

2025



LSCO

Lethbridge
Senior Citizens
Organization

Annual Report



Belong | Connect | Thrive



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Who are we?

We are a vibrant community hub for older adults in Lethbridge to connect, stay active, and access support.

Why do we do what we do?

We believe every senior deserves a place to belong.

What do we envision?

An active, healthy, community of older adults which is learning, growing, and making a difference.

OUR VISION

How will we get there?

By providing older adults with:



Opportunities for **community and social engagement.**



Services which **enhance their quality of life.**



Activities which meet their physical, emotional and intellectual needs.



Advocacy and voice at individual and systemic levels.

OUR MISSION

What will guide us?

OUR VALUES

ETHICAL, POSITIVE LEADERSHIP

We will lead with **honesty and transparency**, taking a respectful approach to others.

INCLUSION & DIVERSITY

We make our best effort to **accommodate needs.**

A SAFE & SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

We will **treat people fairly** and will have zero tolerance for abuse and harassment.

CLARITY OF PURPOSE

We **improve lives, share knowledge, and do the best with what we have** to work toward our Mission and Vision.

A MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY

We have a **sense of responsibility to our community**: our members, our region and our province. We **will connect, engage and collaborate** with our community.

TRUSTWORTHY

LSCO is entrusted with the time people give to us and we **need to earn that trust by being a welcoming, collaborative, enthusiastic and friendly place.**

Executive Director's Report



Kaitlynn Weaver



Thank you

to everyone who supports LSCO: our incredible staff, volunteers, members, Board, and community partners, thank you. Your dedication, compassion, and generosity sustain us. Together, we'll continue to strengthen LSCO and ensure it remains a welcoming, vibrant place for older adults across our region, now and for generations to come.

It's been an honour to serve as Executive Director of the Lethbridge Senior Citizens Organization. I'm deeply grateful to our Board of Directors for their trust and support, and to LSCO members and patrons for welcoming me so warmly. Your kindness, patience, and belief in LSCO have meant a great deal as we've worked through a time of both change and challenge.

As some of you may have heard me say before,

leading the LSCO can sometimes feel like "building a plane at 30,000 feet"—modernizing and rebuilding while keeping our programs running smoothly for those who rely on us daily.

When I first came aboard in March of 2025, that "plane" had three clear areas in need of maintenance that became the guiding goals for our organization:

- **Increase LSCO's visibility and value in the community.**
- **Strengthen internal systems to improve efficiency, safety, and service.**
- **Develop a sustainable financial plan to secure our long-term future.**

Most leaders might take these on one at a time, but LSCO needed all three to move forward. There was readiness for change and urgency to act. Taking these steps together has been challenging—but essential—to putting LSCO on a stronger, more stable path.

Visibility and Community Impact

Since March 2025, we have made significant strides in raising LSCO's profile. A definitive highlight was our 50th Anniversary celebration on July 26, where we welcomed over 800 guests for an afternoon of music and memories. This milestone, along with the heartening support we've received from local businesses and schools throughout the year, has brought a renewed energy to our mission and deepened our roots within the Lethbridge community.

Systems Improvement

Behind the scenes, we continued improving our systems and operations to make LSCO more efficient and responsive. Updates to staff and member policies, online registration, and communication tools are already showing results. In 2026, we'll continue refining these systems to strengthen accountability and streamline how we work.



Financial Sustainability

Now, for the tough part. Over the past seven years, LSCO has faced recurring deficits, and 2025 was no exception. We closed the year with a deficit of \$111,622—about 4% of our total budget—with \$72,602 in cash and the remainder attributed to capital depreciation. This shortfall has depleted our reserves and reinforces the urgent need to focus on long-term financial stability and sustainability.

The reasons are complex but familiar across the nonprofit sector:

- Lingering effects of COVID-19 on membership and revenue.
- Significant increases in costs for food, goods, and services.
- Decreased provincial funding
- Lower gaming revenues covering our rent (\$123,000 in 2019 vs. \$79,000 in 2025)
- Aging equipment needing repair or replacement.

These results show that our community continues to believe in LSCO and the seniors we serve. We also took major steps toward future stability by launching the LSCO Endowment Fund, an essential investment in our long-term financial independence, and by expanding programs that both engage more participants and diversify our revenue base.

The path ahead will require continued discipline and transparency, but we have a solid foundation to build on. With thoughtful planning, strong governance, and community partnerships, I'm confident we can restore financial balance and position LSCO for long-term sustainability.

How can you help?

Revenue from our diner, memberships, and programs covers only a fraction of what it truly costs to deliver those meals, activities, and supports. We keep prices low so cost isn't a barrier, and for those who need extra help, our Welcome Policy and the City of Lethbridge Fee Assistance program ensure no one is turned away.

To bridge this gap, we rely on donations, grants, and community partnerships. This blend of earned income and philanthropy keeps LSCO accessible to all older adults, regardless of income, while we work toward long-term financial recovery.

That's why we're asking—if you're able—please consider making a donation to **LSCO**, either one-time or monthly. Every contribution makes a tangible difference and is eligible for a charitable tax receipt.

Even as expenses rise, we're seeing signs of real progress:

- Donations and fundraising across all programs increased by nearly \$45,000
- Program revenue rose by more than \$25,000
- Cafeteria sales grew by \$31,000
- Online engagement through social media and our website has never been higher

These realities are sobering, but they're not defining. Across the province, nonprofits are facing similar economic pressures, and LSCO is responding with resilience.

President's Report

Board Members 2025/26

John Usher, President

Keith Sumner, Past President

Neil Jorgensen, Treasurer

Veronica Panich, Secretary

Reg Dawson

Merri Ann Ford

Linda Learn

Andre Beaudin

Austyn Anderson

Lets all pull together!

So, what is the Boomer cohort that's moving through Canada's demographics? Is it a 'Silver Tsunami' or a 'Golden Opportunity'? You might say that it all depends on one's perspective – a sort of a glass half empty or glass half full sort of thing. While it's true that a large number of seniors will draw upon a decreasing number of workers, it's important to recognize that society itself is changing. As noted by Professor Sarah Harper, director of the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, whether it's lingering concerns about Covid, the climate crisis, or simply not having children, fertility rates are in decline in much of the world.

What does that mean for LSCO? How should this organization adapt to these changes? As LSCO's Executive Director, Kaitlynn Weaver lays out in this Annual Report, **there are three clear areas to concentrate upon:**

Thank you

**LSCO Board
Members!**



**John
Usher**

**LSCO Board
President**

Increase LSCO's visibility and value in the community by building collaborations that grow our market reach.

Strengthen internal systems to improve efficiency, safety, and service while reducing expenses.

Develop a sustainable financial plan that increases revenues and builds an endowment cushion to secure our long-term future.

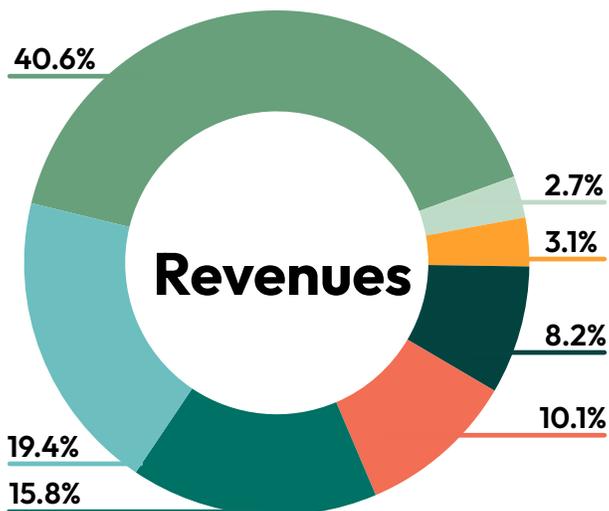
How do we get there? Let's all pull together: All of our staff and volunteers already make an amazing contribution, but think about your salary or membership fees as just 'the ante' and, if you can, step up and give more! We've got lots of tax receipts! Thank you.

Financial Summary



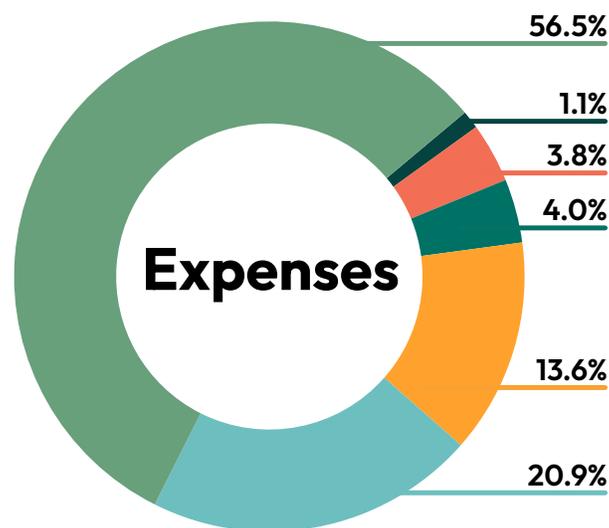
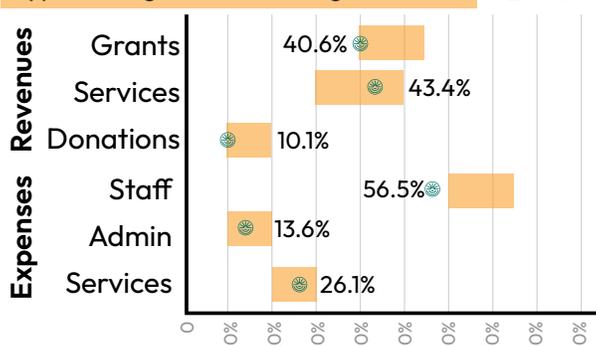
For fiscal year ending
December 31, 2025

[Click here to view our 2025 Audited Financial Statements](#)



How our financials compare to other senior centres in Canada

Typical range for similar organizations LSCO %



2025

2024

External Revenue _____ \$67,857	\$67,571
Rentals, Advertising, Catering, Dish Rentals	
Food Services _____ \$491,851	\$435,830
Diner Sales, Meals on Wheels Chargeback	
Fundraising & Donations _____ \$257,136	\$200,954
All donations, sponsorships, & special activities	
Grants _____ \$1,031,740	\$978,882
Government and other grants; service payments,	
Gaming Funds _____ \$79,208	\$107,327
Bingo and Casino Revenues	
Programs & Membership _____ \$401,900	\$374,882
Programs & Membership Fees	
Senior Supports _____ \$208,876	\$267,197
Lawn & Snow Fees, Meals on Wheels Fees	
Total _____ \$2,538,387	\$2,432,643

Operational Revenue vs Expenses: **(\$77,537)**

2025

2024

Administration _____ \$356,559	\$355,558
Rent, Supplies, Insurance, Repairs & Maintenance etc	
Food Services _____ \$547,035	\$519,114
Food Purchases, Kitchen Supplies, Maintenance, Food & Supplies for MOW	
Special Activities _____ \$99,079	\$50,241
General Advertising, Newspaper, Special Events, Volunteer Appreciation etc.	
Programs _____ \$105,743	\$96,322
Program Instructor Fees	
Senior Supports _____ \$39,978	\$76,520
Lawn & Snow Program, Housekeeping Program	
Staff _____ \$1,447,530	\$1,376,078
Wages & Benefits for all departments, staff development	
Total _____ \$2,615,924	2,473,833

1560

MEMBERS

1,525 in 2024

256

New Members

212 in 2024

378

VOLUNTEERS

489 in 2024

24

STAFF

21 in 2024

49,934

FACILITY VISITS

44,405 in 2024

150,993

HOURS USED BY THE
COMMUNITY

132,751 in 2024

At LSCO, every
program, service,
and individual plays a
crucial role in creating
a stronger, more
connected community.

Our membership and program revenues
help sustain essential support services.

Volunteers extend our reach, enhancing
every aspect of what we do.

Our diner, fundraisers, and donations
help to keep costs low for programming
and social supports.

57,647

DINER ITEMS SOLD

48,845 in 2024

Together, we make a lasting impact.

Community Feedback



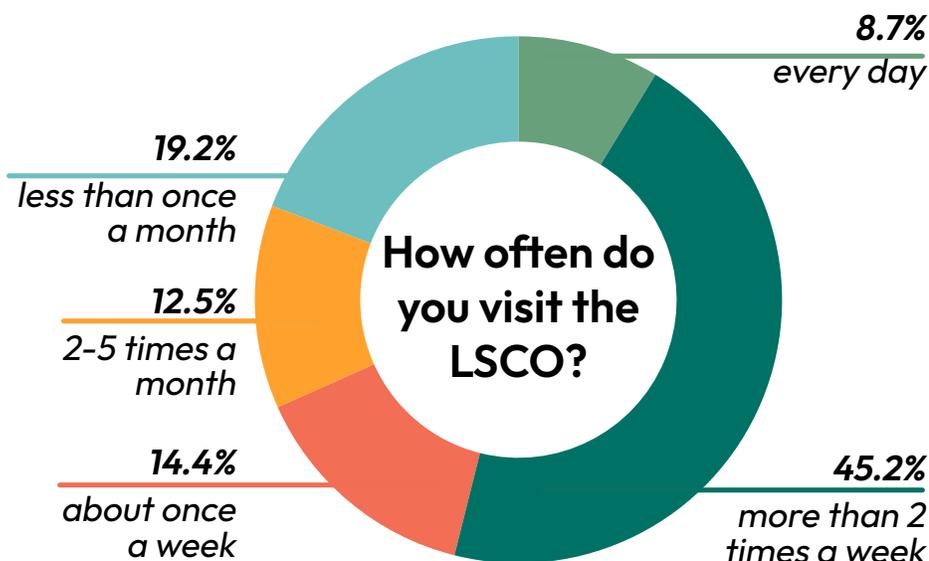
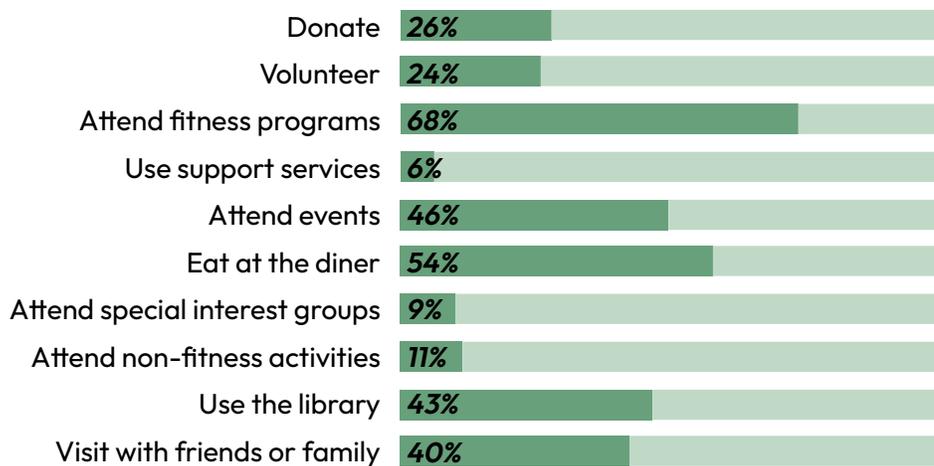
95.9% of people believe the LSCO has a positive impact on their life!

93.2% are satisfied with their overall experience

91.5% are satisfied with the quantity and quality of programs

91.4% are satisfied with the affordability of LSCO programs. **35.6% strongly agreed!**

How do you engage with the LSCO?



*data based on most recent member survey

“For lonely people like me, LSCO is my “second” home. It offers me exercises for my health, classes and information on health, aging, every day life, and above all, opportunity to make new friendships and socializing.”

“Love the opportunity to meet like minded people and build relationships. I enjoy the classes and fitness and exercise especially those scheduled in the morning. I enjoy the special events and knowing how the centre supports other individuals who have specific needs. I also appreciate having professionals come to the LSCO to offer various services or advice.”

I feel that LSCO is a good place to meet people. People are friendly and happy to see you. When you are away people check on you. The fitness Centre is welcoming and not overly crowded. They have good food in the diner”

Programs



LSCO programs provide a connection point for seniors who want to be part of a vibrant community that has a place for everyone to shine. There is a program for everyone regardless of race, gender, ability/fitness level, financial situation, or cognitive ability. From celebrating female athletes at our inaugural women's only badminton tournament to finding your centre in chair yoga, we continued our mission of inclusion, wellness, and engagement in 2025.

Programs to keep you moving,

We were excited to launch our first Dragon Boat Team in many years! For many of our paddlers, it was their very first time in a dragon boat—but you wouldn't know it from watching them on the water. The team showed incredible dedication, attending as many practices as they could throughout June to prepare for Festival weekend. And their hard work paid off! The team paddled in time and beat their practice times on race day!



learning,

The LSCO partnered with Primary Care Alberta and Healthy Lethbridge, to host the Steady Moves series—an 8-week program that completely reached capacity. This “talk and train” initiative paired expert-led educational sessions on fall prevention followed by a dedicated strength and balance workout. We look forward to hosting more sessions in 2026!

and making new friends

The LSCO Badminton Club is proud to celebrate a year of incredible growth. Female participation has more than tripled this year (4 to 14 active female members). This surge in interest culminated on December 4, 2025, when we hosted our Inaugural Women's Doubles Tournament. Five teams took to the courts to compete for gold and silver, marking a new chapter of competitive play and camaraderie at LSCO.



Meet Louise.

Louise has battled cancer and remained involved in our LSCO community through her entire journey. She routinely attends fitness classes and is a regular in the diner for a post-workout coffee.

“I am a very active 76 year old who bikes, x-country and down-hill skis, hikes, curls, snowshoes and does active travel. The programs at the LSCO have enabled me to maintain the level of fitness I require to participate in these activities. The variety of programs is amazing with offerings for every level of fitness at many different times of the day. Our fitness instructors motivate us to work hard but have fun. I am unable to motivate myself to do fitness at home but I happily come almost every weekday to a variety of programs at the LSCO. The variety of fitness programs and our instructors are amazing. Thanks for all you do to keep us seniors healthy and mobile.”

213

sessional programs
182 in 2024



15,408

hours of programming
16,553 in 2024



34,600

visits for programs
32,221 in 2024



124,100

hours by participants
119,642 in 2024



Meet Mary.

“Being a member of the LSCO the past 15 years has had a huge impact on my quality of life. Attending the gym, various exercise classes has helped maintain my mobility, strength and flexibility. I’ve attended other classes such as painting. Also, meeting other seniors has been rewarding. A big thanks to all the staff and volunteers who have made the LSCO so welcoming to all.”

Mary sustained a fall this past year and her physician informed her that her exercise routine drastically improved her recovery and subsequent quality of life.



Support Services



3,063

SENIORS SERVED

Note: Some seniors may be counted more than once if they utilize multiple services



107 food hampers delivered in partnership with local food banks.
70 in 2024



494 taxes completed through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program.
598 in 2024



1,403
practicum
student hours



8
Commissioner for
Oaths documents

12 New support services including Nutrition Screenings, Fall Prevention Programs and The Christmas Hope Partnership (Golden Giving Tree).

Meet Bill.

“Applying for my pension felt like learning a second language. I was so worried about missing a step and losing out. My navigator went through everything with me so that I understood all the different benefits and what was available to me.

I’m getting my pension now and can spend my energy doing things I enjoy instead of worrying about forms.
Thank you.”



Trusted support for life’s changing seasons.

Thank you to our service providers:

Alberta Health Services | Alzheimer’s Society | Austyn Anderson, Low & Company LLP Law | Building Brains Together | Canada Revenue Agency | Covenant Health | Interfaith Food Bank | Lethbridge Family Services | Lethbridge Food Bank | Lethbridge Hearing Centre | Lethbridge Polytechnic | Medicine Shoppe | My City Care | Nord-Bridge Senior Centre | Primary Care Alberta | Recovery Alberta | Save on Foods North | Seasons Retirement Lethbridge | Service Canada | SpecSavers Park Place Mall | The Salvation Army | University of Lethbridge | Volunteer Lethbridge



Senior System Navigators

Find the safe, professional services & resources you and your family can rely on to maintain independence and peace of mind.

The Seniors System Navigators are a specialized branch of the Seniors Community Services Partnership (SCSP), a unique collaboration between three older adult serving agencies: Lethbridge Family Services, Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre, and Lethbridge Senior Citizens Organization. This collaborative team understands the complexities of navigating the systems and services available to older adults. With empathy and understanding, they are able to help seniors access the resources and assistance that they need.

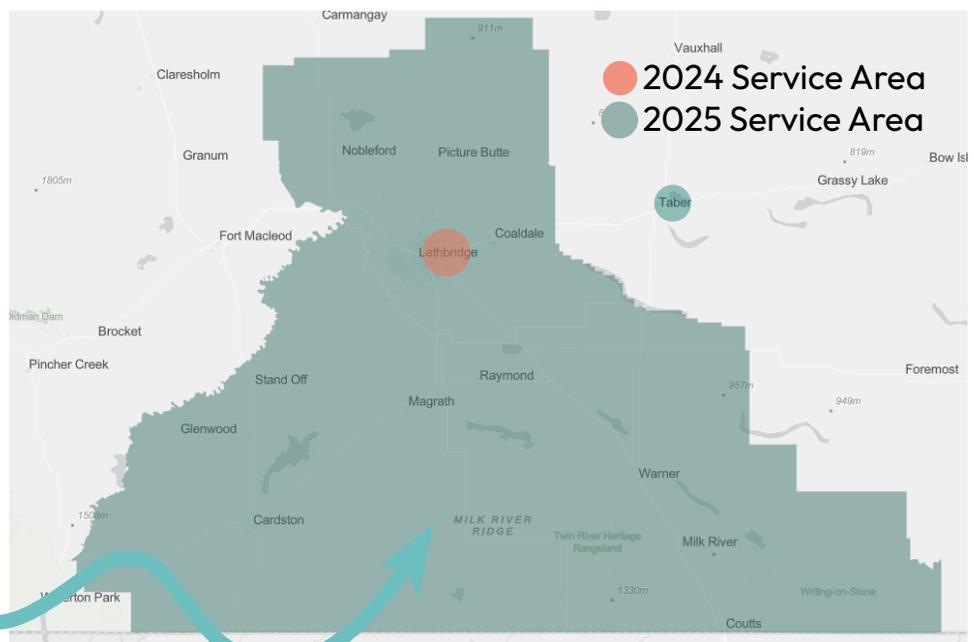
417
SENIORS
HELPED



- 82%** reported greater awareness of services
- 64%** reported improved mental health
- 66%** reported improved access to services
- 54%** reported a decrease in hospitalizations

2,018 referrals made to community services and resources.

The SCSP expanded in 2025, adding positions and expanding to the rural areas surrounding Lethbridge including Lethbridge County, Warner County, Cardston County and Taber.



LEARN



87

SENIORS HELPED

25% more than in 2024!

LEARN is powered by a Coordinated Community Response (CCR)—a vital network of senior serving partners all working together to provide education, awareness, and advocacy to community members regarding elder abuse.

The frontline of this network consists of two full-time LEARN Case Managers who work directly with older adults experiencing or are at risk of abuse. Case Managers work collaboratively with the older adult to create a service plan, safety plan, and provide one on one support. The CCR is able to refer older adults who may need help to the Case Managers and provide wrap around services to survivors and their support networks.

By being uniquely housed at LSCO, the program allows Case Managers to build rapport with seniors in a familiar, non-threatening environment, significantly increasing the likelihood that those at risk will feel safe enough to disclose their situation and seek help.

Thank you to our CCR Members:

Lethbridge Police Service: Victim/Witness Services, Economic Crimes Unit & Domestic Crimes Unit | Alzheimer's Society | YWCA | Divergent Financial Planning | Lethbridge Family Services: Counselling, Outreach and Education & Immigrant Services | Office of the Public Guardian, Servus Credit Union | Lethbridge Legal Guidance | Canadian Mental Health Association | Green Acres Foundation | Recovery Alberta Seniors Addiction and Mental Health | Chinook Sexual Assault Center | Stringam LLP | 211 Alberta

Most Prominent Abuse Experienced

- 34%** financial
- 28%** emotional/verbal
- 16%** physical
- 15%** neglect
- 6%** medical
- 1%** Sexual

Clients often identify multiples types of abuse.

3 months average stay in the safe suite

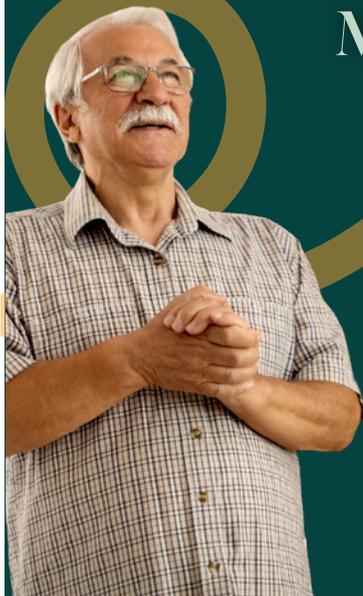
These suites are available for older adults who need to leave their home immediately as a result of elder abuse. **The LEARN Safe Suite Model was recognized provincially** and has since been adopted by the Government of Alberta and implemented across the province.

A story of hope

Through a collaborative effort with crucial community partners—including Lethbridge Police, EMS, and Alberta Health Services—we secured the safety and specialized care required by a vulnerable older adult. Our intervention not only moved this individual from dangerous, unsafe conditions to a suitable level of care, but it also opened the door to resources previously inaccessible due to the home's state. We also extended referral support to other family members in the home. Today, those members continue to actively engage with support, are living in cleaner environments, and are progressing towards their personal goals.



Meals on Wheels



Meet Vince.

“I just started using your service and you guys changed my life. Thank you. Thank you. You made my life so much easier.

Thank you so much. Your meals are great. I’m not used to getting help and I have a spine injury. You guys keep up the great work. You guys work hard, and your meals are freaking awesome. Thank you. Thank you.”

256
CLIENTS
293 in 2024

22,343
MEALS
22,118 in 2024

5,100
HOURS
by volunteers
preparing and
delivering
meals



More than a meal

LSCO Meals on Wheels is a community service that utilizes the support of volunteers to deliver nutritious meals to individuals, particularly seniors and those with disabilities, who are unable to prepare meals on their own. Meals on Wheels helps individuals maintain their health and independence at home.



Did you know?

The LSCO relies entirely on donations, grants, and fundraising to subsidize the cost of every single meal!



61%
of meals were
provided at a
subsidy of \$3 or
more by LSCO

Volunteering



2024

1,248



2025

**COMMUNITY
CONNECT
572 hours**

450



**INCOME TAX
216 hours**

1,014



**BOUTIQUE
1,476 hours**

4,508



**KITCHEN
5,961 hours**

1,923



**BINGO
1,363 hours**

1,025



**ADMIN
1,300 hours**

985



**PROGRAMS
1,435 hours**

1,343



**EVENTS
3,011 hours**

5,240



**MOW DELIVERY
3,600 hours**

Due to a change in reporting, meal preparation hours for MOW are included in kitchen in 2025.

Please remember to track your hours!

378

VOLUNTEERS

20,839

VOLUNTEER HOURS

That's the equivalent of
\$312,585 in wages!

Our volunteer core consists of over **350 volunteers across 15 daily programs, services, and annual special events.** Many of our programs, such as Meals on Wheels or Community Connect, assist individuals in maintaining independence. Volunteers help us to keep the costs of these programs and services affordable and accessible to all.

While the majority of our volunteers are also members of LSCO, **we have a diverse group of people from all ages and backgrounds,** including many student volunteers that help foster an intergenerational atmosphere. Not only do our volunteers help contribute but they create a true sense of belonging in our community, enriching the lives of themselves and others along the way.

The volunteer program at LSCO continues to play a vital role in connecting older adults to the resources, supports, and socialization they need.

100% of our volunteers agree

“As a result of being involved with the LSCO, I believe I am making my community a better place.”

89% of our volunteers feel volunteering has helped

“Me feel good about myself”

“Feel a sense of belonging, importance, and connection to my community”

“Know more about how to access community resources”

Drive Happiness

516
Trips Provided
391 in 2024

502
Volunteer Hours
360 in 2024

3812
Kms Driven
5892 in 2024

Drive Happiness connects volunteer drivers with senior riders who need transportation to appointments, errands, and visits with friends and family.

the heart of connection

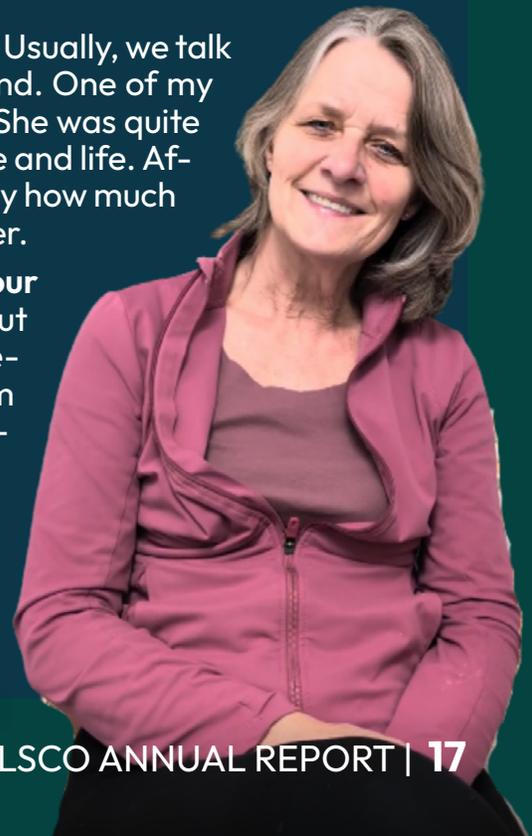


Rita has been volunteering with the Community Connect friendly phone call program for 5 years.

“I first signed up after seeing a call for volunteers in the newsletter. I ‘hummed and hawed’ for a bit, thinking of all the reasons why not, but then I thought there must be a senior out there who wouldn’t mind a phone call.

Since then, I’ve been connected with several different seniors. Usually, we talk once a week for about an hour about whatever comes to mind. One of my first matches was a lady who had recently lost her husband. She was quite lonely, but had so much to share about her beautiful marriage and life. After she passed away, her daughter called me specifically to say how much her mother had appreciated our calls. It was very sweet of her.

I think volunteering is important because it gets us out of our own little circles. In our society, we focus so much on family, but sometimes it’s nice to have someone outside that circle, someone who hasn’t heard all your stories yet and can hear them for the first time without judgment. It’s an easy way to get involved and remind ourselves of the good that’s in us. Technology is great, but we’ve lost that ‘conscious choice’ to really pick up the phone and talk. **Volunteering reminds me to go a little deeper, and that’s a good thing for the community and for me.”**



Meet Rita.

Community Outreach & Events



Serving the community for **50 years!**



On July 25th, 2025, the LSCO celebrated its **50th anniversary**. Presented by Hearing Life, and supported by Meadowlands: An Optima Living Community (Medicine Hat), Rose & Thistle, and the City of Lethbridge, our 50th Anniversary Celebration welcomed more than **800 guests** for an afternoon of community, music, and memories—truly the highlight of the year.

“Bravo to LSCO for organizing such a fab event!! Fab music food and fun atmosphere”

“We had friends who came down from Edmonton this weekend with their 2 young boys. The boys had a great time at the kids center, got a free Pokémon card each from a vendor in the Farmers Market, saw a young Blacksmith forge a nail from scratch, and got a free giant hot dog each and free popcorn!!! They had such a wonderful time. Thank you to LSCO volunteers for helping us have a wonderful weekend!!!”

3,935 EVENT ATTENDEES

57% increase from 2024

3,579
subscribers on
our email list.
539 more friends!

48,000
people visited
our website.
163.5 % increase

44,103
marketing
emails sent.

**The year we
went viral...**

Christmas

The holiday season once again brought out the best in our community. In December, the LSCO was filled with warmth and generosity as we hosted our Free Christmas Dinner, welcoming hundreds of seniors and community members to share in the spirit of connection. Through our Golden Giving Tree, donors provided thoughtful gifts and reminders that our seniors are valued and remembered. We were also proud for our Meals on Wheels program to once again be the recipients of **Select People Solutions'** 23 Days of Christmas campaign in partnership with **Cuppers Coffee & Tea**. These initiatives truly reflect the heart of the LSCO: building community, fostering kindness, and ensuring no one feels alone during the season of giving.

\$48,038

In donations for all Christmas Campaigns
2x more than 2024!



208 Gifts donated
for isolated seniors



979 free meals served
on Christmas Day



Thank you 23 Days of Christmas Meal Sponsors: ATLAS LLP | AVE Farms | Bob & Suzan Boudreau | Corinne Varzari | Davis Automotive Group | DBS Environmental | Elements Physical Therapy | Glenn and Jancie Varzari | Greentree Cattle Corp. | KB Heating & Air Conditioning | Lantic/Rogers | Lethbridge Hearing Centre | Lethbridge Iron | McCain | MELCOR | Nitro Construction | Paper Trail Recycling | Richardson Oil Seed | Select People Solutions & Teamworks Career Centre | ServiceMaster Restore | Shaw & Associates | Stranville Developments | Thomson Group | Tradesman Manufacturing | Vanee Livestock | Vanee Truck Wash | Ward Bros. Construction Ltd. | Warwick Printing | WASO Physiotherapy | WESTCO Construction | Whisper Heating & Cooling

Westco Woodshop

Throughout 2025, we partnered with our dedicated woodshop volunteers and Westco Construction to revitalize the space, making it safer, more accessible, and ready for years to come. A heartfelt thank you to Westco and our incredible volunteers for their hard work. Special thanks also to Ruth Neufeld for her generous donation from the estate of her brother and longtime LSCO volunteer, John Unrau.



500 hours by woodshop volunteers

Thank you community partners: Derochie Painting | Big Steel Box | Kitchen Centre | Lealta Building Supplies | Mikado Electric and of course, Westco Construction!



381%
more people
interacted with
our content.

589,000
views on Facebook &
Instagram.
473% increase!

13,900
people visted our
Facebook page.
101.9% increase!

581
new friends
(followers) on
social media.

\$141,907

Donations

49.6% Increase

by **398** Donors

Additional Contributions

\$23,300 endowment

\$36,172 in kind donations

\$108,304

Fundraising Revenue

9% Increase

\$201,379

TOTAL

CONTRIBUTIONS

Fundraising



The LSCO is grateful for the provincial and municipal grants that allow us to deliver robust programs helping seniors age well and access essential services. However, these grants are often earmarked for specific purposes and do not cover all the costs associated with operating these programs.

\$466,741- FCSS Renewal (City of Lethbridge Community Social Development)

\$500,000 Rural Resource Hub (Government of Alberta) March 2025 to March 2027

\$193,500 LEARN Grant Renewal (Elder Abuse Awareness Council) September 2025 to August 2026

\$479,356 Healthy Aging Alberta Grant Renewal October 2025 to September 2028

Thank you to our funders!



\$1,031,740

In Grants & Government Funding

3 new grants in 2025

\$10,000 CU for Good (Alberta Central - Credit Unions of Alberta) For the hydroponic grow towers

\$2,425 CVITP (Government of Canada) Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

\$7,000 Community Foundation of Lethbridge & Southwestern Alberta For Meals on Wheels

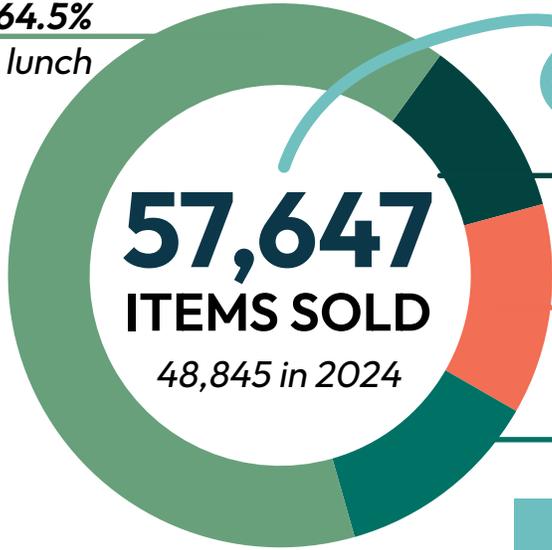
\$8,885 RBC Grants For volunteers & programming

\$500 Volunteer Canada For LSCO's 50th Anniversary

\$2,940 Community Events Support Grant (City of Lethbridge) For LSCO's 50th Anniversary

Diner, Catering, & Rentals

64.5%
lunch



15% more diner sales
\$491,851 in 2025 vs \$435,830 in 2024

Our most popular items were

- Coffee: 13,795 sold
- Lunch Special: 5,707 sold
- Pie: 5,587 sold

45% more rental revenue

Our 50's Style Dining Room is more than just a place to grab a meal—it is a vibrant social hub where friendships are forged over coffee and healthy, affordable food is accessible to all.



Dumbo Ears were a huge hit during Whoop Up Days!
We sold 1137!!

While our delicious menus are crafted by a small but dedicated team of just four paid staff (three in the kitchen and one cashier), the true engine of our dining service is our volunteers.

From the friendly faces on the serving line and the efficient food runners to the hardworking team in the dish pit, **our volunteers are the reason we can keep meal costs low and spirits high.** Their commitment ensures that we can serve hundreds of fresh breakfasts and lunches every week, supporting both our daily visitors and the critical Meals on Wheels program.



LSCO is all about innovation and reducing costs, so what better way than **installing three hydroponic grow towers?** Thanks to a grant from Credit Unions of Alberta and the expertise of volunteers and staff, Geoff Waugh, from Winston Churchill High School, **we harvested 4 crops of fresh herbs and vegetables in 2025.** Delicious and sustainable!



Thank you to everyone who supported us in 2025.

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