



## ANNUAL REPORT 2024

**SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION  
OF CENTRAL LAKE COUNTY**

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“My husband and I are grateful to be members of the We Serve Veteran’s program. My husband is an Army veteran from the Vietnam War era. This program has given us an opportunity to meet new people and make new friendships in our community. We have been introduced to many new experiences and visited many new places. We appreciate all the physical activities that are available to us either weekly or semi-monthly. Some of our favorites are: Aqua exercise classes at Mundelein Fitness Center & Vernon Hills Fitness Center, Chair workout and Pickleball (once a week).

We thought the two pontoon ride events on Bangs Lake and Round Lake last summer were special. We would not be able to do that without this group. Another highlight was the field trip to the Civil War Museum in Kenosha, WI. We had never been there before and we have lived in this area 45+ years.

Another interesting experience was a tour at the Mitsubishi Electric Plant in Vernon Hills. We knew nothing about that place before going there and we enjoyed seeing and learning about the plant. In addition, we met so many friendly and knowledgeable employees.

I enjoyed the “Women’s Day Out” event at Brushwood Center in Ryerson Woods in the fall. It was beyond my expectations. It included breakfast, yoga, lunch, a walk in the woods, and an Art Impact project in such a lovely setting. Ron enjoys the golf and bowling events. I thoroughly enjoyed the Healthy Holiday Cooking class. I am now using recipes and techniques that I learned in that class.

We look forward to a new year with the We Serve Program. We will continue with the regular available activities and maybe try new things like bocce ball, etc. We look forward to meeting more veterans who will be joining this wonderful program.

We appreciate the We Serve program and Margaret Kissner for all her work and expertise in coordinating these activities and events and keeping us well informed.”

Mary Ellen Hodapp (spouse of Army veteran, Ron Hodapp)

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## Executive Director's Notes



Thank you for taking the time to read the Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County's Annual Report for 2024. I hope that you find the information presented educational on what we do. Each year we try to highlight and objectively portray our year round services for youth, teen, and adult aged participants. And new in 2024, *We Serve*.

As always, I want to take a minute to thank our team of very dedicated people who plan, implement, and evaluate the services provided. To our full time professional staff who have dedicated their careers to special recreation. To the college and high school aged kids who are getting ready to further their education and ultimately enter careers in possibly special recreation or special education, speech, occupational, or physical therapy. To others who want to offer their skills still while involved in other aspects of life's challenges. To each I say thank you for sharing your talents and being a proponent of people with special needs and helping to let their abilities come through.

I also want to say thank you to the many donors and sponsors who support SRACLC and our Foundation's fundraising events throughout the year. Through support received, we are able to relieve some of the financial burden off of the Member Agency cooperative. Wheel Chair accessible vehicles, adaptive equipment, and financial aid are all areas that have and will again benefit from the generosity of our donors.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything included that maybe needs further explanation. I am always happy to discuss what we do for our community.

Best Regards,

*John*

John A. Buckner, CPRP  
Executive Director





# ABOUT SRCLC

## Member Agencies & Board Representatives

### Village of Lake Zurich

Bonnie Caputo (Board President)  
200 S. Rand Road, Lake Zurich, IL 60047  
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### Grayslake Community Park District

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### Vernon Hills Park District

Matt LaPorte  
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## SRCLC Board of Directors Meetings

The public is invited to attend SRCLC Board of Directors meetings. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise posted, at 9:00 a.m. at the SRCLC Administrative Office, 271 North Archer Avenue, Mundelein. You may call the SRCLC Office if you would like to receive a meeting schedule and/or agenda.



## What is SRCLC?

SRCLC is an Association formed by cooperative Member Agencies to provide community based therapeutic recreation services to individuals with disabilities and their families. Member Agencies provide the primary source of revenue through a property tax levy available to park districts and municipalities who have entered into a cooperative agreement or through a general fund.

## Purpose

The Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County was formed in 1976 as a cooperative effort of Member Agencies with the purpose to provide year round community based recreation services to individuals with disabilities and their families, as well as active military and veterans. Member Agencies provide the primary source of operational revenue through a property tax levy available to park districts and municipalities who have entered into a cooperative agreement, or through a general fund.

## Mission Statement

The Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County provides recreation programs and services to individuals with special needs or disabilities, and their families, who reside within the boundaries of Member Agency communities.

## Vision Statement

To be a respected leader through the provision of high quality community based recreation experiences that enrich the quality of life for our participants and their families.

## Agency Goals

- SRCLC will implement and maintain a broad base of recreation programming encompassing sports, cultural arts, social, and leisure independence.
- SRCLC will assist its cooperative Member Agencies and the populations they serve.
- SRCLC will operate and provide recreation services utilizing sound fiscal management.
- SRCLC will comply with federal, state, and local mandates.
- SRCLC will actively market and promote its services to the community.
- SRCLC will maintain and assist its Foundation and its fundraising efforts.

# STAFF INFORMATION

**Come work with us!**

**[srclc.org/work-with-us](http://srclc.org/work-with-us)**

## **We Are Hiring!**

We are currently looking for enthusiastic and responsible individuals to join our team. If you are interested in learning valuable life skills while also enhancing the lives of others, this job is for you. For more information, please visit [srclc.org/work-with-us/](http://srclc.org/work-with-us/).

## **We offer:**

- Flexible scheduling
- Competitive pay
- The opportunity to make a difference within the lives of people with disabilities



## **John Buckner, Executive Director – [jbuckner@srclc.org](mailto:jbuckner@srclc.org)**

Supervision of Superintendents and Marketing Manager, Business and Fiscal Management, Association Operations, Legal Communications and Administrative Requirements, Foundation Advisor, PDRMA Board Representative, and Freedom of Information Act Officer.

## **Kelly Smith, Superintendent of Recreation – [ksmith@srclc.org](mailto:ksmith@srclc.org)**

Supervision of Recreation Managers, Internship Coordinator, Parent Advisory, Program Development and Scheduling, Risk Management, Vehicles, and Program Leadership.

## **Cassie Wodrich, Superintendent of Administrative Services – [cwodrich@srclc.org](mailto:cwodrich@srclc.org)**

Supervision of Recreation Manager and Office Staff, Human Resources, Supervision of Website, Wellness Ambassador, Registration, Foundation Liaison, and Program Leadership.

## **Theresa McNamara-Recreation Manager, [tmcnamara@srclc.org](mailto:tmcnamara@srclc.org)**

Recruitment, Training, and Placement of Part-time Staff and Volunteers, Inclusion Coordinator, and Program Leadership.

## **Katie Owen, Recreation Manager – [kowen@srclc.org](mailto:kowen@srclc.org)**

Supervision of Recreation Supervisors, Program Leadership, Leisure Education and Sensory Room Program Development, Social Media, and Day Camp Manager.

## **Renee Stoklosa, Recreation Manager – [rstoklosa@srclc.org](mailto:rstoklosa@srclc.org)**

Supervision of Recreation Supervisors and Adult Day Staff, Program Leadership, and Adult Day Program Management.

## **Hallie Gordon, Recreation Supervisor – [hgordon@srclc.org](mailto:hgordon@srclc.org)**

Program Leadership, Active Adult Assistant, and Day Trippers and Social Program Development.

## **Margaret Kissner, Recreation Supervisor – [mkissner@srclc.org](mailto:mkissner@srclc.org)**

Program Leadership, *We Serve* Military Programs, Cooperative, and Family Program Development.

## **Becca Reidenga Talbot, Recreation Supervisor – [breidengatalbot@srclc.org](mailto:breidengatalbot@srclc.org)**

Program Leadership, Special Event Development, and assist with Day Camp.

## **Meagan Vehrs, Recreation Supervisor – [mvehrs@srclc.org](mailto:mvehrs@srclc.org)**

Program Leadership, Crusaders Athletics, Weekly Program Development, and assist with Day Camp.

## **Heather Bruntmyer, Administrative Assistant – [info@srclc.org](mailto:info@srclc.org)**

Registration, Invoicing, Facilities, and Group Home Liaison.

## **Carolyn Chambers, Marketing Manager – [cchambers@srclc.org](mailto:cchambers@srclc.org)**

Brochure Development, Marketing, and Assist with Fundraising.

# STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

## Staff & Volunteers

SRACLC wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the many terrific staff and volunteers who assisted at programs and Special Events. We are grateful for all of your dedication and enthusiasm.

### STAFF

Naomi Adams  
Ayesha Alang  
Francisca Alivia  
Maya Allen-Gonzalez  
Anjali Arun  
Ethan Austin  
Dailiah Baker  
Jack Bainbridge  
Sankareswari Balakrishnan  
Ishika Banerjee  
Isabella Barsotti  
Keira Bauman  
Tyler Bell  
Gabriela Belmonte  
Dayanara Benitez  
Nahomy Benitez  
Varad Bhav  
Maureen Bitto  
Adeline Brady  
Nicole Brown  
Christopher Carlsen  
Brooklyn Casebolt  
Molly Connealy  
Alexis Cooper  
Denise Cortesi  
Gloria Cruz-Cisneros  
Teresa Czyzewski  
Kelsey Delahunty  
Meghan Delahunty  
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Lydia Egbers  
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Yarele Escalante  
Sydney Escoto  
Sarah Feigen  
Claire Flemming  
Olivia Freeman  
Emma Fricano  
Elizabeth Gilroy  
Parvana Gireesh  
Katie Gockenbach  
Daniela Gomez  
Nora Gorham  
Sophia Griffith  
Amber Gratz  
Michael Halpin  
Miah Hamar  
Abby Hannah  
Sarai Herrera  
Henry Heun  
Katie Huff  
Owen Isaacson  
Kyra Johns  
Lily Jones  
Samantha Jones  
Abigail Juenger  
Hannah Kapur  
Chloe Karagiannis  
Megan Kerby

Kristin Kiefer  
Katie King  
Shealy Kissner  
Donna Kloster-Preuss  
Stephanie Kozlowski  
Alyssa Krawczuk-Flores  
John Krietsch  
Emma Kuhnke  
Morgan Landry  
Amanda Langford  
Anahi Larios  
Audrey Larson  
Evelyn Leary  
Eliana Leite  
Brittany Linhart  
Daisy Lopez  
Sophia Lund  
Britta Lynch  
Ashley Martinez  
Kate Mathey  
Alex McGowan  
Emily McHugh  
Kate McMahon  
Madeline McMahon  
Kathleen McNicholas  
Erin McNulty  
Sarah Meegan  
Aryaman Mehta  
Abby Mendoza  
Jenna Miller  
Alex Mitchell  
Becky Mnichowicz  
Celia Navarrete  
Irma Neri  
Daniel Newport  
Gabriela Ohara-Takiguchi  
Kelly Oplawski  
Rylie Ori  
Tiffany Ortega  
Imose Osayimwen  
Natalie Owens



Staff of the year: Ethan Austin

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Christian Peterson  
Madeline Peterson  
Jaylee Pfau  
Danielle Porter  
Natalie Poterek  
Vinny Roberts  
Natalia Rzepa  
Maanasha Sankareswari-  
Ramesha  
Alyssa Sbertoli  
Alicia Scalici  
Monica Schleg  
Shelby Schor  
Sara Schroeder  
Morgan Short  
Ryan Siegel  
Holly Stahlhut  
Piper Starr  
Tessa Stobart  
Jennifer Summers  
Evan Tatsui  
Leah Ulbrich  
Avery Ullrich  
Breanna Virginelli  
Emily Wachter  
Nicholas Webster  
Carol Whittaker  
Claudia Wieting  
Linda Wilson  
Jadelyn Winkler  
Ella Winkles

### VOLUNTEERS

Phil Andino  
Arlington Anglers  
Michael Baygood  
Wendy Baygood

Lexi Blair  
Chris Beard  
Emma Beard  
Dave Carlson  
Erica Collins  
Amy Darling  
Ava Denapoli  
Aiden Eisenberg  
Payton Evans  
Ishani Gupta  
Grant High School NHS  
Caleigh Houdek  
Joseph Kalarical  
Steve Kumpf  
Hannah Mallari  
Aryaman Mehta  
Mitsubishi Electric-Vision  
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Debbie Morettini  
Jim Morettini  
Matthew Morettini  
Tim Nockels  
Colin Noordyke  
Sindhu Paruchuri  
Tom Poelking  
Lisa Reidenga  
Russell Reidenga  
Greg Reck  
Rust-Oleum  
Cassie Roberts  
Pat Smith  
Isaac Sommerfeld  
Ivana Stankovic  
Drew Talbot  
Anne Tussing  
Anne Wunderlich  
Jim Wunderlich  
Stevenson High School  
NHS

### Volunteer of the year: Lisa Reidenga



**Thank you!**



# RESIDENCY/FINANCIAL AID



## Residency Information

**Resident:** Individuals residing within the legal boundaries of a SRACLC Member Agency (Park Districts of Grayslake, Mundelein, Round Lake Area, Vernon Hills and Villages of Hawthorn Woods, Lake Zurich, Libertyville, and Lincolnshire) are considered “residents” of the Association and pay the in-district fee. Residents receive priority when registering for all programs through the registration deadline.

**Non-Resident:** Any individual whose primary residence is outside of a Member Agency’s legal boundary is considered a non-resident.

**Not sure if you are a resident?  
Call SRACLC at 847-816-4866.**

## Non-Resident Policies

The Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County has approved and implemented non-resident guidelines and fees for its programs. The fees are listed for all programs in the brochure. All individuals residing outside of the legal boundaries of current SRACLC member agencies will be subject to these guidelines.

### Non-Residents must:

1. For all programs considered “Special Events” pay the indicated fee which has a minimum 25% add on charge to the resident fee.
  2. All other areas including “Active Adult”, “Day Camp”, “Special Olympics”, and “Weekly” will be subject to:
    - a. Payment of the yearly non-resident Administrative Fee which will allow full resident access to all programs for one year from the date of the payment. The current Administrative Fee is \$4,994.00 and was approved by the SRACLC Board of Directors based on past precedent of setting the total at the highest per person subsidy annually incurred by a Member Agency of the cooperative. If you are interested in a monthly payment plan, please contact the SRACLC Office.
- OR
- b. Pay the indicated fee which has up to a 100% add on charge to the resident fee.
3. SRACLC will continue to accept families who own property or a business that pays real estate taxes to a member agency community as residents. Proof of ownership will be required.

**If there are any questions, please contact  
John Buckner, SRACLC Executive Director,  
at 847-816-4866.**

## Financial Aid Fund

The commitment of SRACLC and the member agencies is to provide all individuals considered “residents” the opportunity for participation in SRACLC programs. A Financial Aid Fund has been developed to assist individuals who may be experiencing financial difficulty. All personal information required for financial aid procedures is kept strictly confidential. Per season, a maximum of five (5) programs, plus any Special Olympics training programs and Day Camp, are eligible for assistance. **Financial Aid must be requested in writing each program season. Individuals seeking financial assistance/deferred payments should contact John Buckner for more information regarding the process and deferred payment options.**

**\*Residents of Vernon Township should call the SRACLC office for information regarding possible financial aid assistance.**

## We Serve - Active Military and Veterans

“First of all dealing with you is a pleasure. You are so friendly and so efficient in keeping us up to date on everything. I thank you for that. The program has helped us to grow and to stay on a healthy track. We have met so many new people with the same interests. The Art Impact class is so relaxing and keeps your mind working. Pickleball is a favorite of mine because it keeps me moving and the exercise is great. Chair Workout is another favorite for exercise. I’d love this to be once a week. Bowling is great also because it keeps me moving. The variety of programs has something for everyone. My husband uses the workout equipment at least 5 days a week. This helps to keep his heart working since his heart surgery.”

Thank you for all you do.  
Cheryl Hanson

# INCLUSION INFORMATION



## Inclusion Services

Inclusion provides an opportunity for people with special needs or disabilities to participate in recreation programming within their community. SRACLC and its member agencies work closely together with the participants and their family to facilitate a safe and successful recreational environment for all individuals.

Inclusion assistance is made available at SRACLC's eight member agencies at no additional cost to the family. Inclusion support may come in the form of one or more of the following: program observation, staff training, program adaptations, modified equipment, or additional staff (inclusion aides).

An inclusion aide's role is to provide the appropriate amount of support to promote independence and progress towards program goals for the participant(s). This can include simplification of instructions, additional demonstration, modification of activity, re-direction, behavior management, assistance with safety, or any other reasonable accommodation that may lead to the success of the participant.

## Types of Inclusion Assistance

- Adaptive Equipment
- Program Modification
- Success Plans & Tool Kits
- Staff Trainings including activity adaptations, behavior management techniques, and information on disabilities.
- Inclusion Aide-if deemed necessary for safe and successful participation.
- Observation and consultations at programs.

## Reasons to Request Inclusion Support

- A parent or family member recognizes that a participant would benefit from additional support in a member agency program.
- The member agency staff identifies a need for additional support and communicates this need to the family.

## Requesting Inclusion Services

When registering for a program with one of SRACLC's member agencies:

- Mark the ADA section on the registration form.
- Once the registration form is submitted, the member agency will reach out to the family to fill out the Participant Information Form.
- The member agency will provide SRACLC with an Inclusion request that contains both program and participant information.
- The family will then be contacted by SRACLC to further discuss the needs of the participant and to set up an observation to decide what type of support is needed.
- SRACLC will work with member agencies to put the necessary accommodations in place.
- Communication between SRACLC, member agency staff, and the family will continue throughout the process.



**For more information,  
please contact SRACLC  
at 847-816-4866.**



# INCLUSION SERVICES

We encourage participants to recreate at their highest ability level possible, whether that be in SRCLC programs, assistance at Park District/Recreation Department activities or complete leisure independence.

## *SRCLC Philosophy*



## Inclusion Services

SRCLC understands that not every person with a special need must participate in Special Recreation. SRCLC staff can help with questions regarding the appropriateness of any individual's participation in local recreation programs. SRCLC Cooperative Member Agencies are committed to the provision of recreational services to all residents.

Member Agency		Winter 2024	Spring 2024	Summer 2024	Fall 2024	Total 2024
Grayslake Community Park District	Participants	0	0	3	0	3
	Programs	0	0	4	0	4
Village of Hawthorn Woods	Participants	0	0	0	0	0
	Programs	0	0	0	0	0
Village of Lake Zurich	Participants	0	0	4	2	6
	Programs	0	0	5	2	7
Village of Libertyville	Participants	0	0	9	0	9
	Programs	0	0	12	0	12
Village of Lincolnshire	Participants	0	0	0	0	0
	Programs	0	0	0	0	0
Mundelein Park & Recreation District	Participants	2	1	8	4	15
	Programs	2	2	11	7	22
Round Lake Area Park District	Participants	0	0	5	2	7
	Programs	0	0	5	2	7
Vernon Hills Park District	Participants	0	1	9	5	15
	Programs	0	1	18	5	24
<b>Totals</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>55</b>
	<b>Programs</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>76</b>

# PROGRAMS

## General Program Information

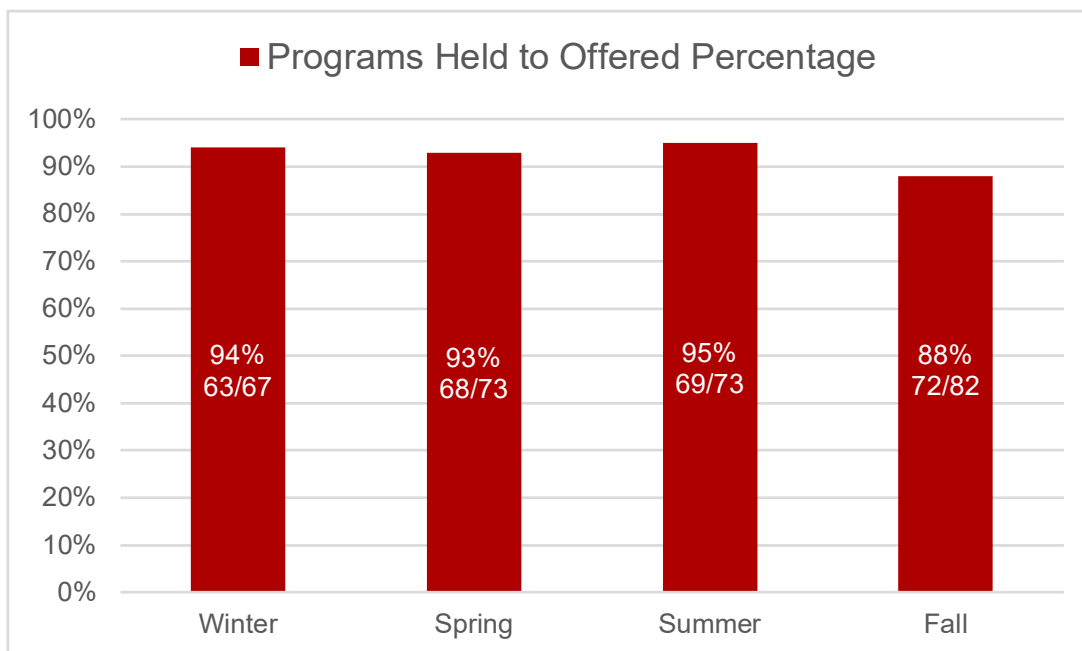
(Excludes Summer Camp, Active Adult, and We Serve)

SRACLC is proud of the wide variety of special events, weekly programs, and social clubs offered throughout 2024. School-age participants took full advantage of our School Day Off programs during winter and spring breaks. These programs offer a place for children and teens with high needs, including those who need one to one attention, a place to have fun, explore their community, and relax on their days off. Parents know they are in good hands with our highly trained Program Leaders and Support Staff.



Our adult participants stayed busy all year round with skill based weekly programs in the afternoons and evenings and social programs on the weekends. Favorite weekly programs included Aqua Exercise at the Mundelein Park and Recreation District's indoor pool and our newly formed pickleball league. Showstoppers, our performing arts group, has been a highlight for over two decades. This year they performed School of Rock and SING. Each show drew in a crowd of nearly 200 people at the Sullivan Center in Vernon Hills. Some of our most unique and exciting special events of 2024 included a live penguin encounter at Brookfield Zoo, a Milwaukee overnight with a Brewers Game, and the always favorite SRACLC Pool Party Bash at the Round Lake Pool.

## Seasonal Program Efficiency



## Program Efficiency by Area

	Special Events	Weekly Programs	Social Clubs
Winter	35/38	19/20	9/9
Spring	33/35	26/29	9/9
Summer	39/42	21/22	9/9
Fall	34/40	30/33	8/9

# INDIVIDUALS

## New Participant In-Takes in 2024 (participation may begin in 2025)



Grayslake	6
Hawthorn Woods	2
Lake Zurich	6
Libertyville	7
Lincolnshire	0
Mundelein	10
Round Lake	16
Vernon Hills	7
Non-Resident	27

## Summary of Unique Individuals Served

	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Total
Grayslake	19	15	24	21	32
Hawthorn Woods	7	9	11	9	13
Lake Zurich	14	14	15	20	24
Libertyville	21	23	25	28	41
Lincolnshire	9	25	25	22	38
Mundelein	39	30	36	35	57
Round Lake	23	22	35	30	53
Vernon Hills	22	25	33	27	39
Non-Resident	26	44	41	47	63
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>360</b>

## Points of Contact

Each Point of Contact is defined as one day of participation. For example, a one day special event is counted as one, while an eight week program meeting one day a week is counted as eight points of contact.

	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Total
Grayslake	395	427	491	387	1700
Hawthorn Woods	153	151	210	185	699
Lake Zurich	349	487	464	399	1699
Libertyville	413	564	600	554	2131
Lincolnshire	65	106	87	126	384
Mundelein	553	654	834	554	2595
Round Lake	524	551	945	594	2614
Vernon Hills	374	449	694	462	1979
Non-Resident	761	925	882	910	3478
<b>Total</b>	<b>3587</b>	<b>4314</b>	<b>5207</b>	<b>4171</b>	<b>17279</b>



# ACTIVE ADULT & ATHLETICS

## Active Adult

2024 was a year of reflection and exciting new opportunities at Active Adult. SRACLC focused on what the current individuals in the program wanted and needed as well as what potential students in High School Transition Programs were looking for in an Adult Day Program. SRACLC provided a number of tours of all the Active adult locations along with attending meetings with schools within the member agencies to provide more information about the Active Adult program. These tours and meetings were well received and the program should see an increase in registration by June 2025 when students graduate from their transition program.



In November 2024, Active Adult opened up a fourth location in Lake Zurich. The opening of this location has benefited not only SRACLC, but the residents of Lake Zurich and the surrounding communities. Having an Active Adult location in Lake Zurich has been an SRACLC goal for a while and we were so happy to partner with The Hope Collective to provide us with a wonderful programming space. By adding this location, registration numbers increased. Individuals from Lake Zurich who attended one of the other Active Adult locations transferred to this new location and increased the number of days they were attending Active Adult.

Active Adult Location	January 2024 Total Registration	December 2024 Total Registration
Lake Zurich (New November)	0	31
Mundelein	42	41
Round Lake	46	44
Vernon Hills	36	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>139</b>

## Crusaders Athletics

Crusaders Athletics continues to be a popular and ever growing program area. Athletic programs consist of both competitive teams and non-competitive skill based teams. We frequently reach our maximum rosters for most team sports. Basketball has our highest enrollment of athletes, making for three competitive teams. Of our eleven sports offered, eight of the sports had individuals or teams qualify for the state tournaments in 2024.

Sports Offered	Athletes Enrolled
Powerlifting*	9
Bocce*	17
Volleyball*	14
Softball*	28
Flag Football	10
Soccer	20
Golf	23
Track & Field*	12
Tennis*	14
Snowshoeing*	15
Basketball*	34
*qualified for state tournament	

"I love going to Active Adult! All of the participants are so welcoming to me, and we do really fun activities. The staff is so supportive of my needs.

Every day I run into the building because I am so excited to be at Active Adult."

Active Adult Participant  
Harrison

"I like participating in the sports, hanging out with friends, and having fun!"

Participated in basketball, snowshoeing, and track team.

Eric Haderlein  
Crusaders Athlete  
Libertyville

# DAY CAMP

## Camps

SRACLC's Summer Day Camps are spread throughout our communities to serve individuals aged 3-22. Due to the unique needs of our campers, the average counselor to camper ratio is approximately 1:2. This allows for safety, behavioral, and daily living needs to be met. It also allows for an engaging summer camp experience for everyone involved. New in 2024, SRACLC hosted a summer camp in Lake Zurich at The Hope Collective. This camp was tailored to District 95's Extended School Year. We offered one six-week session of camp, with varying hours that aligned with the district's schedule.



## Summer Day Camp-Unique Campers Enrolled

Camp Name	Explorers	Troops	Islanders	Teen Titans	Teens in Action	Bobbers
Locations/ Age	Vernon Hills Ages 3-9	Vernon Hills Ages 10-22	Grayslake Ages 3-8	Round Lake Ages 9-22	Vernon Hills Ages 15-22	Lake Zurich Ages 12-22
Session One	10	9	11	14	9	6
Session Two	17	18	10	17	8	6

“Camp is Dylan’s happy place. He especially loves swimming. He loves McDonald’s so field trips there are a bonus. He likes the playground. He loves the sensory room too. He seems to like all the staff but especially gravitates towards Tessa. Dylan always looks forward to camp and it makes me happy to see him so happy getting on the bus and when he’s just getting off. Very few things excite him more than when he knows he’s going to camp.”

Laura Baldocchi’s Summer Camp testimonial for her son Dylan

In order to “bridge the gap” between school and holiday breaks, SRACLC offers a variety of mini camp options throughout the year. Campers are able to connect with their peers, engage in typical camp activities, and venture on local field trips to places like the arcade or indoor swimming pools.

## Mini Camps-Unique Campers Enrolled

Winter Camp Week 1	Winter Camp Week 2	Spring Camp	Firecracker	Extra Explorers
9	13	15	11	15

# WE SERVE

## We Serve - Active Military and Veterans

Since taking over *We Serve* (formally Healthy Minds Healthy Bodies) in Fall of 2023 the program has excelled beyond our expectations. The growth and expansion of offerings has made *We Serve* very successful. In September 2023, 15 veterans were actively enrolled and as of today, there are 64. The 49 new veterans or individuals who are still actively serving have enjoyed their fitness, golf, and pool memberships generously provided by our Member Agencies. The members of *We Serve* in 2024 had experienced a variety of fun recreation activities throughout the year such as visiting museums, taking boat rides, and cooking class. In addition, monthly aqua exercise, chair workout, bowling, and weekly pickleball classes were offered. In September 2024, SRACLC re-named the program to *We Serve*. After a full evaluation, it was decided to discontinue the membership with Healthy Minds Healthy Bodies, and no longer use the HMHB trademark. It was found that SRACLC's model of programming for veterans, active military, and military families is different than the HMHB model. Our program focuses more on social and community based recreation components.



## New Member In-Takes in 2024 (participation may begin in 2025)

Town	Number of new members
Grayslake	18
Hawthorn Woods	0
Lake Zurich	0
Libertyville	2
Lincolnshire	0
Mundelein	10
Round Lake	5
Vernon Hills	6
Other	6

## Memberships with Member Agency Services in 2024

Membership	Number of members utilizing
Adler Pool Pass, Libertyville	1
Grayslake Golf Course, Grayslake	0
Lakeview Fitness Center, Vernon Hills	9
Mundelein Health & Fitness Center, Mundelein	21
Paulus Park Beach Pass, Lake Zurich	0
Renwood Golf Course, Round Lake	6
Haven't decided	4



## WE SERVE

“Thank you so much for your leadership and for making our Veterans’ group such an enjoyable experience. We have made friends with the most lovely people we never would have met otherwise. Thank you again, Margaret, for always being there for us when we need you.”

With much appreciation,  
Pete and Maria Lalich



### We Serve-Active Individuals

	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Total
Grayslake	4	3	6	10	11
Hawthorn Woods	0	0	0	0	0
Lake Zurich	2	2	2	2	2
Libertyville	4	4	5	4	5
Lincolnshire	0	0	0	0	0
Mundelein	10	9	7	14	14
Round Lake	0	2	2	1	2
Vernon Hills	0	2	2	3	4
Non-Resident	7	7	7	9	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>48</b>

### We Serve-Daily Points of Contact

	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Total
Grayslake	33	43	49	72	197
Hawthorn Woods	6	1	2	0	9
Lake Zurich	52	43	15	3	113
Libertyville	70	80	98	77	325
Lincolnshire	0	0	0	0	0
Mundelein	77	111	90	107	385
Round Lake	0	29	28	18	75
Vernon Hills	0	19	25	20	64
Non-Resident	59	71	74	81	285
<b>Total</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>1453</b>

# SRCLC FOUNDATION



## About the SRCLC Foundation

The Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County Foundation, an IRS approved 501(C)(3) entity, was formed in 2001 with a purpose to provide financial support to SRCLC's programming for individuals with disabilities and their families. The Foundation is made up of professionals and philanthropists who work together to develop long-term programs of giving from individuals, businesses, and organizations to further the goals and ideals of SRCLC.

## SRCLC Foundation Mission Statement

The Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County Foundation provides financial support for the programs and activities of SRCLC and creates awareness of recreational opportunities for children through elderly adults with special needs.

**Make a difference,  
join the SRCLC Foundation!  
For more information, please  
contact Cassie at 847-816-4866  
or [cwodrich@srclc.org](mailto:cwodrich@srclc.org)**



**The SRCLC Foundation is dedicated to raising funds in an effort to help the Association reach the following goals:**

### Current Projects:

- Subsidize Special Olympics Training
- Provide Reduced Fees for Families with Financial Hardships
- Purchase Specialized Equipment
- Enhance Select Special Events
- Provide Accessible Transportation

## SRCLC Foundation Trustees

Michael Barbini  
Liza Bravine  
Julie Bond  
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Ann Dingman  
Dave Dingman  
Ron Graham  
Monica Lundeen  
Timothy Nockels  
Vicki Purcell

Advisor: John Buckner  
SRCLC Liaison: Cassie Wodrich

# HOLIDAY TREE FESTIVAL

## 2025 Fundraising Events Include:

BINGO

Meat Raffle

22nd Annual Holiday Tree Festival

Saturday, November 15



## Holiday Tree Festival

The SRACLC Foundation hosted their 21st Annual Holiday Tree Festival on Saturday, November 16, 2024 at the Hawthorn Woods Country Club. There were 121 people in attendance that participated in the live auction of professionally decorated holiday trees, a silent auction, wine pull, a champagne toast for a diamond, and more.

**The event raised over \$40,000.**

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TINA DILLON

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# **GOLF OUTING**

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Libertyville

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Mundelein Park and Recreation District

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Round Lake Area Park District

The Schneider Family

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### **GOLF OUTING DONORS**

Kelly Andrasco Family

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Dave Dingman

Dundee Township Park District

Adam Dwyer

Grayslake Community Park District

Hawthorn Woods Country Club

Lake Zurich Recreation Department

Libertyville Recreation Department

Steve Lichter

Mundelein Park and Recreation District

Round Lake Area Park District

Vernon Hills Park District

Wines for Humanity

### **2025 Fundraising Events Include:**

**Bourbon & Wine at the Grayslake Nine:**

**Friday, May 9, 2025**

**Golf Outing Benefit:**

**Hawthorn Woods Country Club**

**Monday, September 29**

***Thank you for your support!***

# DONORS

## Agency & Foundation



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# ACHIEVEMENTS/SUPPORT



## SRCLC ACHIEVEMENTS

### **DISTINGUISHED PARK AND RECREATION ACCREDITED AGENCY**

SRCLC maintains its status as an Illinois  
Distinguished and Accredited Agency

### **PARK DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Achievement of Annual Goals and Objectives

## AGENCY GRANTS

Mitsubishi Foundation

Village of Grayslake

Village of Vernon Hills

Assisted the Grayslake Community Park District  
with several grants for their Inclusive Playground

## LOCAL SUPPORT

Grayslake Exchange Club

Knights of Columbus,  
Council #13267

Knights of Columbus,  
Council #3674

Knights of Columbus,  
Council #8022

Mitsubishi Vision Committee

Rust-Oleum Cares

SEDOL Foundation

Participants and families may donate to SRCLC during each seasonal registration period. Funds are used to support the Association's Financial Aid and Scholarship program. From the donors, a \$50.00 gift certificate is drawn and awarded to one lucky winner each season.

## REGISTRATION DONORS

Conner Adams

Erik Anderson

Deirdre Bain

Cody Bitto

Amanda Dingman

Madeline Donohue

John Froemke

JJ Gonzalez

Cailey Johnson

Julia Kaplan

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Steven Varney

## WINNERS OF GIFT CERTIFICATES

Winter 2024 - Julia Kaplan

Spring 2024 - Conner Adams

Summer 2024 - Cody Bitto

Fall 2024 - Steven Varney





# FINANCIALS

Financials are derived from audited figures for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2024.



## Operating Budget

Operating Receipts: \$1,631,917  
 Operating Disbursements: \$1,616,032  
 Change In Fund Balance: \$15,885  
 Fund Balance Beginning of Year: \$655,714  
 Fund Balance End of Year: \$671,599

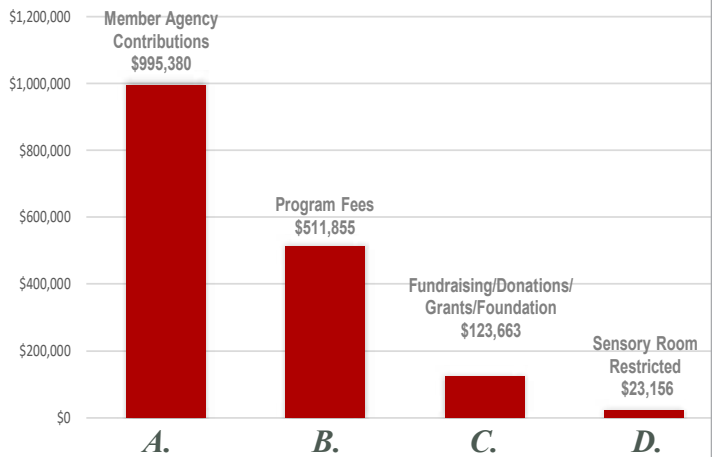
## Special Recreation Fund Reimbursements:

**\$1,034,761**

Grayslake: \$219,960  
 Hawthorn Woods: \$128,000  
 Lake Zurich: \$87,476  
 Mundelein: \$196,527  
 Round Lake: \$76,125  
 Vernon Hills: \$326,673

*Plans are reviewed by the SRALC Director and Board of Directors with funds returned to the Member Agency for completion of recreation based projects and services benefiting people with disabilities.*

## REVENUE



### A. Member Agency Contributions

**Actual** \$995,380  
**Budgeted** \$995,380

### B. Program Fees

**Actual** \$511,885  
**Budgeted** \$545,000

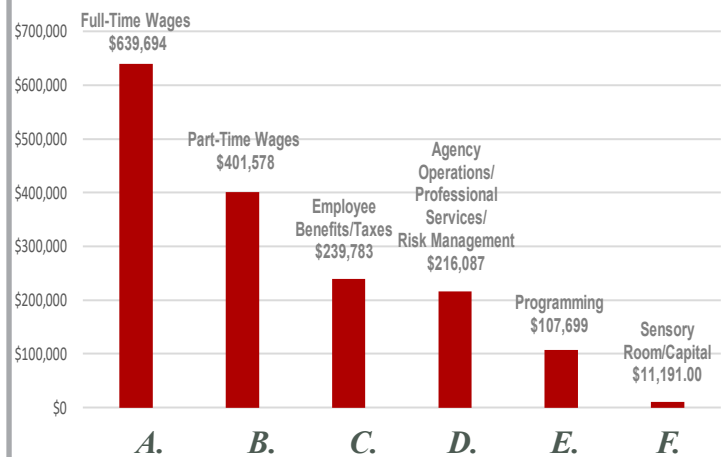
### C. Fundraising/Donations/Grants/Foundation/Investment

**Actual** \$123,663  
**Budgeted** \$131,500

### D. Sensory Room (Restricted)

**Actual** \$23,156

## EXPENSES



### A. Full-Time Wages

**Actual** \$639,694  
**Budgeted** \$650,000

### B. Part-Time Wages

**Actual** \$401,578  
**Budgeted** \$411,000

### C. Employee Benefits/Taxes

**Actual** \$239,783  
**Budgeted** \$262,075

### D. Agency Operations/Professional Services/Risk Management

**Actual** \$216,087  
**Budgeted** \$212,673

### E. Programming

**Actual** \$107,699  
**Budgeted** \$117,750

### F. Sensory Room/Capital

**Actual** \$11,191  
**Budgeted** \$68,500

# FACILITIES & LOCATIONS

## **SRACLC OFFICE**

271 North Archer Avenue, Mundelein

## **GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT**

### **Grayslake Golf Course**

2150 North Drury Lane, Grayslake

### **Grayslake Recreation Center**

240 Commerce Drive, Grayslake

### **Jones Island Building/Park**

243 Harvey Avenue, Grayslake

## **VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS**

### **Community Park**

5 Parkview Lane, Hawthorn Woods

### **Hawthorn Woods Aquatic Center**

94 Midlothian Road, Hawthorn Woods

### **Village Hall**

2 Lagoon Drive, Hawthorn Woods

## **VILLAGE OF LAKE ZURICH**

### **The Barn/Paulus Park**

200 South Rand Road, Lake Zurich

### **The Hope Collective**

23153 W. Miller Road, Lake Zurich

### **The Chalet/Paulus Park**

160 South Rand Road, Lake Zurich

### **Village Hall**

70 East Main Street, Lake Zurich

## **VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE**

### **Adler Lodge/Park/Pool**

1500 North Milwaukee Avenue, Libertyville

### **Crawford Warming House**

817 West Lake Street, Libertyville

### **Village of Libertyville Recreation Department**

870 Country Club Drive, Libertyville

## **VILLAGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE**

### **Village Hall**

1 Olde Half Day Road, Lincolnshire

## **MUNDELEIN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT**

### **Barefoot Bay**

1461 North Midlothian Road, Mundelein

### **Dolan Recreation Center**

888 Dunbar Road, Mundelein

### **Kracklaur Park**

116 North Lake Street, Mundelein

### **Memorial Park**

251 North Pershing Avenue, Mundelein

### **Mundelein Community Center**

1401 North Midlothian Road, Mundelein

### **Regent Center**

1200 Regent Drive, Mundelein

### **Steeple Chase Golf Club**

200 La Vista Drive, Mundelein

## **ROUND LAKE AREA PARK DISTRICT**

### **Hart's Hill Park**

761 West Hart Road, Round Lake

### **Lakefront Park**

1019 North Lakeshore Drive, Round Lake Beach

### **Renwood Golf Course**

701 East Shorewood Road, Round Lake Beach

### **Rolek Community Center**

814 Hart Road, Round Lake

### **Round Lake Aquatic Center**

860 Hart Road, Round Lake

### **Special Recreation Center**

2071 North Orchard Lane, Round Lake Beach

### **Sports Center**

2004 Municipal Way, Round Lake Beach

## **VERNON HILLS PARK DISTRICT**

### **Century Park Pavilion**

1401 Indianwood Drive, Vernon Hills

### **Deerpath Park**

299 Onwentsia Road, Vernon Hills

### **Hartmann Pavilion/Park**

292 Oakwood Road, Vernon Hills

### **Laschen Park Tennis Courts**

294 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills

### **Lakeview Fitness Center**

700 Lakeview Parkway, Vernon Hills

### **Sullivan Community Center**

635 North Aspen Drive, Vernon Hills

### **Turtle Creek Waterpark**

635 North Aspen Drive, Vernon Hills

## **PUBLIC/PRIVATE FACILITIES**

### **Bowlero**

316 Center Drive, Vernon Hills

### **Equestrian Connection**

600 North Bradley Road, Lake Forest

### **Fairhaven Lanes**

711 East Hawley Street, Mundelein

### **Hawthorn School for Young Learners**

637 North Aspen Drive, Vernon Hills

### **Kristof's Entertainment Center**

421 West Rollins Road, Round Lake Beach

### **Lakes Bowl**

601 Railroad Avenue, Round Lake

### **Lakeside Lanes**

900 North Lake Street, Mundelein

### **Santa Maria del Popolo**

40 North Seymour Avenue, Mundelein

### **Twin Orchard County Club**

22353 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove

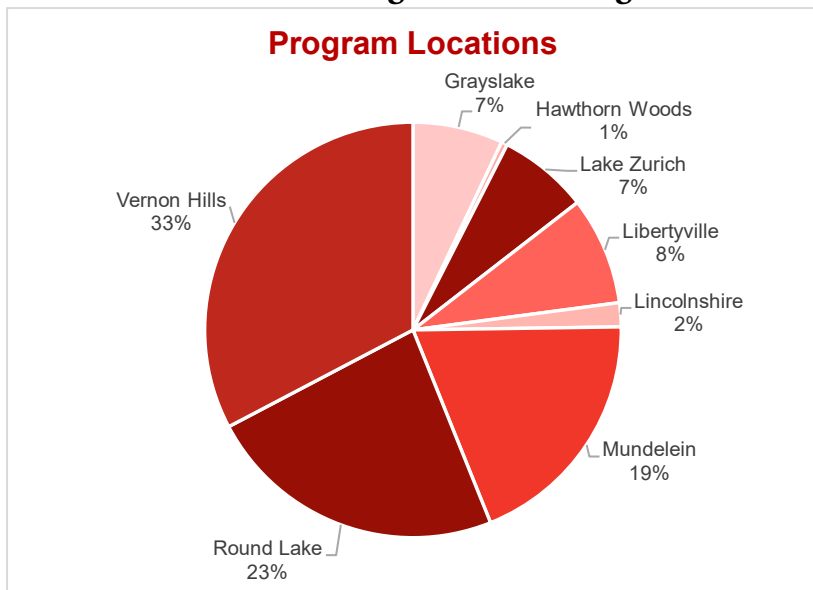
# LOCATION DISTRIBUTION

## Facility Usage

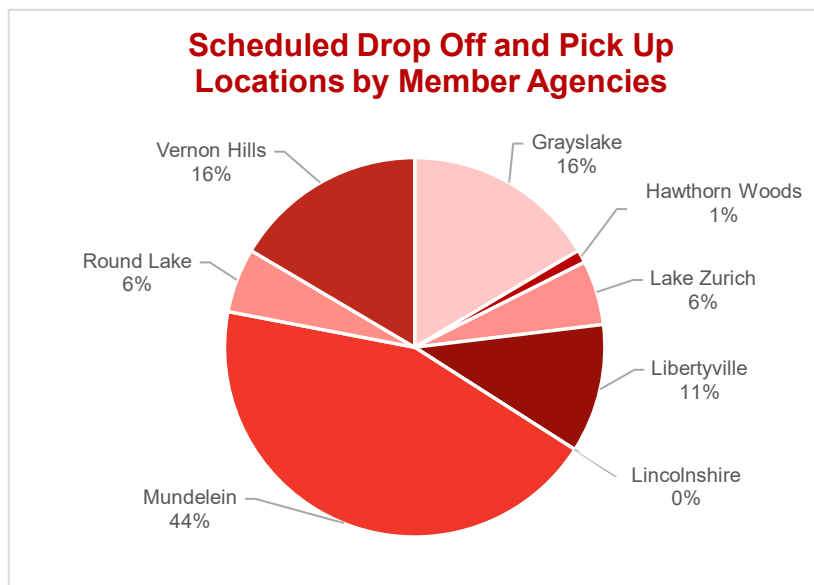
SRACLC primarily utilizes available public and private facilities for our programming. We also plan pick up and drop off locations to help make activities more easily accessible for residents of the cooperative.



Below is the distribution of facilities in our Member Agencies that we use for our seasonal programs and camps. Our special events and field trips also visit numerous locations throughout the Chicagoland area.



**SRACLC owns and maintains six vehicles for participant transportation purposes. Four are wheelchair accessible.**





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