

Skyway Senior Center

The [Skyway Senior Center](#) provides a safe, friendly, and comfortable place for people age 50 and over to gather in downtown Minneapolis to participate in a variety of activities such as physical fitness, health and wellness, learning opportunities and socialization events. The Center also connects seniors to community resources and community service opportunities and offers a warm, welcoming place where seniors can meet and socialize with other seniors to keep from isolation. While the Center serves a range of adults 50+, visitors tend to live alone, are low income and sometimes experience homelessness.



The following summarizes the Center's activities in 2015:

- Average unduplicated visitors per Day: **74**
- Estimated visits per year by seniors: **18,259**
- Over **600** structured activities and programs offered annually = average 2.5 per day
- Total volunteer hours: **2477.5** hours in 2015
- Number of Center volunteers: **25+**
- Chatter Newsletter Distribution: Approximately **5000** quarterly, including over 1000 electronic subscribers.

Background

The Skyway Senior Center was founded in 2001 by a partnership of the City of Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Senior Citizen Advisory Committee to the Mayor and City Council, and Ryan Companies with support from the University of St. Thomas and Target Corporation. From 2010-2015, UCare sponsored the Center. Augustana Care became a partial sponsor in 2015 through June, 2016. The Minneapolis Health Department provides oversight for the Center. In addition, the Friends of the Skyway Senior Center, an incorporated 501(c) (3) organization was established in 2003 to help support the Center.

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