



Annual Report 2025

Mission

The Comstock Community Center develops resources and provides a setting for education, recreation, social events, human services, and lifelong learning activities to enhance the lives of community members and build a healthier community.

Vision

Comstock Community Center is committed to improving the quality of life for area youth, families, and seniors.

The Comstock Community Center and the Community Learning Center are organizations that are developing strategies to eliminate and reduce the effects of structural racism by:

Recognizing the racial disparities that exist in our services

Working daily to eliminate disadvantages or disparities that may result from bias or racism

Providing inclusive opportunities for all individuals within our community

Intentionally directing resources to remove and reduce the impact of racism and bias on young people



Our Story

The Comstock Community Center, originating as "The Fish" in the late 1960s, evolved into a non-profit in 1969. Overcoming challenges, it secured a grant to construct its current facility in 1973 at 6330 King Highway.

Affiliated with United Way in 1970, it faced funding obstacles until 1986 when a senior millage passed. The budget for our growing facility has increased from the 1969 amount of \$54,700 to the present day \$1.8 million.

In 2010, we opened the Comstock Community Learning Center which expanded services for children. Collaborating with numerous agencies, the center fosters social growth, health experiences, and community positivity.

In 2024, we opened our newest Center, the Wilbur & Charlotte Courter Memory Center to help those in the community who deal with cognitive decline, early memory loss, Alzheimer's, or Dementia.

In 2025 we launched our Capital Campaign to Fight Food Insecurity with the goal of raising \$400,000 to construct a new food operations building.



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Income

Expenses

Program Fees	\$638,979.94	36%	Salaries & Fringe	\$1,293,655.30	67.5%
Millage	\$740,647.13	42%	Program Service Fees	\$253,054.43	13%
Interest	\$6,680.14	0.5%	Holiday & Community Projects	\$13,146.70	<1%
Grants & Contracts	\$168,744.76	9.5%	Fundraising	\$167.55	<1%
Fundraiser	\$584.80	<1%	Marketing & Communications	\$51,192.50	3%
Capital Campaign	\$84,603.40	5%	Facilities & Operations	\$254,332.00	13%
Donations	\$66,166.19	4%	Professional Fees	\$49,628.19	2.5%
Misc & Investments	\$48,210.88	2.5%			
TOTAL	\$1,754,617.24	100%	TOTAL	\$1,915,176.67	100.0%
			Net Assets	\$(160,559.43)	





"It feels good to be in a community. Community, above all, is bigger than individuals-we are something much more than individuals when we are part of a community. And this is how things ought to be."

Tony Blackshaw

Our 2025 Service Summary

Children & Youth Programs	115 Served 16,584 Contacts
Hosted Programs	6,639 Visits
Adult Programs	102,563 Contacts
Volunteers	477 Volunteers 3,430 Hours Served
126,263 Total Contacts 2,318 New Contacts (from 2024)	

Breakdown of Programs



Program Contacts (CCC)	2024	2025
Newsletter (6 times/year)	93,411	93,507
Classes	1,145	1,791
Conversation Cafe & Special Events	3,287	2,779
Day Trips	508	481
Extended Travel	171	258
Holiday Adoptions (Families & Seniors)	62 Families, 90 Seniors	68 Families, 56 Seniors
Misc. Activities	1,479	1,047
Food Pantry & Commodities	2,662	2,395
Kids Christmas	264	181
TOTAL	103,079	102,563

Program Contacts (CLC)	2024	2025
	# of Children/Visits	# of Children/Visits
Infant (Year Round Care)	6/829	10/1,270
Toddler (Year Round Care)	10/1,909	12/2,700
3 Year-Old (Year Round Care)	13/1,680	16/2,105
Preschool (GSRP & 4 Year-Old)	26/2,788	24/4,426
Before & After Care (6-12 Year Old)	20/3,259	28/5,287
Summer Fun 10 Weeks (6-12 Year Old)	21/1,047	25/796
TOTAL	96/11,512	115/16,584



Breakdown of Programs

Hosted Programs	2024	2025
Vita Tax Preparation	424	317
Senior Food Commodities	1,020	767
Flu Shots	12	0
Health & Fitness	1,435	1,449
Community Meetings	5,971	4,169
TOTAL	8,862	6,702



Volunteers	2024	2025
	Volunteers/Hours	Volunteers/Hours
Administration/Policy Making	10/16	9/16
Program Planning & Support	13/21	7/21
Community Projects	62/1,178	45/910
Special Events/Fundraisers	21/251	26/243
Holiday Programs & Events	388/2,620	401/2,350
TOTAL	492/4,086	488/3,540

Our Future is Bright

Comstock Community Center

Our organization continues to expand the ways we serve our community by investing in programs and facilities that increase access to services and meaningful activities. Through our ongoing capital campaign, we are working to construct a new auxiliary building behind the Community Center to increase food storage capacity and strengthen our operations. As of January, we have raised \$135,000 toward our \$400,000 campaign goal. This expansion will allow us to dedicate more space within the Community Center for programs and activities, enabling us to serve more individuals. With this added capacity, we plan to introduce additional exercise options, expand evening programming, and strengthen partnerships that bring new services to the community.



Community Learning Center

Through partnerships with local organizations and the State of Michigan, the Learning Center will continue providing free childcare for 4 year olds & subsidized funding for 3 year olds. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, participation in early childhood education programs has declined significantly.

We are actively working to reverse this trend and are making steady progress toward our goal of reaching full enrollment by 2027.



Courter Memory Center

The Courter Memory Center opened successfully in 2025 and has maintained a consistent enrollment of approximately 10 guests. In the coming year, we are expanding our work with insurance providers to increase coverage options for families, while also pursuing grant funding to keep services affordable. We look ahead to 2026 with the goal of reaching full capacity and continuing to deliver high quality, compassionate care.

