

WESTCOTT COMMUNITY CENTER 2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT

At Westcott Community Center we invest in our community by offering essential services and engaging programming to embrace the diverse needs of all.

Essential • Engaging • Embracing

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A message from our Executive Director

Joan Royle

Since opening our doors, Westcott Community Center has remained deeply rooted in its mission to invest in our community — offering essential services, meaningful programs, and a welcoming space that reflects the diverse needs and voices of all who walk through our doors.

Over the past three decades, we've grown alongside our neighborhood and city — listening, learning, and evolving to meet the changing needs of individuals and families. From youth enrichment and older adult programs to food access, education, and workforce development, every effort we make is grounded in the belief that a stronger community is built through connection, compassion, and collaboration.

Our vision has always been clear: to create a community center that not only meets needs but inspires belonging — strengthening and enriching the vibrant east side of Syracuse, our city and beyond. This anniversary is more than a milestone; it's a celebration of the countless volunteers, partners, staff, and supporters whose passion and dedication have made this vision possible.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to fostering an inclusive, thriving community — one that honors our past while embracing the promise of what's to come. Thank you for being part of our story and for helping make Westcott Community Center a place where everyone feels seen, valued, and supported. I am thankful to be part of this ongoing story.

Sincerely,

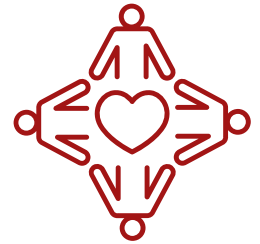
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan Royle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joan" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Royle".

Our Service Areas

From youth enrichment, to removing barriers to employment, to meeting essential community needs, to promoting healthy aging, our programs and services support individuals and families at every stage of life. We remain committed to strengthening our community through connection, support, and opportunity.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

- After School & Summer enrichment programs at SCSD schools
- Skilled Youth Program



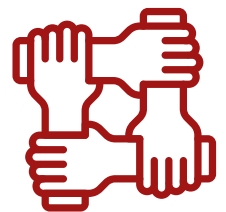
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



- Supported Employment Program
- Vehicles to Work
- Bridge Program

COMMUNITY

- Basic Needs Pantry & Program
- Community Health Advocate
- High School Equivalency Classes
- Talk to a Lawyer Legal Clinic
- Ride United, Last Mile Delivery
- Spectrum Learning Lab
- Westcott Art Trail



OLDER ADULTS

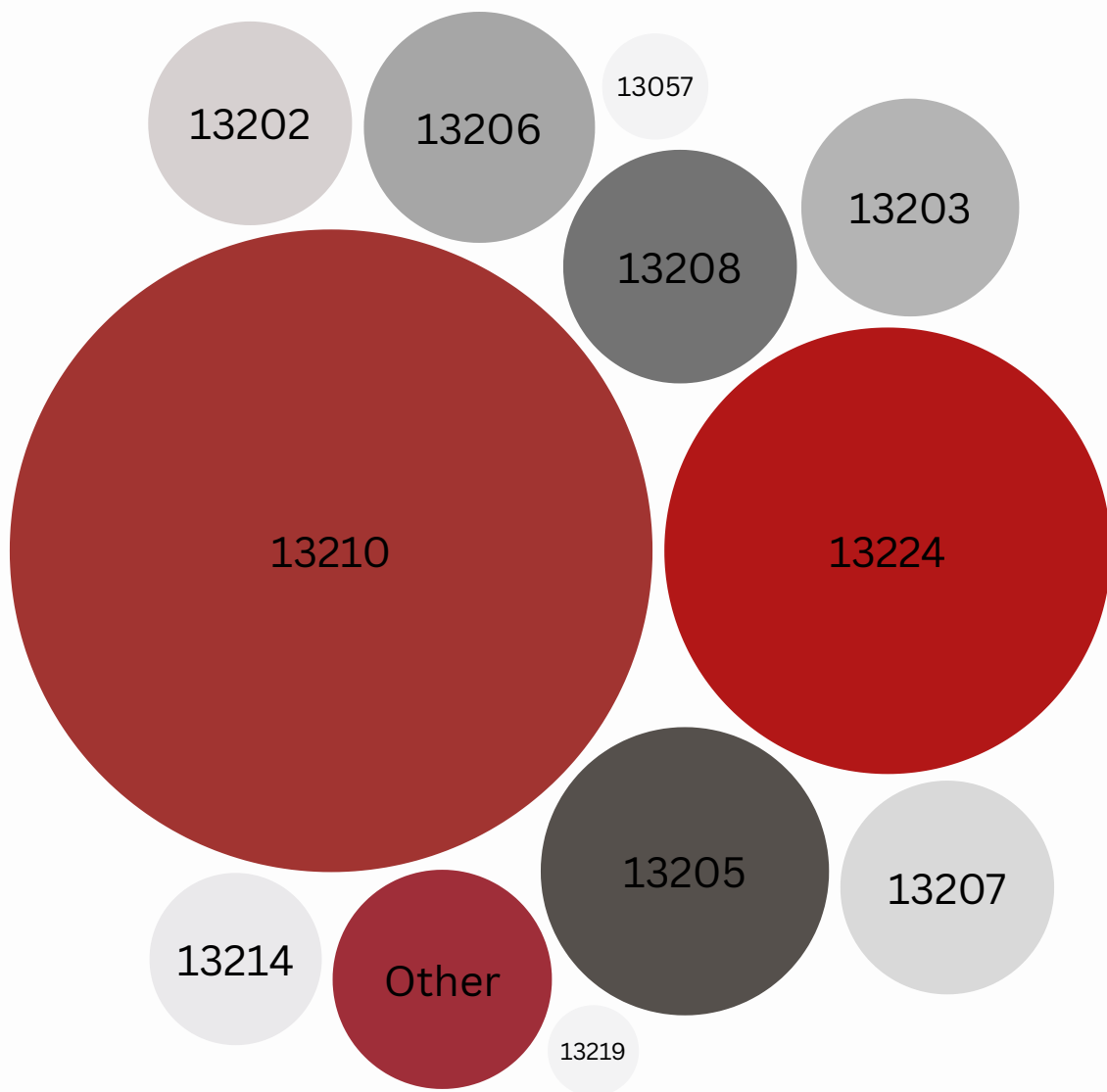


- Congregate Breakfast & Lunch
- Depends Briefs Bank
- Enrichment & Activity Program
- Exercise Program
- Senior Companion Program
- Senior Neighborhood Advisor
- Senior Technology Program
- Senior Transportation Program

Our Reach

We are a Neighborhood Center with a city-wide reach. Serving over **6,000** individuals in the city of Syracuse and beyond, our programs and services reach more than 20 zip codes.

Individuals Served by Zip Code



Data collected from 7/1/24 - 6/30/25



Westcott Community Center Community Impact



53,515

**Pantry Meals
Provided**



6,350

**Individuals Served
through Programs
and Referrals**



1,670

**SCSD Students
Served**



7,637

**Older Adult
Breakfast and
Lunch Served**



3,887

**Rides Provided
to Older Adults**



162

**Vehicles to Work
Participants Secured
Transportation**



547

**Workforce
Development
Participants Served**



689

**Older Adults
Served**



3,285

**Fresh Food
Distributions**

Data collected from 7/1/24 - 6/30/25



Expanding our Impact: The New Westcott CC Annex

In January 2025, we acquired a new annex property just across the street from our main center enabling us to expand programs and support more neighbors in need. We are deeply grateful to the Rolf Leininger estate, whose generosity made this possible.

Renovations are already underway, including a generously donated electrical upgrade completed by **IBEW Local 43** during the **United Way Day of Caring**, and soon, restroom renovations supported by the **Central New York Community Foundation**.

This new space is more than a building, it's an opportunity to grow connections, strengthen our community, and serve even more people in meaningful ways.

Annex Renovations

We are deeply grateful to our funders, donors and volunteers whose generous efforts have made essential renovations to our annex possible. While the work continues, we are thankful for all that has been accomplished to ensure our building is safe, warm, and welcoming. This progress allows us to better serve our community and expand the reach of our programs.



Community

Community helps us feel connected, supported, and better able to express and be ourselves. Westcott CC participates in bettering our neighborhood community by collaborating with others, supporting the arts, nourishing our neighbors, while we continue to support the larger Syracuse community.

Workforce Development



Vehicles to Work, Supported Employment, and Bridge Programs are designed to help individuals pursue their career paths and provide the support needed to turn their dreams into reality.



Older Adult Programs & Services

Our Older Adult programs and services are designed to engage, meet individual needs, promote wellness, and enrich the lives of older adults in our community. We offer a variety of opportunities and supports that encourage happy, healthy aging in place.



After School Program



SCSD After School Programming is an important part of student educational experiences and academic growth. Our programs serve youth in grades K-8 at a variety of school locations.



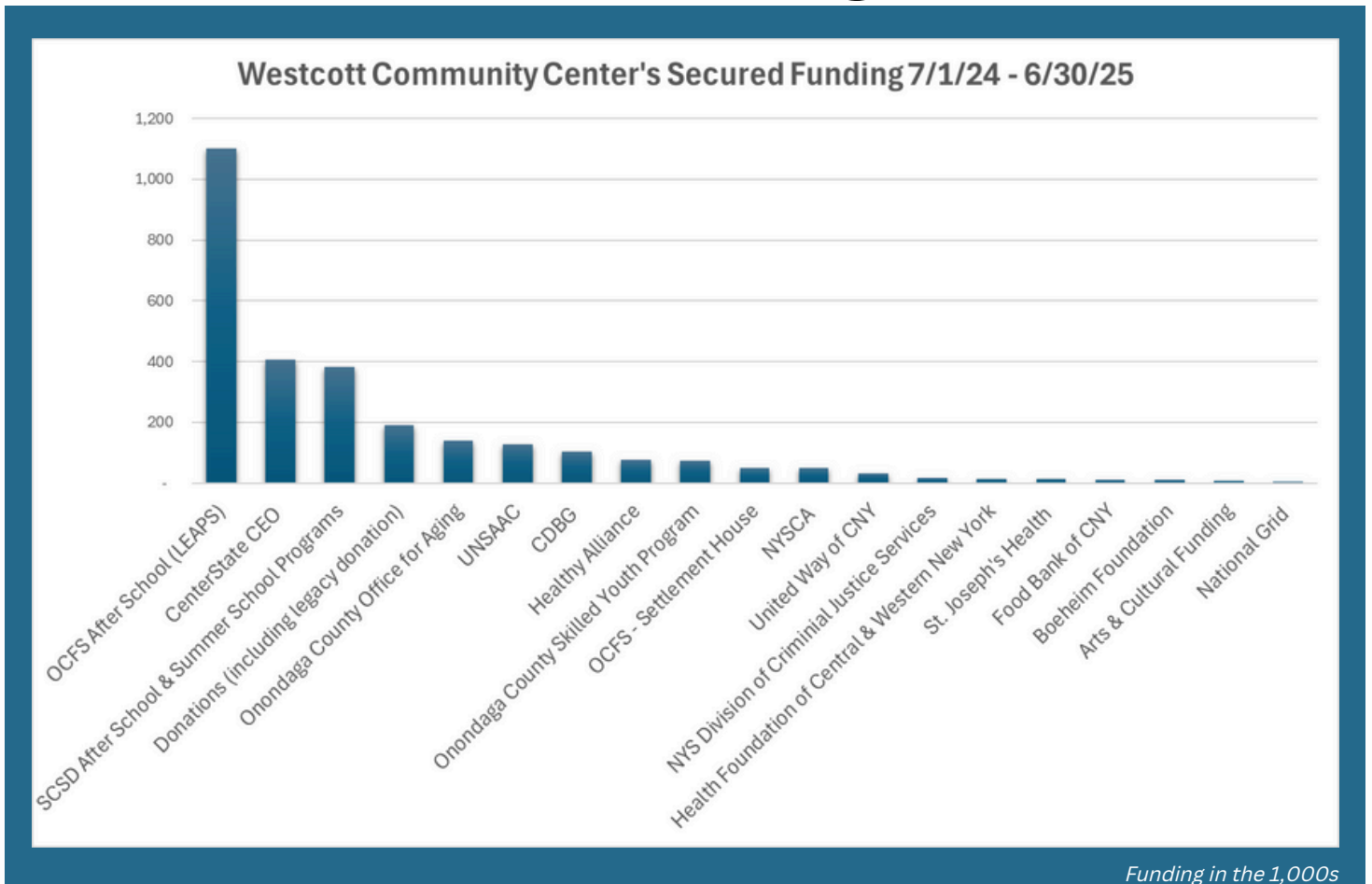
This year, we expanded to two additional sites, Dr. Weeks and Frazer schools.

Basic Needs Pantry



This year, our Basic Needs Pantry supported more than 1,400 individuals through over 3,500 visits, a number that has doubled this year as the need for food assistance continues to rise. Our shelves are often emptied after each distribution, reflecting both the urgency and the reach of our work. From older adults and families to college students, we're honored to help ensure that everyone in our community has access to food and basic needs.

Our Funding



Our Collaborations

Our collaborative partnerships enable us to expand our reach, and provide growth opportunities in order to achieve a greater impact in our community.



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*Jason Scharf (new)

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How We Stand Out

Collaborative

Collaboration is key to the work we do. We collaborate with philanthropic, government, and non-profit organizations to best meet the needs of those we serve.

Responsive to Need

Regardless of an individual's needs, when they walk through our doors, we either provide them with services or refer them to an agency that can help. Additionally, we evolve our programming to meet the changing needs of our community.

Data-Driven

We track program data in our Salesforce database and the Life Needs Assessment in order to be accountable for our work, look for trends in need, and ensure our impact makes a difference.

Fiscally Transparent

Our annual report is published on our website and the annual review of our finances by an external auditor has never uncovered a deficiency.

Our heartfelt gratitude to:

Our volunteers, who give selflessly to their community and our generous donors, who help us fulfill our mission and support their community with their contributions.

Please help us further our mission by:



**Advocating
to Support
Our Causes**



**Making a
Donation**



**Volunteering
Your Time**