? Adults who can no longer speak light up with enormous smiles. Adults and children hug. Children soon overcome whatever reluctance they had to engage with the seniors and vice versa. We are in awe watching our more rambunctious children shift into a respectful mode with the seniors. Sr. Barbara Ann asserts, "The children show us a different side. They are more emotional and compassionate with seniors than we ever see when they are with their peers."

Two telling anecdotes demonstrate the **positive outcomes of intergenerational activity**. After one session when the other children were going back to their room, a young girl begged to help serve the seniors' lunch. She did so with much enthusiasm and great caring – to the delight of the seniors!



A new "senior," a younger woman greatly discouraged because of a stroke, was very reluctant to engage with others at first. Her relatives even volunteered to buy a new TV for the Center so she could continue her home regimen. When she heard that a relative was among the children, she asked if the boy could be brought for a visit.

# New Level

A breakthrough happened when he arrived! Her face lit up and she began to participate in activities – with the children and with other adults.

At Seton Center, we sharply limit our use of TV and other devices. Too much screen time is isolating and inhibits social growth. Socialization is the key to smiles, engagement, and making the best of our time together. **Both the children and the seniors return home each day enriched by their experiences together.** As one mother recently commented, "This [interaction with seniors] was always one of my favorite things about Seton Center, and my daughter loved it too!" We continually strive to deepen this intergenerational interaction.



## SETON by the Numbers

### Children's Programs

**51** Infants/Toddlers

**86** Preschoolers

**133** School-aged children

### Senior Programs

**Brookline Senior Center**      **249**

**Overbrook Senior Center**      **274**

**Brookline Adult Day Care**      **56**

**Greensburg Adult Day Care**      **42**

### Ombudsman Program

**Serves Westmoreland County seniors in 93 facilities, including 52 personal care homes and 19 nursing homes.**

### Music Program

**The Music Program provides classroom instruction (singing, movement, musical activities, and dance) to our children and group music to seniors both in the Senior Center and Adult Day Services. Individual lessons are provided to some Seton children and to the wider public.**

### Community Groups *that regularly utilize Seton Center*

**Heritage Players Theater Group**

*Performs 5-6 plays/year (one for children)*

**Narcotics Anonymous**

**Gamblers Anonymous**

**Suicide Support Group**



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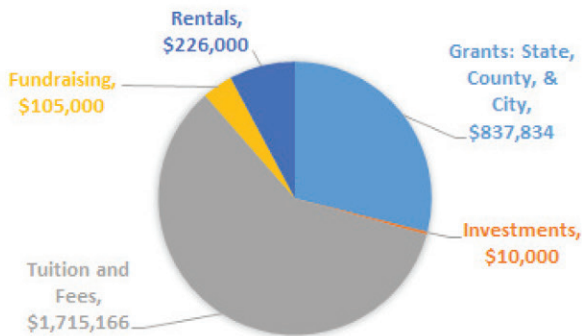


# Elizabeth Seton Center Income & Expenses

## Fiscal Year 2017-2018 (July 1–June 30)

### Revenue

Grants: State, County, & City	\$899,105
Investments	\$8,831
Tuition and Fees	\$1,497,982
Fundraising	\$56,157
Rentals	\$228,370
Misc.	\$1,897
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,692,342</b>



*Take time to look at the pictures in this report. Notice the smiles, the happy faces, the caring gestures and see what*

*happens when we bring the generations together. Adults become younger in spirit and children feel secure. The adults come away rejuvenated and the children come away realizing that being with older adults can be fun. We all know that children learn through play. This is how the children learn respect for the differences in others.*

~ Sr. Barbara Ann Boss  
Seton Center CEO





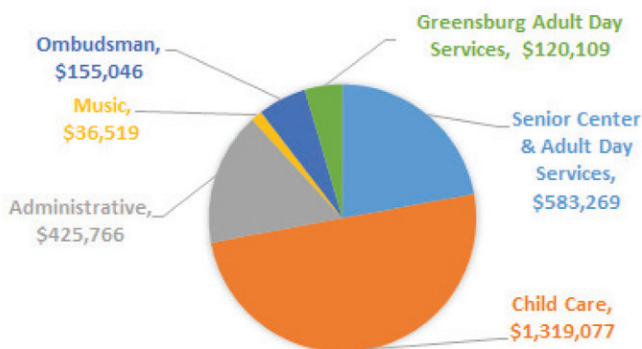


Thank you so much for all you did for my mother. The time she spent with you was a gift to me and to her. Tuesdays and Fridays became such a positive part of her life – a reason to get up and get moving, a purpose, independence, stimulation, socialization, etc. She left the house happy and came home happy each of those days. I am so grateful that we found you! You treated my mother (and everyone) with such kindness, enthusiasm and dignity. You can't imagine how important that was to our family.

~ Vicki & Family

## Expenses

Senior Center & Adult Day Services	\$583,269
Child Care	\$1,319,077
Administrative	\$425,766
Music	\$36,519
Ombudsman	\$155,046
Greensburg Adult Day Services	\$120,109
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,639,786</b>



# Letter from a Daughter April 2018

Dear Sr. Barbara Ann,

How grateful I was to find the Seton Adult Day Care Center. I can't put a price on how much it meant to me for my Mom to be able to go to a place where she was given attention and love, and cared for—from her health to the arts and crafts they did with her.

It was tremendous relief for me to be able to go to work each day knowing she was at Seton Center. My mother was 88 and had some dementia. But her being around other people and staff, I am certain, slowed the progression because it kept her mind active. I can't tell you how much it now means to me to have the arts and craft projects she did. She was a sewer and crocheted in her younger years. She always enjoyed keeping busy.

I must also truly say the staff always took care of my Mom as if she was their own. If there were times my Mom was not feeling well, they would always be in contact with us. She was never neglected. She was always treasured. I felt from the very first day, Seton Center was our best decision. It kept her from being bored, sitting in a corner watching TV.

I am so very grateful this program exists. She was able to go to the Center during the day and come home at night and be with her family. This is how she had always wanted it to be. I am so thankful she did not have to stay in a nursing home. I feel it kept her living a few extra years to be with her family.

It was such a blessing for me and my family knowing she was safe and being well cared for in an environment made for her. I would truly recommend Seton Adult Day Care Center to anyone who has a loved one that needs that extra care.

Please let the staff know how much it meant to me to have my Mom at the Center.

Thank you so much,

Diane







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