

# Stillwater Area Community Services Center Inc.

*Where Stillwater Comes Together*

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## **2011 ANNUAL REPORT**

### **Mission Statement**

Dedicated, Progressive, Accepting: The place for all to come together, to grow through laughter, learning, and sharing.

Submitted by Benjamin Baskin, Executive Director, SACC

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## **Tenants**

Beginnings Preschool

SCEOC Head Start

Pentjak Karate

Stillwater Historians

## Stillwater Area Community Services Center - 2011 Annual Report

**Summary:** The Stillwater Area Community Center (SACC) is used and enjoyed by a great number of individuals and organizations. In addition to operating several community service programs, SACC hosts in its building several tenants, numerous special events, and many social and recreational programs run by other community organizations. Every week, literally hundreds of Stillwater residents pass through SACC's doors on their way to child care, basketball, Zumba, Boy Scouts, Karate, or any one of a multitude of fun and uplifting activities. SACC is open seven days a week. On weekdays, we open our doors at 6:45 a.m. and typically do not close until 9:00 p.m. Weekends are also buzzing, with sports, Girl Scouts, clubs, country line dancing, and private parties. In 2011, SACC served an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 families and individuals. Approximately 50% of SACC funding is generated by program services and facility user fees; about one-third is provided by the Town of Stillwater; about 10% is from fundraising; and 5% comes from other government support.

<u>SACC Programs</u>	<u># People Served</u>
1) School-Age Child Care	48 families monthly
2) Eldercare	41 seniors; 18,596 miles annually
3) Summer Recreation	40 families weekly
4) Dance, Tumbling, and Toning	85 children, 9 adults Body Toning
5) Youth and Family Services (Basketball, Biddy Ball, T-Ball, Baseball Open Gym)	100 children weekly
6) Time for Tots	12 families weekly
7) Instructional classes	50+ families over course of year
8) Special Events	<u>2,000 people, approximately</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Over 2,300 individuals and families</b>

<u>SACC Tenants</u>	
1) Head Start	73 children
2) Beginnings Preschool	38 children
3) Pentjak Karate	39 families
4) Stillwater Historians	<u>176 visitors</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>150 families + 176 visitors</b>

### Groups Using the SACC Building in 2011

• Battle Football and Battle Cheerleaders	• Mechanicville-Stillwater United Youth Soccer Association
• Stillwater Girl Scouts	• AAU Basketball
• Stillwater Boy and Cub Scout Pack 35	• Little League Baseball spring training
• Stillwater PTA	• Mechanicville-Stillwater Knitters
• Yoga with Elin	• Stillwater High School Baseball
• Boot Camp with Debi	• CYO Girls Basketball
• Zumba with Kiera	• Hoosic Valley Soccer
• Zumba Gold with Vicky	• Hoosic Valley Volleyball
• Women's Cardio	
• Thundervolts Remote Control Club	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Over 200 people/week</b>

### Additional SACC Facility Usage

• Designated emergency shelter for Stillwater	
• Weekly adult basketball and volleyball	50 people weekly
• Kevin Richards Line Dancing bi-monthly	30 people every other month
• Event/party space for non-profits, private parties	50 people weekly
• Public hearings, new conferences, voting site	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>About 100 people/week</b>

**TOTAL FACILITY USAGE:** Approximately 2,500 - 3,000 families in 2011

## SACC Utilization

### SACC Programs

SACC programs include: 1) School-Age Child Care; 2) Eldercare; 3) Summer Recreation; 4) Dance, Tumbling, and Toning; and 5) Youth and Family Services.

**1) School-Age Child Care Program:** This before and after school program provides child care from 6:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday – Friday, for children in grades kindergarten through sixth. It is also open during school vacation days and snow days, and runs a camp during the summer. This program is crucial for many working parents, enabling them to go to work with the knowledge that their children will be well cared-for before and after school. In 2011, 54 families were enrolled. The program averaged between 43 and 50 participants monthly, up about 3 children/week from 2010. The SACC Summer Program also served children Kindergarten through sixth grade. Enrollment ranged between 25 and 30 children. These programs are fee-for-service.

**2) Time for Tots:** This free program was launched in 2011. Coordinated by the director of the School Age Child Care Program, it provides free open play, socialization and craft time for toddlers, ages 2 to 5 years. Twelve families have registered. The program takes place in the Multipurpose room that was painted and redecorated by volunteers in 2011, and uses donated toys. This program runs along the school calendar on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

**3) Eldercare Program:** This program transports seniors to medical appointments and shopping. In calendar year 2011, the program served 41 seniors 445 times, and made 946 trips for a total of 18,596 miles. Seniors included: 29 low income seniors; 33 frail or disabled; 14 Age 75+; 11 Age 85+; and 35 seniors who live alone. This program is funded by the Saratoga County Office on Aging, the Town of Stillwater, the City of Mechanicville, and private donations.

**4) Summer Recreation Program:** SACC runs a Summer Youth Recreation Program funded by the Town of Stillwater for children ages 8 to 14 (fourth to ninth grade). The program takes children on field trips, and provides children a safe, fun environment. The subsidized fee in 2011 was \$20/week, which included a T-shirt, child care from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., and entrance to Peerless Pool. The program served 40 children each week, which is full capacity.

**5) Dance and Tumbling:** Kathi Messoro and 5 part-time staff run evening classes of ballet and tap, tumbling, and adult body toning, Monday through Friday. There were 85 children participating in dance and tumbling in 2011, and nine adults in body toning. This is a fee-for-service program.

**6) Youth and Family Services:** The Youth and Family Services Program runs special events, classes, and sports and recreational programming, described below.

### **Sports and recreational programs include:**

- **Youth basketball** – In 2011, 72 youth were served, 38 in the senior (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade) division, and 34 in the junior (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade). The program was coordinated by five volunteers. There were nine teams total, each with two volunteer coaches, and a local business sponsor. Snack bar during Saturday games was also provided, mostly by volunteers. The season ends in 2012 with a banquet and medals for every participant.
- **Biddyball** – There were 30 players in 2011, aged 4 to 7. Two volunteer coaches taught the program, which had a local business sponsor. The program ends with a breakfast buffet and medals for every participant.
- **T-Ball** – In 2011, 114 children enjoyed the program, ages 4 to 7. There were ten teams, each with 2 volunteer coaches and a local business sponsor. The season ended with a picnic and medals.
- **After-school open gym** – 2011 saw a steady stream of middle and high school students, numbering from 5 to 20 most weekdays. Registration and sign-in is required. Volunteers and paid staff supervise. This program is funded in part by the Saratoga County Youth Bureau.
- **Beginner Soccer** – Offered for the first time in 2011, and taught by a local volunteer. This six-week program served 34 children, kindergarten through second grade.
- **Baseball Training Program** - Offered for the first time in 2011, thanks to a baseball cage donated and installed by volunteers, and run by Jon Mueller, Head Baseball Coach for the State University at Albany.

In 2011, these recreational programs served over 100 children and families weekly, depending on season. These programs are funded, in part, by the Town of Stillwater, and by registration fees.

### **Special Community Events:**

- **Second Annual Night of Comedy (January 22):** Approximately 200 tickets were sold for \$20 each. The event netted \$2,564, including snack bar and cash bar. The event was coordinated by a board member and received very favorable reviews from those in attendance.
- **Party of Gold (March 29):** Organized by a board member as a fundraiser, community members brought their gold and silver to sell for cash, with a percentage going to SACC, for a net revenue of \$304..
- **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny (April 16):** The Easter Bunny Breakfast was a great success. Tickets cost \$5 for adults, children age 5 and under were free, with a \$15/family maximum. There were almost 150 paying adults and about the same number of children. Following the breakfast was a gigantic

Easter egg hunt for children from preschool to fourth grade. It took the children about 15 minutes to collect 1,200 eggs, which had been stuffed with candy by volunteers.

- **Wizard of Oz (May 20, 21, 22):** This special youth theater event, produced and led by SACC counselor Justin MacFarland, included a cast of 58 young actors and 5 counselors, performing to approximately 600 people over the course of three days.
- **Memorial Day Parade Float (May 27):** Staff and volunteers decorated the float. Board members, volunteers and their families rode in the parade, and handed out candy and publicity about upcoming SACC events.
- **Sixth Annual 5K Run (June 10):** Thirty-nine runners entered the event, which was routed down Colonial Road and back. Stillwater Police, Fire, Rescue, Town and Village officials, a dozen volunteers, and Price Chopper all participated.
- **Golf Tournament (August 26):** SACC's first-ever golf tournament was led by volunteer Eric Schofield. The event took place at Windy Hills Golf Course and was enjoyed by 23 golfers. Registration and event raffles netted about \$2,000.
- **Pasta Dinner for Stillwater Food Pantry (October 8):** Organized and cooked by Linda and Danielle Knapp of Knapp Insurance and their family, about 100 people enjoyed a delicious hot pasta dinner, and contributed food to the Stillwater Food Pantry.
- **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala (November 12):** 127 people attended, enjoying our gorgeously decorated gym, wonderful food by The Ugly Rooster, and music by DJ K.C. Kelleher. Over \$5,000 was raised through ticket sales, raffles and sponsorships. The Gala Committee went above and beyond, decorating the Center, designing the invitations, and other essential tasks.
- **15 Annual Breakfast with Santa and Festival of Trees (December 17):** During this lovely community event, local organizations and businesses display decorated trees in the Center's gym. The decorations are enjoyed by community members during Breakfast with Santa, the Town's holiday party, and for the following week. In 2011, there was no charge for breakfast, rather a suggested donation of food for the food pantry, or a donated toy. About 360 community members enjoyed breakfast, prepared and served by about 30 volunteers. This was a doubling of attendance compared to the previous year.

**Community events in 2011 totaled approximately 2,000 participants.**

## Classes

**Baby Sign Language Class:** Taught by certified instructor Becka Marsch, this six-week class was enjoyed by four families. The class will return in 2012.

**Crafts for Teens:** Taught by SACC's Youth Program Coordinator, this pilot program took place Fridays from 3 – 5 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Crafts included T-shirt construction, stamp making, cartooning, tie-dye, jewelry making and Japanese bookbinding.

**Piano Lessons:** For the first time, local instructor Amethyst Stark brings piano lessons for children ages 5 to 15 to SACC. Nine children took lessons in 2011, and hours will expand in 2012 to accommodate increased demand.

**Teen Improv:** Offered twice in 2011, and taught by Terrie Gifford, this 4-week class culminated in a fun-filled show for family and friends.

**Defensive Driving Class:** This class was attended by 10 people, and provided by the Northeastern New York Safety & Health Council, Inc.

Classes are fee-for-service.

## SACC Tenants

SACC building tenants include: Head Start; Pentjak Karate; Beginnings Preschool; and Town of Stillwater Historians. Head Start rents space to serve 36 children in SACC classrooms, and another 36 home-based children. Head Start serves pre-school aged children, ages 3-5 years, from low-income families. Beginnings Preschool serves another 42 children and families. Pentjak Karate serves about 30 children and nine adults weekly, and Women's Cardio serves about 7 women weekly. Together, SACC tenants serve approximately **150** children and adults weekly.

## Groups Using the SACC Building

In addition to serving as the designated emergency shelter for the Stillwater community, the SACC building hosts a number of organizations and sports clubs. Organizations utilizing the SACC building include: Battle Football; Stillwater Girl Scouts; Stillwater Cub Scout Pack 35; Stillwater Boy Scout Troop 35; Stillwater PTA; Civil Air Patrol; Yoga with Elin Cary; Boot Camp with Debi Conlon; Women's Cardio; Hoosic Valley Volleyball; Hoosic Valley Soccer; CYO Girls Basketball; Thundervolts Remote Control Club; and Eastern NY Youth Soccer Association. SACC also hosts weekly adult basketball and volleyball, and Kevin Richards Line Dancing.

The **total number** of youth and adults coming to SACC on a weekly basis for these organizations is about **200**.

## **Total Usage**

The **total number** of community members using the Stillwater Area Community Center, combining SACC programs, tenants, and local visiting organizations, was over **550** children, seniors, and families weekly. Hundreds more attend the special community events SACC holds throughout the year. Including these special events, and the parents and siblings of the children who use the Center, it is estimated that approximately **1,500** to **2,000** distinct individuals come through the Center's doors every month. Many of these individuals use the Center on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. The total number of families who used the Center in 2011 is conservatively estimated to be **at least 2,500**.

## **New SACC Outreach in 2011**

SACC broke new digital ground in 2011 with the creation of its own web site and monthly email newsletter in 2011. The web site, [www.stillwaterareacommunitycenter.org](http://www.stillwaterareacommunitycenter.org), receives between 1,500 and 3,500 visits per month. The email newsletter reaches over 450 people. SACC also extended its presence on Facebook, added an on-line calendar for facility scheduling, and added credit card processing to its payment options.

## **SACC Volunteers**

A majority of the social and recreational programming enjoyed by Stillwater families, while coordinated by SACC staff, is largely implemented by community volunteers. Volunteers provide most of the labor for many of the special events, including fundraisers, breakfasts, basketball and T-ball programs. In 2011, approximately 80 volunteers ensured the successful implementation of these programs for the benefit of Stillwater families. Thank You Volunteers!

## **History of SACC**

The Stillwater Area Community Center was founded and incorporated in 1991 by a group of civic-minded volunteers. The facility originally served as the old Palmer Street School. When the school was shut down by the Stillwater School District, the Town requested that the building be given to the Town for a community center. Though SACC is a 501-c-3 not-for-profit, the building continues to be owned and maintained by the Town of Stillwater, for the benefit of the entire community. In 2011, SACC celebrated its 20 Anniversary!

## 2011 SACC Sponsors

Many SACC events and programs depend on sponsors to help subsidize the cost. Youth sports, the Gala and Golf Tournament, for example, all enjoyed the support of dozens of sponsors. Below is a list of our 2011 sponsors, for whom we are most thankful.

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Augie's Restaurant	Law Office of Paul Pelagalli	Stillwater Battle Football
Baby Sign Language, Becka Marsch	Liberty Ridge Farm	Stillwater Central Schools Administration
Bank of America	Lisa Bruno	Stillwater Central School Board
Baseball with Jon Mueller	Longfellows Hotel and Restaurant	Stillwater Elementary Sunshine Club
Beginnings Preschool	Lowe's Home Improvement	Stillwater Free Library
Bella Rosa Boutique	Wilton	Stillwater Girl Scouts
Biddy Ball with Jon & Bruce	M&T Bank	Stillwater Historians
Bluff Point Golf Resort	Mattrazzo's Florist	Stillwater Police Department
Bon-Ton	McDonald's of Mechanicville	Stillwater PTA
Boot Camp with Debi	Mechanicville Area Community Services Center	Stillwater Republican Club
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FrankieO's Pizza	Saratoga County Office on Aging	W.W. Patenaude Sons, Inc.
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