Main Street Community Center

2026 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Home Away From Home.

WHAT KEEPS YOU COMING BACK TO THE CENTER?

they are my second family

To Be with friends.

The Friendly Faces :)

Volunteer, Bingo, friends, Employees, Everything is Great, all activities

A Wonderful Place to Be

The people are all nice nicer than other places!

Exercise + the people that exercise

I come because everyone is so nice and helpful.

FRIENDS

Keep busy with activities

Meeting People & fun

The Joy! So much joy is felt whenever I come!

The People and the many activities avinable

the friendships I have with the staff and others

Many things- too numerous to list!

IT's Fun! :)

enjoy the enviroment

It is fun, Friendly and place to be

Friendship

Meet people, Find Different things to do

Because the volunteers are the best!

NEED to socialize Love everyone here

I love coming here it's Good to see the

I Like Volunteering

To interact & people.

Friendly Staff

Great place to have fun!

So much to do done - can By Myself, Sometimes like home

The Staff

The delightful staff

There is no place like MSCC



THIS IS OUR COMMUNITY

If you've ever walked through the doors of Main Street Community Center, you know there's something special about this place. Maybe it's the familiar faces that greet you when you arrive. Maybe it's the laughter coming from down the hall, the conversations happening over lunch, or the friends you've made along the way. For us, that's what Main Street is all about.

Since 1974, we've had the privilege of serving adults 50 and older throughout the greater Edwardsville area. For more than 50 years, our Center at 1003 N. Main Street has been a place where people can stay healthy, active, and engaged, but, more importantly, it has become a place where people feel connected. We love our community, and we love seeing what happens when people come together. Some people come for their favorite activity. Others come to meet up with friends, enjoy a meal, take a trip, learn something new, or to simply get out of the house and spend time with others. Some come because they need a little extra help.

Our assistance programs connect people with resources for food, health care, taxes, energy costs, insurance, and other important needs. Some people come through our doors for the first time not knowing quite what to expect and end up finding a place they look forward to coming back to. That is the kind of community we want to be.

A place where you're welcomed.
A place where you're known.
A place where you can lend a hand or ask for one.
A place where friendships can grow at any age.

Our volunteers are a huge part of making that possible. They give their time to help with programs, fundraising, outreach, advocacy, and direct services. Our participants also make this place what it is simply by showing up, getting involved, sharing their stories, and bringing a little bit of themselves through our doors.

After all these years, Main Street Community Center isn't just a place in our community. It is our community. To so many people, the Center is like a home away from home.

As we begin our Annual Fund Drive, we're asking you to help us take care of this special place we all share. Your support helps us continue the programs, services, friendships, and everyday moments that make Main Street feel like home. We love our community and we hope you'll help us continue caring for it.

THIS HOME AWAY FROM HOME IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF YOU.

The heart of Main Street Community Center is our community, and we are incredibly grateful for everyone who helps make this place feel like home.

To our donors and supporters, thank you for believing in our mission and choosing to invest in the lives of older adults in our community. Your generosity helps provide meaningful programs, essential services, opportunities for connection, and a welcoming place where everyone can feel they belong.

To our sponsors and community partners, thank you for standing beside us and helping make our programs and events possible. Your support allows us to continue creating opportunities for connection, learning, laughter, and friendship.

To our volunteers, thank you for sharing your time, talents, and kindness. Whether you lend a hand at an event, help with a program, deliver meals, or simply brighten someone's day, your presence makes a difference.

To our participants and members, thank you for making Main Street Community Center what it is. Your stories, friendships, laughter, and continued support are at the very heart of everything we do.

And to everyone who has supported the Center in ways both big and small - thank you.

Every gift.
Every hour volunteered.
Every partnership.
Every act of kindness.
Every person who walks through our doors.

It all matters.
Because together, we are more than a community center.
We are a Home Away From Home.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Jessica Johnson, Executive Director



OUR HOUSE ON THE END OF MAIN STREET

"A COMMUNITY OF LOVE."

INTERVIEW WITH BEV AND WAYNE MEYER

WRITTEN BY: SAMANTHA ROJAS



Bev and Wayne's 60th Anniversary Photo

For the Meyer family, Main Street Community Center has been more than just a place to attend activities. It has been a part of their lives for nearly 50 years.

Wayne's grandmother was one of the first in the family to find her way to the Center, coming five decades ago to socialize, enjoy a meal, and play bingo each week. Years later, Wayne and Bev began building their own memories at Main Street. Their journey with the Center began in 2005 when they started participating in weekly square dancing workshops.

It wasn't long before Bev became even more involved. She was asked to join the Board of Directors, where she served for twelve years, including time as president. Through the years, both Bev and Wayne continued to find new reasons to return, participate, volunteer, and stay connected.

For Bev, part of what makes Main Street special is that there is always something waiting to be discovered.

"There's always something new offered to experience," Bev said. "The Center is a place where folks can come for a meal, a snack and a drink, to warm up or cool down; a place for recreation, exercise and a class; a resource and medical support…If the Center doesn't offer the help someone needs, the staff will try to find the answer or the resource that can assist."

For the Meyers, that dedication from the staff is part of what makes Main Street so special. Over the years, they have seen firsthand how the Center works to make a difference in the lives of its participants and the community as a whole. More than anything, though, it is the people they have met, the friendships they have made, and the feeling of belonging that have kept them coming back year after year.





Bev and Wayve volunteering throughout the years

"It is a place to make new friends and keep old friendships alive and well… it's a place that welcomes everyone. You'll get a hug or hand to hold, in tough times and good times. A community of love"

That feeling of community is one of the reasons the Meyers continue to give their time and talents to the Center. When they aren't attending activities or events, they look for ways to help Main Street continue doing what it does best: creating a place where people can come together.



Stopping for dinner while traveling with Main Street Community Center

Their connection to Main Street has continued to evolve over the years. While their physical abilities may have changed, their desire to contribute has not. They know there are still many ways they can give back to a place that has given them so much.

"Main Street is a community where we feel we are appreciated for what we can offer…enabling the Center to provide all these activities and events does not come without financial support from many varied resources. Since we are blessed to be able to give back in various ways, we are pleased to do so," Bev said.



Enjoying breakfast at MSCC's 50th Anniversary Volunteer Brunch

As they reflected on their years at Main Street, Bev and Wayne shared what the Center continues to mean to them today:

"We are thrilled that [MSCC] continues to be a place for both of us to share our time and talents while keeping us connected to others. A song we recently sang [at church] says a lot about Main Street Community Center –
"This is your house, come and stay."

MORE THAN A BUILDING

















A PLACE TO CONNECT

Main Street Community Center exists because everyone deserves a place where they feel welcome, connected, and part of something. Here, friendships grow, conversations happen, and there's always someone to share a laugh with.

A PLACE TO STAY ACTIVE

We believe staying active and engaged is an important part of life. From fitness and games to crafts, trips, and special events, there's always something to look forward to.

A PLACE TO FIND SUPPORT

Sometimes, people need a little extra help. Our programs, resources, and caring volunteers help connect members of our community with the support they need.

A PLACE TO BELONG

At the heart of it all, we have Main Street because community matters. It's a place to make friends, find purpose, and feel at home.

Your support helps us keep this place here for our community, a true home away from home!

"It's a place that welcomes everyone and you'll get a hug or hand to hold, in tough times and good times. A community of love"
— Bev Meyer

TAKE A WALK THROUGH OUR HOME

Every day, we get to see the people who make Main Street Community Center what it is.

We see the friends who arrive together. The people who have their favorite activities. The familiar faces who stop by just to say hello. We see new friendships form, people trying something for the first time, and participants finding something that gives them a reason to look forward to tomorrow.

And because we see them every day, we notice when someone isn't here.

Every room on this map represents something different to someone.
Maybe it's where you meet your friends. Maybe it's where you play cards, exercise, create something, learn something new, or enjoy a meal together. We get to know you and what you like to do.

Our community even extends beyond these walls through trips, events, and off-site programs that give our participants even more ways to stay connected and involved.

And Sometimes, It's About More Than a Program

For some, Main Street is also where they find a helping hand. Our assistance programs connect people with resources for food, health, taxes, energy costs, insurance, benefits, and more.

But what we see every day goes beyond a list of programs. We see people.

We see the difference a friendship can make. We see how having somewhere to go can brighten someone's day. We see the excitement when someone discovers a new activity or the comfort of being surrounded by familiar faces.

That's why this place matters.

Main Street is a home away from home for the people who walk through our doors and we're grateful to be part of their lives.

Our Annual Fund Drive helps us continue providing the programs, services, and community that bring people through those doors every day.

Help us keep Main Street a place where everyone has a reason to come in, a place to belong, and a community that notices when they're not here.







OUR BLUEPRINT TO CONNECTION . . .



RECREATION ROOM
- BINGO
- EUCHRE
- PINOCHLE
- EDWARDSVILLE BRIDGE GROUP
- FUNCTIONAL FITNESS
- CHAIR YOGA
- LINE DANCING
- TAI CHI
- WALKING +
- SPRING HEALTH FAIR
- PET HEALTH - VACCINE CLINICS
- VETERANS & CHRISTMAS LUNCH

CONFERENCE ROOM
- WRITE YOUR OWN STORY
- AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB
- LANGUAGE CLASSES

LIBRARY
- MAH JONGG
- CROCHET AND CONNECT
- CHESS
- PARALEGAL SERVICES
- BUNCO

WOMEN'S BATHROOM

BOUTIQUE

MEN'S BATHROOM

CLOSET

CLOSET

STORAGE

LORI OFFICE

CARISSA OFFICE

NORTH MAIN STREET

BACK ENTRANCE

WINDLAND COMMUNITY GATHERING ROOM
- FILM FRIDAY
- MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES
- WATERCOLOR CLASSES
- COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS
- LUNCH & LEARN
- TECHNOLOGY CLASSES
- BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS
- CONGREGATE MEALS
- EVENING BOOK CLUB

RECEPTION

CLOSET

FRONT ENTRANCE

Main Street Community Center
1003 North Main Street, Edwardsville

CLOSET

SHELLY OFFICE

CLOSET

JESSICA OFFICE

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
- MONTHLY FRESH PRODUCE PROGRAM
- AARP SMART DRIVING
- AARP TAX ASSISTANCE
- LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)
- SENIOR HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHAP)
- STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHIP)
- WARMING/COOLING CENTER
- BENEFIT ACCESS PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

CLOSET

CLOSET

KITCHEN
- HOME DELIVERED MEALS
- CONGREGATE MEALS PREP
- COMMUNITY FOOD BOXES
- SPECIAL HOLIDAY MEAL PREP

KELLY & JENNIFER OFFICE

PRINTER & OFFICE SUPPLIES

OFF-SITE
- DINING WITH FRIENDS
- HAPPY HOUR
- WALKING CLUB
- PEN PALS

Serving our community for 50+ years.

Creating a lasting impact one program at a time.

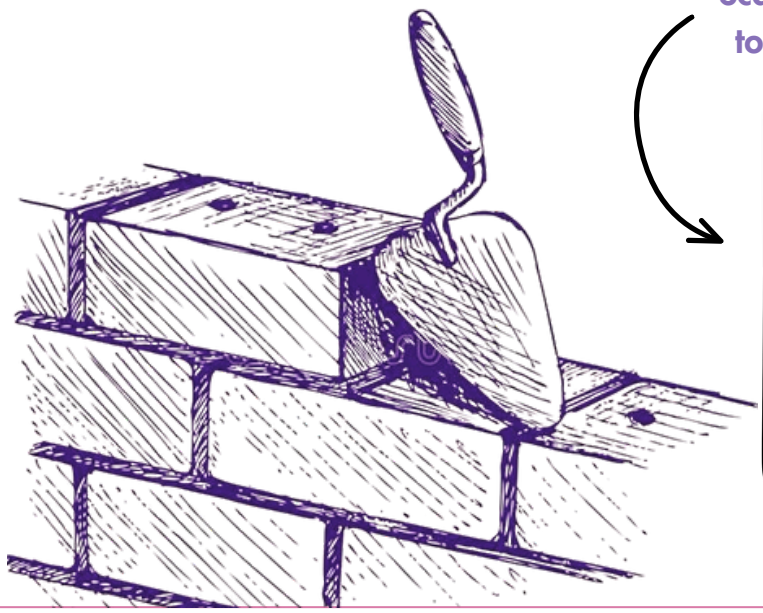
Your gift benefits local area seniors and adults with disabilities - *all nationalities, all religions, all shapes, sizes and abilities.*

Donations are critical to maintaining creative programs that are available to every person who walks through our doors; our Center is bustling with a variety of people who make our building alive, fun and impactful.

All contributions cover expenses to maintain our home-delivered meals operation, transportation assistance, health and wellness and information and assistance programs.

Donation Tiers

- Visionary $10,000 +
- Investor $2,500 - $9,999
- Advocate $1,000 - $2,499
- Believer $100-$999
- Friend $25-$99



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Thank you for being a part of our Main Street Community

GIVING OPTIONS:

auto-draft ACH or credit card

IRA Qualified Distribution

envelope provided in this packet

website: mainstcc.org/donate

QR code above

check or cash dropped off at the Center

made via phone at: 618-656-0300

Please make checks Payable to: MSCC - To set up automatic monthly payment, please call and ask for Shelly

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