

# Silver Spring Village

Helping Neighbors Age in Place

## FY 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

*Meet Our Village*



*Love Our Village*



*Build Our Village*



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*embrace your*

## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Peggy Gervasi  
President, FY 2017



Debbie Billet-Roumell  
Executive Director

*SILVER SPRING VILLAGE is a nonprofit membership organization that helps seniors stay active, connected and engaged in their community while aging in their own homes. Serving residents of zip code 20910, our Village aims to make Silver Spring a great place to age in place.*



Helping Neighbors Age in Place

Dear Friends,

FY 2017 was a breakout year for Silver Spring Village. Thanks to you, our membership increased by almost 50 percent. Now, with 174 members and over 100 volunteers, we're doing more, for more members, in more ways.

*Here's how:*

**HELP GETTING AROUND**—Many of our members are neither comfortable nor able to drive and find it difficult to use public transportation. Village volunteers drive our members wherever they need to go (doctors, exercise classes, shopping and Village activities). We did it 871 times!

In fact, when requested, a volunteer not only drives a member but also accompanies them during medical appointments to ensure the member's questions are answered and a written report is provided.

**HELP INSIDE MEMBERS' HOMES**—Ordinary tasks that were once easy enough may now be overwhelming. Our volunteers help members with decluttering, small repairs, storm preparedness, technology and more. We did it 268 times!

Loneliness and social isolation take a serious toll on psychological and physical wellbeing. Our volunteers provide in-person visits and check-in phone calls to our members. We did it 546 times!

**HELP STAYING ACTIVE AND ENGAGED**—We offer an abundance of opportunities for our members to get out—and to build personal connections. Our speakers have included economists, scientists, historians, authors and social workers. Our interest groups include poetry, chess, current events, scrabble, walking, films, foodies, a book club and more. We did it 219 times!

**HELP MEMBERS GIVE BACK**—The Village has organized teams of members to give back to the community. Some members are reading to children and adults in Easter Seals programs. Others are preparing and serving food to needy individuals at Shepherd's Table.

Indeed, Silver Spring Village has broken out. **We are an extended—and growing—family.** We take care of each other and, with your continued dedication and support, we will take care of more seniors in Silver Spring. Thank you!

**Your support makes this possible.**

# Meet Our Village

SILVER SPRING VILLAGE is a vibrant network of neighbors helping neighbors who want to “age in place.” Since 2013, we have been providing services and programs that help our older neighbors thrive – in their own homes and community.

**OUR MEMBERS** include long-time Silver Spring residents as well as new arrivals, homeowners and apartment dwellers, working people and retirees with vastly different histories and circumstances. We prize the ethnic and cultural diversity of the “suburban/urban” area we serve, and we welcome all.

**OUR VOLUNTEERS** bring an amazing array of skills and experiences and a can-do attitude. They address members’ diverse needs and interests with compassion, skill and joy. Many of our volunteers are Village members.

**OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS** cosponsor events and provide meeting venues and other resources that expand and enrich our program offerings.

Together, we are working to make Silver Spring a great place to age in place. We thank you for your help thus far, and we invite you to embrace your “village-osity”!

*After a hospitalization, Mary Ann got rides to medical appointments—with a trained note-taker—plus help with various household chores. “Am I happy? Oh yes. Am I independent? Yes—not quite in the way I used to define it—but still aging in place. Thank you, Silver Spring Village!”*



*A full member of our Village for 3 years, Marcia attends many Village programs and is grateful to the volunteers who call her to chat, help with decluttering, drive her places, and make small repairs. She says, “I don’t know what I’d do without the Village. You’re my family now.”*



*Helping neighbors with simple home repairs frequently saves them hundreds of dollars. Eric says: “This feels good, and seems like the right thing to do now that I have free time. I’ve also enjoyed meeting and conversing with the members, who are among the nicest people I’ve ever met.”*



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**SILVER SPRING VILLAGE, INC.  
LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Peggy Gervasi, President  
 Claire Maklan, Vice President  
 Darren Vieira, Treasurer  
 Tony Sarmiento, Secretary  
 Martine Brizius  
 Sue Decker  
 Leslie Hansley  
 Gary Klauber  
 Anne McHenry  
 Vern McLendon  
 Mary Ann Zimmerman

**STAFF**

Debbie Billet-Roumell, Executive Director  
 Vanessa Ripps, Director of Volunteer Services

**CONSULTANT**

Marcy Frosh, Diversity & Outreach

**VILLAGE VIBE EDITORS**

Connie Raab & Erica Summers

**PRO BONO PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT**

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 Barry Seltser, Evaluation Consultant

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

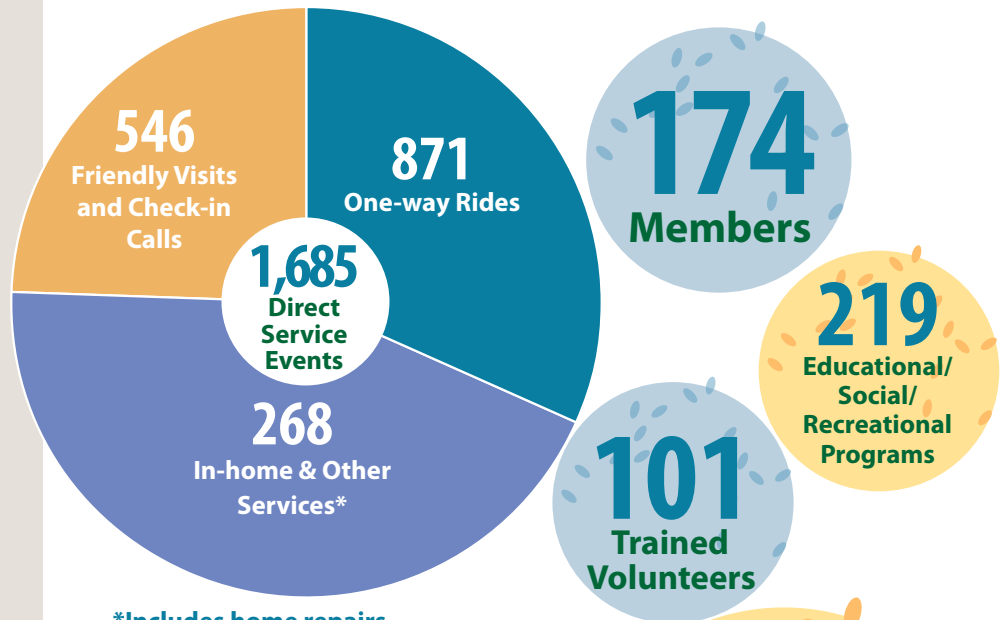
Gwendolyn E. Coffield Community Recreation Center  
 Easter Seals DC/MD/VA  
 Habitat for Humanity, Metro Maryland  
 Holy Cross Hospital, Senior Source  
 Jewish Council on the Aging  
 Schweinhaut Senior Center  
 Seabury at Springvale Terrace  
 Shepherd's Table  
 Silver Spring Cares  
 Silver Spring Library  
 Silver Spring Regional Center  
 Silver Spring Town Center, Inc.

*Silver Spring Village, Inc. is a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization [501(c)(3)].*

*This report covers Village activities and accomplishments for FY 2017 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017).*



**MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEER NUMBERS** *as of June 30, 2017*



**\*Includes home repairs, decluttering, paperwork, shopping, medical note-taking, escorted walks, tech support and more.**



*Acknowledging an outstanding volunteer*



*Catching up with friends before a presentation*



*Assembling on a nice spring day for a guided walk*

# Love Our Village

## MEMBERS' VOICES

*What they love about the Village:*

### SOCIAL CONNECTIONS & COMMUNITY

"The members of the group are people I would not have had a chance to know, and each one is a treasure."

"Mom felt very comforted just being with you and the other Village members."

### ABILITY TO REMAIN INDEPENDENT

"I have been praying for this organization!! Thank you!"

"Knowing that I have a means to take care of day-to-day necessities gives me peace of mind."

### HEALTHY MINDS AND BODIES

"There could be no better organization for senior citizens in our community here in Silver Spring."

### PEACE OF MIND

"It was wonderful of you just to show up like the proverbial angel during the snowstorm."

"Silver Spring Village volunteers and staff are beyond amazing. My 95-year-old mother is able to keep a terrific quality of life because of these incredible people. We are forever grateful."

## VILLAGE MEMBERS GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

*Read to adults and children in Easter Seals programs*

*Help with food prep and service at Shepherd's Table*

## INTEREST GROUPS:

BOOKS  
BRIDGE  
CHESS  
CURRENT EVENTS  
FILM LOVERS  
POETRY  
POKER  
SCRABBLE  
WALKING

*Learning about estate and long-term care planning*



*Tech help with teens on MLK Day*



*Enjoying old and new friends on a member's patio*

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY**

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

**INCOME:**

Membership Dues .....	33,825
Individual Donations .....	31,402
Foundations.....	18,984
Contracts.....	23,676
Other .....	2,304
In-Kind Income .....	15,447
<b>TOTAL INCOME .....</b>	<b>125,639</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Programs.....	72,515
Fundraising .....	16,673
Administration .....	18,188
In-Kind Expenses .....	15,447
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>122,823</b>

NET INCOME..... 2,816

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

As of June 30, 2017

**ASSETS:**

Cash .....	61,847
Other Assets .....	2,364
<b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>	<b>64,211</b>

**LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS:**

Accounts Payable.....	1,027
Payroll Liabilities.....	1,611
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES.....</b>	<b>2,639</b>

Unrestricted Assets .....

RESTRICTED ASSETS .....

TOTAL NET ASSETS..... 61,573

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS..... 64,211

Income increased a robust 44% year-over-year because of double-digit growth in membership dues and donations. Overall, about half of the FY 2017 income came from donations, about a third from membership dues and the rest from a Montgomery County contract. Operating expenses also increased significantly to support the strong growth in membership and expanded programs, initiatives to increase diversity, and professional accounting services. Net income totaled \$2,816 which was slightly above budget. Net assets were \$61,573 at the end of the fiscal year, which includes an operating reserve of \$45,000 to assure sustainability of the organization.

**GRANTS & CONTRACTS**

Montgomery County Executive Community Grant  
 Foundation-Sharing Montgomery  
 Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation  
 National Lutheran Communities & Services

**DONORS**

July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

**\$1,000 AND ABOVE**

Anonymous (1)  
 Martine Brizius  
 Peggy & Fred Gervasi  
 Nick & Debbie Gilbert  
 Claire & David Maklan  
 Eileen & Oskhar Pineda  
 Raab Spirit Fund  
 Mac & Carlene Roberts  
 Seekers Church

**\$500 TO \$999**

Anonymous (2)  
 Sue Decker  
 David Goldstein  
 Gary Klauber  
 George Lane  
 Anne McHenry  
 Judith Nyquist  
 The Elno Family Foundation  
 Katie Zimmerman  
 Mary Ann Zimmerman

**\$250 TO \$499**

Anne Gavin  
 Elliott & Rosa Greher  
 Robin & Harvey Hanerfeld  
 Ina & Allen Marx  
 Terry Savage & Dwight Onley  
 Edward Lee & Alice Richey  
 Nan Shellabarger  
 Denise & Chuck Sherer  
 Betty Whitley

**\$100 TO \$249**

Anonymous (8)  
 Marshall & Rochelle Abrams

Bill Brekke & Karen Alibrando  
 Kate Aubert  
 Stuart Barkley  
 Gilbert Baxter  
 Debbie Billet-Roumell  
 Marta Brenden  
 Jane Brown  
 Margot Lefevre Mahoney & David Budin  
 Maria & Richard Burcroff  
 Zoe Davis

Cecilia de Kanga  
 Michelle DeFayette  
 Brian & Bee Ditzler  
 Ellen Dreyer  
 Laurie Ekstrand  
 Edward M. Evans  
 Sara Daines & Bill Ewing  
 Cate Frezza  
 Marcy & Brian Frosh  
 Go Brent Team  
 Lisa Otterstrom & Alan Gregerman  
 Fran Sussman & Stuart Guterman  
 Leslie Hansley  
 Janice Hicks  
 Marjorie Hirano  
 Betsy & Darma le Ghislaine Jackson

Carolyn Lauer  
 Roy B. Lykes  
 Madeline Chaleff and David Arfin  
 Family Philanthropic Fund

Amy J. Mauser  
 Beth Mauser  
 Glen Mitchell  
 R. D. Montenegro  
 Rita Naimoli  
 Mae Novak  
 Gail Polivy & Manuel Palau

Cricket Parmalee  
 Judith Perry  
 Theone Relos  
 Vanessa Ripps  
 Sharon & Ron Rising  
 Steve Rosen  
 Lisa Rosenthal  
 Tony Sarmiento  
 Amy I. Schear  
 Dee Schofield  
 Tina & Don Slater  
 Alan J. Talbert  
 Dona Teplitz  
 The Wilson Family  
 Larry Wyborski

**UP TO \$99**

Anonymous (4)  
 Barbara Bares  
 Johanna M. Boyer  
 Mark Brailsford  
 Jim Burke  
 Chad Christoff  
 Suzana Cooper  
 Carolyn Davis  
 James Ehrman  
 Bernard & Deborah Fagan  
 Ellen Miller & Glenn Faigen  
 Rev. Megan L. Foley  
 James Gormally  
 Dennis Gosier  
 Eileen Guzikowski  
 Kay Johnson  
 Elizabeth Joyce  
 Andrea Kline  
 Roberta Light  
 Ben Lin  
 Jerry A. McCoy  
 Vernie & Helen McLendon  
 James Meyerhoff  
 Ann Marie Moriarty  
 Steve Murphy  
 O'Connor-Quinlan Family  
 Albert Papazian  
 Nancy Szabo & Steve Ratner  
 Janet Swope  
 David and Naomi Balto Giving Fund  
 Patricia Tyson  
 Lew Winarsky  
 Martha Wittman

**VOLUNTEERS**

Jeanne Adams  
 Joe Anderson  
 Katherine Anderson  
 Marilyn Bate  
 Martine Brizius  
 Jane Brown  
 Sofia Bushen  
 Gladys Cohen  
 Alan Constantian  
 Richard Coughlin  
 Zoe Davis  
 Sue Decker  
 Cecilia de Kanga  
 Tonya DeKona  
 Ellen Dreyer  
 Gwen Earle  
 Walter Ebmeyer  
 Brian Eggleston  
 James Ehrman  
 Cherri Eitel  
 Faye Faigen  
 Martin Faigin

Michele Frome  
 Marcy Frosh  
 Anne Gavin  
 Cris Geanaros  
 Peggy Gervasi  
 John Giblin  
 Debbie Gilbert  
 Jana Goldman  
 Jane Gorbaty  
 Minnedore Green  
 Michael Gurwitz  
 Eileen Guzikowski  
 Leslie Hansley  
 Carolyn Harrington  
 Kevin Harris  
 Tanya Harris  
 Judy Hartman  
 Debbie Helfeld  
 Pam Holland  
 Jeanette Honsa  
 Elaine Hughes  
 Susan Janney  
 Cynna Janus  
 Sandy Kemper  
 Jonathan Kidwell  
 Gary Klauber  
 Andrea Kline  
 Shannah Koss  
 Carolyn Lauer  
 Ed Lee  
 Elaine Lewis  
 Barbara Leyser  
 Brian Lichter  
 Jennie Lichter  
 Roberta Light  
 Carol Lite  
 Richard Lorr  
 Claire Maklan  
 Nancy Markstein  
 Ina Marx  
 Veronica McCandless  
 Anne McHenry  
 Carroll McKown  
 Helen McLendon  
 Vern McLendon  
 Isabelle Melese-d'Hospital  
 Ellen Miller  
 Raquel Montenegro  
 Arvid Mueller  
 Rita Naimoli  
 Blake Novak  
 Mae Novak  
 Angela Nugent  
 Marsha Obusek  
 Nora Onley  
 Alicia Pfund  
 Bill Pierce  
 Nancy Pinto  
 Gail Polivy  
 Connie Raab  
 Robyn Robbins

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## BUSINESS SUPPORTERS

### UNITED THERAPEUTICS

AFI Silver Theatre  
 Courtyard by Marriott  
 CVS, Blair Plaza  
 Giant, Blair Plaza  
 Kaldi's Social House  
 Levine School of Music  
 McGinty's Public House  
 Nando's Peri-Peri  
 Parkway Deli & Restaurant  
 Safeway, Thayer Street  
 Sniders Super Foods  
 Strosniders  
 Washington Performing Arts

### Volunteers, continued

Lois Rose  
 Bruce Rosenthal  
 Lisa Rosenthal  
 Jim Roumell  
 Tonya Saffer  
 Tony Sarmiento  
 Terry Savage  
 Kerstin Schmidt  
 Chuck Sherer  
 Denise Sherer  
 Sharon Simon  
 Erica Summers  
 Fran Sussman  
 Pat Tyson  
 Darren Vieira  
 Jacqueline Wallen  
 Lynn Weiss  
 Stefanie Weldon  
 Eric Wiemann  
 Martha Wittman  
 Tsedale Yigezu  
 Janice Zalen  
 Mary Ann  
 Zimmerman  
 Suzy Zusy

Silver Spring  
 Village creates  
**BONDS** within and  
 across **DIVERSE**  
 neighborhoods.

Sharing some favorite poems at a monthly event



Our summer barbecue was a hot hit



Appreciating  
 our members,  
 volunteers, and  
 United Therapeutics'  
 hospitality



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# Build Our Village

## How to:

**DONATE BY CHECK**—make payable to Silver Spring Village and send to Silver Spring Village, PO Box 8217, Silver Spring, MD 20907.

**ON-LINE**—go to [silverspringvillage.org](http://silverspringvillage.org) and press the Donate tab.

**LEAVE A LEGACY**—contact Sue Decker about a bequest or other planned giving by calling 301-503-7401 or send email to [info@silverspringvillage.org](mailto:info@silverspringvillage.org).

**JOIN**—go to [silverspringvillage.org](http://silverspringvillage.org) and press the Membership tab, or call 301-503-7401 and ask to speak with Anne McHenry.

**VOLUNTEER**—go to [silverspringvillage.org](http://silverspringvillage.org) and press the Volunteers tab, or call 301-503-7401 and ask to speak with Vanessa Rippes.

Cover photos from top:

*Having fun at our annual “swap meet”*

*Heading home with a Village driver after an event*

*Proudly displaying our colors*



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## SAMPLE MEMBER EVENTS *Something for everyone!*

**SAFETY ONLINE AND ON THE PHONE:** An expert from TechMoxie provided helpful tips and how-to's for recognizing phishing emails, avoiding computer viruses and scams, and identifying trustworthy sources of information online.

**LOCAL HISTORY:** A Village member and lifelong Lyttonsville resident described growing up in this historically black section of Silver Spring and the social changes she has witnessed over the decades.

**STRICTLY SOCIAL:** Coffee hours and ice cream socials, restaurant meet-ups, fireside and patio parties, summer barbecue, and more.

**ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE:** A NASA scientist explained how satellite-derived data can help us understand the impact of humans on the Earth, its climate, and biodiversity.

**PURPOSE AND PASSION THROUGHOUT LIFE:** An author and academician shared inspiring and humorous advice about navigating our most important relationships.

**LOCAL NEWS:** A reporter from NBC4 TV explained what makes local events “newsworthy” and how he gathers information and checks facts.

**ETHIOPIAN COFFEE:** An in-home demonstration of the traditional preparation of Ethiopian coffee, with sharing of Ethiopian stories and snacks.

**DEPICTIONS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON:** The chief historian from the U.S. Capitol Historical Society gave an illustrated lecture on representations of George Washington from 1772 to the present.

**PLANT AND SEED SWAP:** At this redux of one of our very popular annual events, members and friends exchanged plants, tools, and gardening tips.

**“FIELD” TRIP:** The owner of the only active farm in downtown Silver Spring led a garden walk-history tour.

**ESTATE AND LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING:** An attorney who specializes in elder law provided information and advice.

**HOLIDAY PARTY:** Members enjoyed a holiday potluck with a live jazz quartet, courtesy of Washington Performing Arts.

NOTE: This is just a sample. In addition to many one-time events, the Village calendar is filled with a long and growing list of member-initiated interest groups that meet regularly.

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