Once again, we have had an amazing year at PSRC. Some of the accomplishments are visible to you if you come in to the Center, while others are behind the scenes.

Some highlights:

• Most noticeable may be the new Stark Community Room with new furnishing and soft lighting to welcome you and encourage you to visit with others.

• We moved several Evergreen Forum classes to the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville. This enabled us to increase the number of classes with additional classroom and parking space. This was more convenient for some participants, and we heard many positive responses.

• Building on our work on marketing and branding, new brochures have been created for all programs and the weekly e-news and updates. We are encouraging you to sign up for the electronic newsletter.

• We celebrated the 20th anniversary of the GrandPals program, with 110 volunteers in 16 classes last year in all four public elementary schools and the summer program. This fall we will celebrate 20 years of HomeFriends volunteer visitors.

• We held several special programs during the year, some of which helped with our fund-raising efforts. We also had a fun special Give Your Love campaign in February. These efforts are critically important to support the stability and growth of PSRC.

• We sought—and received—great feedback from you on our website and programs.

Many other less visible changes transpired, including new computers and software for staff, updating bylaws, evaluating and revising processes for more effective functioning. Those of you who come in to the Suzanne Patterson Building and Spruce Circle know that there are always things going on.

This year an average of 1275 people attended activities weekly and 75 received social service support. 1033 folks attended Evergreen Forum classes and 2704 attended enrichment programs. 485 attended groups and 542 were registered Crosstown riders. We offered 26 computer classes and 25 Lunch and Learns. 375 volunteers and 59 community organizations and businesses helped makes these programs possible.
We’re excited about what lies ahead in the 2017-18 year. Enrollment for Fall Evergreen Forum is well under way, we are busy planning a fall conference on technology and the health fair, as well as several special programs. Lunch and Learn programs will be called For Your Information (FYI). Be sure to come laugh with us at the Second City performance on the 24th, and be sure to buy raffle tickets for wine and dine or a vacation in Puerto Rico! Your support is essential to sustaining PSRC, a non-profit organization. Make sure you sign up for the newsletter by email or subscribe for paper so you can keep up with the programs, services, and helpful information that we send each month.

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