

2026

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



A Community Living Vibrantly



Our Mission

Del Mar Community Connections is a volunteer-driven organization that supports and serves seniors as they age independently at home. DMCC helps older adults live active, vibrant lives by providing transportation, education, and social activities.



2023-2028 Strategic Plan Goals

Build Public Awareness

Identify and Serve More Community Members in Need of Assistance

Attract New Volunteers

Help Family Caregivers

This year was filled with energy, engagement, and accomplishment. Del Mar Community Connections expanded its Essential Transportation service area which resulted in more individuals receiving services from volunteer drivers transporting them to medical appointments, and arriving at new DMCC fitness classes by using Sassy Chassis shuttle services. And we placed an additional focus on family caregivers by providing the Dementia Caregiver Support Group, in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties, twice a month instead of just once a month, and adding to our calendar the Grief and Loss Sharing Group in partnership with St. Peters Episcopal Church.

DMCC's Five-Year Strategic Plan provides focus to increase our programming to help the constituents most in need of our services to continue to live their lives vibrantly and engage socially. In this report you will see increases in the number of volunteers, constituents served, new programs, and engaging presentations on subjects of interest to our constituents.

How are we able to do so much? We have fantastic volunteers, and our staff continues to identify committed volunteers who have a passion to start new programs. We are actively filling our pipeline with younger volunteers, many of whom will eventually volunteer for our Board of Directors and chair our committees.

We are also beginning the process of envisioning a new Del Mar Community Building as part of the City of Del Mar's Shores Park Master Plan initiative. We are bursting at the seams with our existing programs, and are collaborating more with other non-profits such as the Del Mar branch library and San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy to provide venues for programs such as Page Turners author visit book club and the Trailblazers trailwalking group, respectively. Look at the next page of this report to see a complete (and extensive!) list of community organization collaborations.

DMCC is the senior services arm of the City of Del Mar. We are honored to fill that role, and we are dedicated to reflecting the needs and interests of those we serve by increasing and continuously improving our services and activities. We welcome anyone new who would like to participate, and we are deeply grateful to our existing and new volunteers.

With appreciation for the generosity of our community,

Katie Militello
President

Members of the DMCC Board of Directors gather at the 2025 Fall Benefit.

Top row, from L to R: Wayne Otchis, Bob Gans, Judd Halenza, Glenn Warren, Dan Maneval, Al Sweedler.
Bottom Row: Ann Feeney, Phyllis Mirsky, Katie Militello, Tanya Young, Chana Mannen.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2025-2026

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Program Assistant

COLLABORATION IS COMMUNITY CONNECTION!

DMCC depends on the partnership of other community organizations for some of our most valued programs. This list reflects the many ways we worked with others in 2025 to support the wellbeing and social interaction of Del Mar older adults.

PARTNER	PROGRAM
AARP	Scam Jam fraud prevention education
Alzheimer's Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties	Dementia Caregivers Support Group, educational lectures
City of Del Mar	Senior Support Services agreement, Use of Town Hall, the Civic Center, and the Powerhouse for community presentations, activities, and celebrations, and dedicated DMCC section in weekly email
County of San Diego Aging and Independence Services	Elder Abuse Recognition and Response training, Love Your Heart, Dementia Friends training
Del Mar Branch Library	Page Turners author visit book club
Del Mar Fire Department	CPR Training and Emergency Preparedness
Del Mar Farmers Market	Planning for the 2026 Del Mar Senior Fair
Del Mar Foundation	Grant funding to support: Tuesday Lunch Connections Del Mar Rental Assistance Aging Resources Advocate program Donation of Del Mar Community Building HQ space
Del Mar Garden Club	Project JOY holiday gift deliveries
Del Mar Historical Society	Remarkable Del Mar History, Del Mar Voices
Del Mar Rose Society	Thanksgiving of Roses
Del Mar TV	Town Hall low vision/low hearing accessibility response. Educational program recordings.
Elder Law and Advocacy	Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) Medicare counseling
San Diego Seniors Community Foundation	Grant funding to support holiday activities and Connect Teams pilot
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy	DMCC Trailblazers trailwalking activity
St. Peter's Episcopal Church	Grief and Loss Sharing Group, use of the Parish Hall
UCSD Center for Aging	Informational Lectures



A group of DMCC Explorers are impressed by what they found at the Gemological Institute of America.

It's a Win-Win!

WHAT WAS NEW IN 2025? LAST YEAR, DMCC...

- Launched a new website, improving the accessibility, navigation, and overall look
- Piloted our Connect Teams neighbor-to-neighbor initiative
- Expanded our Essential Transportation services so that we could serve more nondriving older adults – for a second time in less than a year
- Introduced three new accessible fitness programs to the activity calendar, and provided concurrent shuttle service for nondriving seniors to be able to attend them
- Expanded social support by collaborating with St. Peter's Episcopal Church to offer a twice monthly Grief and Loss Sharing Group, and increased the frequency of the Dementia Caregivers Support Group hosted in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association
- Gave our logo a makeover to better reflect the community of older adults we serve
- Hosted marquee general informational presentations about topics like the life lessons of family caregivers, making difficult decisions about aging, scam and fraud prevention, maximizing aging resources, the latest research on how sex and lifestyle factors affect Alzheimer's risk, and much more
- Offered recreational and cultural outings to the Maritime Museum, The Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, the Gemological Institute of America, Queen Calafia's Magical Circle Garden, the Safari Park, The Stuart Collection at UCSD, La Jolla Music Society, and much more



Volunteers from the Del Mar Rose Society show off the beautiful bouquets they assembled to deliver to older adults as part of the longtime annual Thanksgiving of Roses collaboration.

Actions Speak Louder...

DMCC's activities and services are only possible because of the hard work and commitment of volunteers who care about their community and their older adult neighbors.



20 People
Volunteered
for DMCC for
the First Time!

118 Total
Volunteers!

3,300
HOURS



DMCC volunteers gave over **3,300**
hours of their time, an **18%** increase
over the previous year!
That's **413** days of full time work!

4,395
MILES



Essential Transportation volunteers drove **4,395**
miles over **620** rides. That's an increase of **37%**
and **40%** respectively from 2024!

Patty will help
you monitor
your blood
pressure with
a smile at the
Annual Flu
Clinic.



2025 Volunteer of the Year!

Linda Chisari Program Leader of Singing Together.

Linda Chisari is recognized with a proclamation from the State Senate by Diana Kutlow (representative of State Senator Catherine Blakespear), a proclamation from San Diego County by Omar Teran-Sosa (representative of County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer) and the Volunteer of the Year Award from Katie Militello, DMCC President.

Volunteers of the Month

April 2025



Dan Maneval, Essential Transportation Volunteer and Transportation Committee

June 2025



Nancy Kane, Del Mar Garden Club Project JOY Coordinator

July 2025



Lois Higgins, Program Leader for DMCC Trailblazers

August 2025



Faye Detsky-Weil, HICAP Counselor

September 2025



Judy Tullie, Grief and Loss Sharing Group facilitator

October 2025



Larry Brooks, Fall Benefit Committee and Connect Team

November 2025



Monica Berlin, Essential Transportation and Connect Team

December 2025



Jim Dutton, Essential Transportation and Page Turners Committee Member

February 2026



Rande Warren, Social Good Times Committee - Special Event Volunteer

March 2026



Irene Bennett, Essential Transportation Volunteer



Monica is set to drive the DMCC Sassy Chassis in the Del Mar Foundation's Independence Day Parade.



Molly accomplished her New Year's resolution!



The Singing Connection celebrates Charlotte's 100th birthday with her!

The More, The Merrier

DMCC helps seniors live active, vibrant lives by providing transportation, education, and social activities. Some stats from 2025 show how much we have to celebrate:

1,000

More than **1,000** individuals participated in our programming more than 5,000 times!

150

150 people found DMCC for the first time!

504

504 people attended informational lectures

719

719 people attended community celebrations, and other special events

202

202 people took a ride on the Sassy Chassis van for a cultural or recreational outing

88

88 total community members described as Individuals In Need of Assistance (INA) were served by DMCC – growth of 22%!

200%

200% increase in DMCC fitness class attendance thanks to an effort to make more accessible fitness options available!

35

35 free loans of medical equipment – a 300% increase!

546

546 meals were served to INAs as part of Tuesday Lunch Connections supported by a grant from the Del Mar Foundation



Meeting up with new and longtime friends at the Cookies and Cocoa Holiday Party

Testimonials

“I am so very grateful for all the kindness coming my way.” - Ursula K.

“Thank you so much DMCC. It is such a relief knowing that I can depend on your help with getting rides since my family does not live nearby.” - Cathy G.

Report to the Community 2026

The following information is taken from our unaudited financial statements for our fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 ("Fiscal 2025"), as compiled by the certified public accounting firm of Magnus Blue LLP. A complete copy of the compilation report is available from the Del Mar Community Connections office upon request.

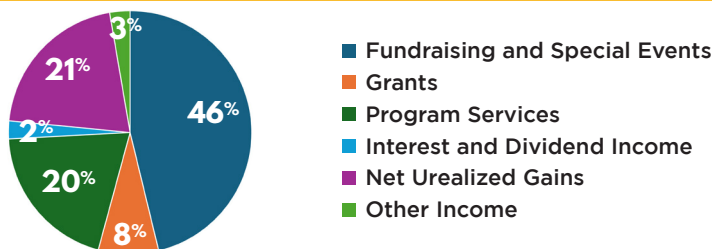
DEL MAR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended June 30, 2025

REVENUE AND SUPPORT

FUNDRAISING AND SPECIAL EVENTS	\$276,903
GRANTS	\$48,000
PROGRAM SERVICES	\$119,469
INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME	\$14,218
NET UNREALIZED GAINS	\$124,461
OTHER INCOME	\$16,143

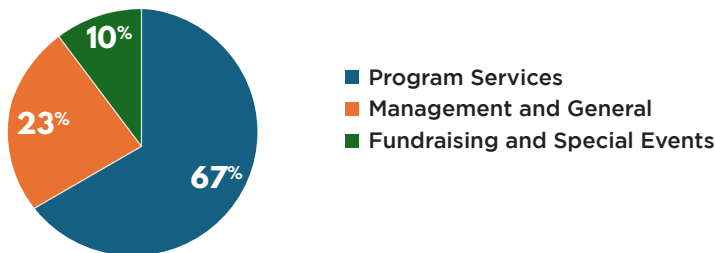
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT **\$599,194**



EXPENSES

PROGRAM SERVICES	\$283,433
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	\$98,047
FUNDRAISING AND SPECIAL EVENTS	\$43,674

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$425,154**



NET ASSETS-BEGINNING \$1,200,877
NET ASSETS-ENDING \$1,374,917
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS \$174,040

Financial Comments

For Fiscal 2025, DMCC recorded total revenues and support, (exclusive of investment gains/losses and interest/dividend income from reserve funds), in the amount of \$460,515, which consisted of the following: (i) \$276,903 in donations primarily generated from our Annual Benefit event and Year-End Appeal; (ii) grants from the Del Mar Foundation and San Diego Seniors Community Foundation totaling \$48,000 to support our senior service programs, transportation services, pandemic response programs, and Tuesday Lunch Connections program; and (iii) contractual payments totaling \$119,469 from the City of Del Mar, \$60,000 of which represents payments to administer an essential transportation program, with the remaining costs associated with the Del Mar rental assistance program.

Fundraising costs totaling \$43,674 were incurred during Fiscal 2025 in relation to the Annual Benefit and periodic donor appeals. These fundraising activities continue to be our primary source of revenue to sustain the organization and ensure the continuation of the many programs and services we offer to our senior community.

We incurred \$283,433 in program expenses during Fiscal 2025, the largest portion of which was attributable to our Essential Transportation services utilizing the Sassy Chassis and Foxy Flyer vans, and personalized volunteer driver rides. DMCC provides programs and services through the efforts of over 80 volunteers, two full-time salaried employees, one part-time administrative employee, three part-time paid drivers, and a very active Board of Directors.

Management and General expenses for Fiscal 2025 totaled \$98,047, most of which were associated with employee salaries and necessary fixed costs such as insurance, accounting services, communications, occupancy, supplies, and administrative expenses. A significant portion of these costs are allocable directly to the various programs and services offered by DMCC.

Our Net Assets increased year over year by \$174,040, which represents the excess of Revenue and Support Income recorded during Fiscal 2025, inclusive of investment gains/losses and dividend/interest income derived from reserve funds.

Your Gifts Help DMCC Grow Vibrantly!

Your financial support of DMCC helps us to continue supporting and serving older adults so that they may age independently and vibrantly at home. DMCC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation, Tax ID# 33-0938895. Contributions are fully tax deductible if not provided in exchange for goods and services.

One-Time Donation

Checks are payable to Del Mar Community Connections, PO Box 2947, Del Mar, CA 92014. Gifts can be made via credit card by visiting www.dmcc.cc/givenow or call the DMCC staff during business hours at (858) 792-7565 to receive assistance.

Qualified Charitable Distribution

If you are age 70 or older, you may make a tax-free gift directly from your IRA, supporting our mission while reducing your taxable income.

Matching Gifts

Ask your employer or retirement benefits administrator if matching gifts are offered, and you may be able to double or triple your donation!

Heartfelt Thanks

Thank you to the generous community members who gave to DMCC between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025. You make a meaningful difference in the lives of Del Mar's older adults.

Government Funding Partner

City of Del Mar

Grant Partners

Del Mar Foundation
San Diego Seniors
Community Foundation

Sustaining Members as of December 2025

Gold Level - \$50,000 over 5 years

Jeff Barnouw
Harrington Family Foundation
Sally & John Hood
Steve Tarkington

Silver Level - \$25,000 over 5 years

Martha & Larry Brooks
Patricia & Marc Brutton
Melissa & Bob Gans
Susan & Judd Halenza

Bronze Level - \$10,000 over 5 years

Sharon & Richard Bockoff
Linda & Frank Chisari
Helen Eckmann
Mary Ann & Bud Emerson
Mary & Jeff Friestedt
Fran & Nick Frost
Tema & David Halpern
Nancy & Chris Kane
Beth Levine
Edna & Dan Maneval
Chana Mannen
Nate McCay & Jackie Bridge
Carly & Hal Michaels
Katie & Michael Militello
Phyllis & Ed Mirsky
Ann Feeney & Don Mosier
Linda & Wayne Otchis
Suzi Resnik-Marks & Stan Marks
Shawn Schraeger
Judy & Marc Schuckit
Michael & Sheila Sharpe
Al Sweedler
Harriet Wadia
Glenn & Randee Warren
Tanya Young & Michael McManus

Legacy Society as of December 2025

Jeff Barnouw
Linda & Frank Chisari
Lynn & Charlie Gaylord
Jas K. Grewal & Suren G. Dutia
Susan & Judd Halenza
Tema & David Halpern
Rosanne Rennie Holliday
Maryka Hoover
Carol Kerridge
Claire & Tom McGreal
Katie & Michael Militello
Phyllis & Ed Mirsky
Michael & Sheila Sharpe
Tanya Young & Michael McManus

Calendar Year 2025 Donors

Visionary - \$10,000 or more

Donald Ambrose - Del Mar
Healthcare Inc.
Arlene Harris & Marty Cooper
Rosanne Rennie Holliday

Champion - \$5,000 or more

James Kennedy
Judy & Tom Tullie

Leaders - \$2,000 or more

Buck & Penny Abell
Ben Barth - Nona's Homecare
Michael & Celia Davis
Sandra & Bram Dijkstra
Lynn & Charlie Gaylord
Carol & Rand German
Jas K. Grewal & Suren G. Dutia
Barbara & John Healy
Maryka Hoover
Greet & Karl Hostetler
Althea Lee & David Parker
Lacey Logan & John Spelich
Carol Mason
Claire & Tom McGreal
Jenny Meiselman
John & Wendy Ross
Karen & Martin Surtes
Torrey Pacific Corporation
Liz Turner & Giles Bateman
Nancy & John Weare

Builders - \$500 or more

Elizabeth Bell
Beverly Boggs
Jackie & Tom Bruskotter
Mary Corti
Ann Daigle & Rich Heyman
Liz & Wayne Dernetz
Mary & John Giebink
Linda Hirshberg
Del Mar Farmers Market
Eileen & Cliff Huffman
Bette Johnson
Ginny Kantor
Kelly & Robert Kaplan
Arlene Lighthall
Rosemary Love
Margaret & Brian Maple
GG Marshall
Beth & Jeff Mattfolk
Nancy Murray
Denise Nagata & Len Rodin
Deborah Newmark
John & Peggy Overland
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Carole & Roger Spragg
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Bill & Carolyn Taylor
Cynthia Waage
Jim Watkins - Stratford Square Del Mar
Ann & Gill Williamson
Nancy & Jerry Woodworth

Friends - \$100 or more

Kathy & Duncan Agnew
Barbara Aufiero
Fran Barker
Andrea Benjamin
Pat & Bob Bone
Ann-Marie & David Borman
Marilee Bresciani Ludvik - Rushing to
Yoga Foundation
Elizabeth & Anthony Bulich
Ellen & David Buzawa
Marilyn Carpenter
Jeanette & Donald Cleveland
Joan Dittmer
Annie & David Duval
Anne Marie Ebeling
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Ann Gardner
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Regina & Harlan Horner
Peg Hoversten
Judy Hunt
Pat Killeen
Ursula Krane
Lillian Lachicotte
Irene & James Larrimore
Molly Lee
Bertha & Robert Leone
Philomena Lin & Matthew Chen
Jennifer & Alan Lonbom
Margaret Mahoney
Tracy Martinez & Alan Wittgrove
Julie Maxey-Allison & Brad Allison
Barbara & Bruce Mullen
Kenneth Murray & Jill Peck-Murray
Bob Nelson
Arlene & David Paa
Sherryll L. Parks
Ralph & Gracelyn Peck
Joan Pollard
Dianne Reppucci-Bierman & Steven Bierman
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Pamela Richards
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Bernie Rosenthal
Dianne Salyer & Neil Quinn
Gloria Sandvik & Harold Feder
Karen Sears
Donna Shaw
Enid & Mark Sherman
Carol Singer
Katherine & Tom Sohn
Marilyn Stoke
Sally & Ronald Taylor
Helen Ti
Jeanne Waite
Mary Welsh
Jill Williams
Toni & Frank Wong

Sustaining Membership

Sustaining Members represent DMCC's most steadfast supporters, ensuring long-term financial stability by committing to meaningful multi-year giving at a \$10,000, \$5,000, or \$2,000 level each year.

DMCC Legacy Society

Remembering DMCC in your will or estate plan is one of the most meaningful contributions you can make.

Learn More!

Interested in becoming a Sustaining or Legacy Society Member? Call our office at (858) 792-7565 and DMCC will provide you with more information.



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