



**MAINE-NILES
ASSOCIATION OF
SPECIAL RECREATION**

**2017
ANNUAL
REPORT**



**Des Plaines Park District
Golf-Maine Park District
Morton Grove Park District
Niles Park District
Park Ridge Park District
Skokie Park District
Village of Lincolnwood
Parks & Recreation**

Message from our Executive Director

Dear Families and Friends,

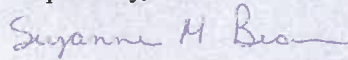
The Maine Niles Association of Special Recreation is proud to present our 2017 Annual Report. This report is a snapshot of the services we provide and the financial commitment it takes to fund our Agency. M-NASR is a cooperative endeavor which consists of six park districts and one village recreation department coming together to support M-NASR and the residents of their communities who have special needs. The Des Plaines Park District, Golf-Maine Park District, Morton Grove Park District, Niles Park District, Park Ridge Park District, Skokie Park District, and the Village of Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department are to be recognized because they are the core of M-NASR.

M-NASR board and staff made a commitment in 2017 to stay true to our mission. *We are dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals with disabilities by providing quality therapeutic recreational programs. Through advocacy and awareness, we promote a successful leisure lifestyle.* M-NASR strives to follow our mission, and we feel that was accomplished in 2017.

Businesses, foundations, and individuals have provided financial support throughout the course of the year. The financial support we receive enables us to fund our scholarship program and our heavily-used transportation program. We thank those donors who have made M-NASR a priority.

Please take a moment to review our Annual Report. We look forward to continuing to provide quality therapeutic recreation programs and are appreciative of the opportunity to do so.

Respectfully,



Suzanne M. Bear
Executive Director



You Made A Difference

After more than 42 years of service to Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation, Stella LiPomi has hung up her hat. She has been a constant figure at M-NASR almost since its beginning in 1972. She started out as the secretary in a small, two-person office that was just beginning to offer programs to individuals with disabilities. By her own admission, she will tell you that she juggled many different responsibilities as the Agency started its humble beginnings. Over time, M-NASR grew as did Stella and her dedication to our mission. She was so devoted to M-NASR and the services they provided that she convinced her uncle to make a large monetary contribution to the Agency, and thus, the Liponi Foundation for Special Recreation was born. In the many years since that time, M-NASR has been the direct beneficiary of the Liponi Foundation's generosity. Along with various other community members, Stella has served on the Board of Trustees for this foundation since its inception. While Stella has ended her tenure behind a desk at M-NASR, she will continue to serve as the Ambassador to the Liponi Foundation where she will carry on the Foundation's mission in its efforts to provide recreational and leisure programs for individuals with disabilities. Wishing Stella the best with this new chapter.



Administrative Staff

Suzanne Bear Executive Director
Tom Byczek Business Manager
Jennifer Gebeck, CTRS Superintendent of Rec.
Stephen Cozzi Registrar
Stella LiPomi Liponi Liaison
Mary Ann Minelli Front Office Assistant
Barbara Saunders Public Information Manager
Peggy Wilson Development Officer

Recreation Staff

Kelly Brunning Senior Operations Manager
Kat Hamilton, CTRS Support Staff Manager
Beth Kimura, MT-BC Inclusion Manager
Lauren Ruiz, CTRS Program Manager
Meghan Ferguson, CTRS Recreation Specialist
Sydney Goodin, Recreation Specialist
Sarah Groeper, CTRS Recreation Specialist
Alexandra Walch, CTRS Recreation Specialist

Our Mission

The Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation is dedicated to improving the quality of life and, through advocacy and awareness, promoting a successful leisure lifestyle for individuals with disabilities.

M-NASR's Board of Directors

John Jekot, President *Golf-Maine Park District*
 Jeff Wait, Vice President *Morton Grove Park District*
 Laura McCarty, Treasurer *Village of Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation*
 Tom Elenz *Niles Park District*
 Don Miletic *Des Plaines Park District*
 Gayle Mountcastle *Park Ridge Park District*
 John Ohrlund *Skokie Park District*



M-NASR Annual Calendar of Events

Triviapalooza January
 Recognition Night.....May
 End-of-the-Summer Celebration
 for Participants..... August
 Annual Halloween Dance October
 Holiday Raffle..... October - December
 Giving Tuesday November
 Annual Appeal December

Calendar of Events for Supporters of M-NASR

Liponi Foundation Dinner Dance March
 Morton Grove Foundation "Taste" March
 Park Ridge Community Fund Harry O'Brien
 Spring Dash 5K.....May
 Liponi Annual Miniature Golf Outing August
 Knights of Columbus
 Tootsie Roll Campaign..... October
 Optimist Club Holiday Tree Sale..... December

Volunteer...
to make a
difference

Participate...
so we can all
have fun!!

Donate...
to help provide
quality services



Fundraising for M-NASR

- #Giving Tuesday—Our friends and families came out in support of #Giving Tuesday. Together with the Annual Appeal, M-NASR raised \$5,230.
- M-NASR hosted our Annual Triviapalooza Fundraiser. The event raised \$3,424.
- Online Giving—Supporters can donate throughout the year on the M-NASR website by hitting the “Donate Now” icon powered by Network for Good.
- Holiday VISA Raffle—Thanks to Cāpo Creek’s sponsorship, the VISA Holiday Raffle raised \$4,850.



CĀPO CREEK

Part-Time Staff & Volunteers

“You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.” — Winston Churchill.

Where would M-NASR be without the 335 part-time staff and 117 volunteers who assist with programs and events throughout the year? These dynamic and positive individuals allow us to fulfill our mission. In 2017 M-NASR dedicated over \$39,000 in training costs.



Jean Gross



In Memory of
Jean Gross
Business Manager
2007 ~ 2016

“A life that touches others goes on forever.”

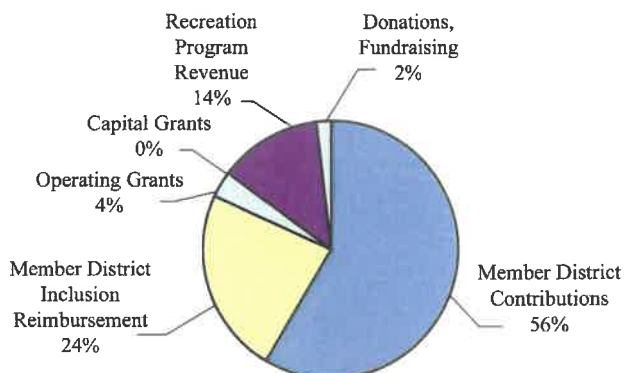
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Special Thanks!

A special thanks to Rivers Casino for donating \$17,300 for M-NASR’s Day Camp programs, musical instruments, art equipment, and more!



Revenue by Source - Business Type Activities



Liponi Foundation Dinner Dance & Auction

This year's Dinner Dance was a special evening raising dollars for M-NASR. Close to \$44,000 was raised for the "Stella LiPomi Scholarship Fund." Thank you to the event sponsors who helped to make the evening a success!

Event Sponsor - \$2,500+

- Lin-Mar Towing & Recovery

Elite Sponsor - \$1,000+

- Mb Financial Bank Morton Grove
- Kappy's American Grill George Alogpianis, Owner
- Unico National
- Vaessen Painting & Decorating
- Village of Rosemont

Prime Sponsor - \$ 500+

- Abt Electronics
- Bank Financial
- Des Plaines Park District
- John Federici
- Groot Industries
- Niles Park District
- Perpetual Motion Design
- Larry Sorenson, Liponi Foundation Trustee

Thank you for your support!



Healthy Minds Healthy Bodies

An inspiring program that provides qualified veterans with two (veteran and chosen "Battle Buddy Partner") one-year memberships to a participating fitness center, up to 15 personal training sessions and monthly networking opportunities for the veteran and family members. This year, 18 veterans registered for this program. Ten networking opportunities were offered including a Thanksgiving Family Feast, chair yoga, and opportunities to volunteer at M-NASR programs!



Recognition Night

M-NASR's Annual Recognition Night was a huge success, and it was a night to remember! More than 170 individuals joined us in

celebrating successes of our friends, families, and supporters. A special thanks to our sponsors who helped make this amazing night possible.



Making A Difference



M-NASR 2017 Highlights

Memorable vacation trips to Orlando and St. Louis

M-NASR received an IPRA Award for its Quest for Success Program

Five Boccia athletes competed at Nationals

M-NASStars Theatre Program performed *Annie*

M-NASR's Winter and Spring Break Camps continued to be very successful

M-NASR Wildcat Softball Team won 2nd in State for their division

M-NASR Senior Operations Manager, Kelly Brunning, received the IPRA Therapeutic Recreation Section Distinguished Service Award at the State Conference

Nine athletes attended the Sectional Bowling Tournament

M-NASR had 89 individual campers who joined us for summer camp

Inclusion Services

Every child and adult we serve through M-NASR programs is treated as a unique individual, with completely unique interests, desires, needs, and wants. Despite differences, we believe that all individuals deserve equal opportunities and choices.

M-NASR programs strive to encourage independence and acceptance, as we facilitate inclusion of individuals with disabilities in their community and recreation programs. Reasonable accommodations are provided at no cost to families through M-NASR and our Member Districts. In 2017, 49,766 direct service hours were dedicated to inclusion.

Member Park District

2017 Total Inclusion *Participants*

Des Plaines	23
Golf-Maine	1
Lincolnwood	17
Morton Grove	24
Niles	19
Park Ridge	52
Skokie	114
Other	2

Total Participants **252**

Member Park District

2017 Total Inclusion *Registrations*

Des Plaines	287
Golf-Maine	2
Lincolnwood	27
Morton Grove	174
Niles	457
Park Ridge	430
Skokie	602

Total Registrations **1,979**

During 2017, M-NASR ...

Processed
4,016
registrations



Provided
over
17,000
rides



Provided
\$46,120 in
financial
assistance



Offered
615
programs
and
special
events



SUPPORTING PARTNERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

M-NASR sincerely thanks the following individuals and organizations for their financial support or in-kind contributions throughout the year.

ORGANIZATIONS

2nd Chance, The Chance Cole
Walker Foundation
AbbVie Employee
Engagement Fund
Allstate Giving Campaign
Amazon Smile
AMC Theaters
Amruss Windows, Inc.
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DiCianni & Krafthefer
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Des Plaines Park District
Freedom Golf Association
Golf-Maine Park District

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SUPPORTING PARTNERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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 Morton Grove Park District
 Morton Grove School District #70
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 Muslim Community Center Inc.
 Niles North High School
 Niles Park District
 Niles Township Government
 Niles West High School
 NorthStar Heating & Air Conditioning
 Optimist Club of Des Plaines
 Park District Risk Management Agency
 Park Ridge Community Fund
 Park Ridge Kiwanis - Morning
 Park Ridge Lions Club
 Park Ridge Park District
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 R & G Consultants
 River Rand Bowl, Des Plaines
 Rivers Casino
 Rotary Club of Park Ridge
 Rudy's Cycle & Fitness Center
 Signs Plus
 Skokie Community Foundation
 Skokie Park District
 Starbucks, Morton Grove
 Sunshine through Golf Foundation
 TGRWA Structural Engineers
 Village of Lincolnwood Parks & Rec.
 WineStyles, Park Ridge
 Zanies
 Zia's Trattoria
 Zip Specialties

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Meghan Dolan	Aaron John Lehman
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Karen Gall	Carol Pyes
Greg Gindler	Wildcat Teams

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of our supporters. We apologize if we have mistakenly omitted any donors.



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