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CEO Update

We never go it alone.

As we continue to chart our path for the next 3-5 years with our Strategic Plan, we reaffirm our **heartfelt commitment** to and **clear-eyed focus** on serving our older friends. LBFE's **Annual**

Report for FY2025 in this issue outlines how we continue to meet the moment and remain well-positioned to move forward.

But we know with certainty that we cannot succeed on our own. We rely on a **community of individuals** who walk with us to combat loneliness and befriend older adults across Chicago and beyond.

With more and more Americans aging solo, LBFE's work will be even more important in the years ahead. This means we need even more **volunteers for vital outreach** to our older friends both day to day and until the end to fulfill our promise of forever friendships.

How do volunteers help? Check the following pages for just some of the ways: Supporting programs at Audrey's House and in Northwest Indiana. Wrapping and delivering wonderful Christmas gifts. Driving older friends to holiday parties year-round. **Making meaningful connections** through personal visits. And so much more.

You're busy, we know. But if you can find the time to volunteer (or give a few more hours), we promise you'll gain plenty, too: New friends. Good times. **A fuller heart.** And, always, we offer to all of you our very sincere gratitude for your partnership and support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Mitchell-Peterson".

Simone Mitchell-Peterson
Chief Executive Officer

On the cover: LBFE older friend and valued volunteer celebrated at our festive birthday party in November 2025.

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AUDREY'S HOUSE INVITES CONVERSATION & FRIENDSHIP

In DuPage and Kane counties, older adults and LBFE volunteers are coming together for friendly conversations and fun times at **Audrey's House**, LBFE's year-round program and vacation center.

Coffee & Conversation is a monthly event where LBFE older adults, volunteers, and community members enjoy coffee and pastries, and share life with each other.

"Coffee & Conversation at Audrey's House has proven to be a familiar and comfortable place for 'the regulars' to gather. It's also an ideal opportunity for those who are curious about LBFE in DuPage and Kane counties to learn more about alleviating isolation and loneliness among older adults, one cup of coffee at a time," says Raquel Lightbourne-Coley, Expansion Program Planner.

On April 29, older friends will gather at Audrey's House with volunteers and staff for the **Fête d'Armand Marquiset**,

a celebration for LBFE's founder Armand Marquiset who started our organization in France in 1946 to serve elderly Parisians who had lost their families and savings in World War II.

Beyond Audrey's House, Lightbourne-Coley is also planning two **volunteer recruitment events** at local libraries. A **volunteer appreciation event** is also planned for April. Currently, LBFE serves 14 older adults with the help of 43 volunteers in DuPage and Kane counties.

"We would love to welcome more older adults into our program. However, without new visiting volunteers, we can't make this happen. Now is a great time to become a volunteer," explains Lightbourne-Coley.

For more information about volunteering in DuPage & Kane counties, call 312-300-6263 or email Raquel at RColey@LBFEillinois.org.



CELEBRATING TOGETHER



PAUSING TO RELAX AT AUDREY'S HOUSE

CONNECTING GENERATIONS BUILDS COMMUNITY

“At its heart, intergenerational work reminds people, especially older adults, that they still matter, they are still needed, and they are not alone. Intergenerational programming not only brings generations together, but it also builds community in a way that lasts,” explains Amy Lambert, Internship and Intergenerational Program Coordinator.

The **LBFE Intergenerational Program** provides the Chicago-area community with opportunities to meet and engage with older adults. Students from elementary school to college gain new perspectives and share their own areas of expertise, all while experiencing the many benefits of volunteerism.

For older adults, the Intergenerational Program is an opportunity to connect with younger people and to share their life experiences and stories. This can increase important feelings of being recognized, remembered, and valued, along with bringing new experiences and friendships.

“Working with the children made me feel happy and proud. I learned a lot and had fun.”

— Our older friend

In December, medical school students from **Rush University’s Rush Medical College** hosted a flu vaccination and health education fair for our older adults, staff, and volunteers. Rush students are also brainstorming on ways to refresh LBFE’s Brain Fitness Center. There were also university group projects from **Rush University’s College of Nursing MA Nursing** and **College of Nursing MS Health Systems**.

First-grade students from **Frances Xavier Warde** came to sing holiday songs to our older adults and staff during a Coffee and Conversation event in December. In addition to sharing beautiful songs, the children and our older friends colored festive holiday



pictures, made ornaments, and enjoyed an older friend who shared his musical talents playing the piano.

City Year Chicago also joined us in December to make homemade gift bwags and candy bags. These personalized touches mean so much to our older adults.

Over the last few months, students from **Northwestern University, Uchida Clinic**, and **North Central College** participated in projects with LBFE.

From September to May, undergraduate students from **DePaul University Community Service Association (DCSA)** meet monthly at Haven Tower Senior Apartments on the South Side of Chicago. The students engage and connect with the older adult tenants in the building through games, dance, crafts, and other fun activities. This group is currently in its third year with LBFE.

In December, **DePaul University MENP (CbSL Nursing Students)** also served as Phone Call Visitors and Visiting Volunteers, assisted with decorating gift bags and the Holiday Gift Program, delivered Food Bags, and helped with on-site parties.

To learn more about the LBFE Intergenerational Program and how you can get involved, **contact Amy Lambert** at 312-604-7262.



LBFE ALWAYS “MAKES ME FEEL GOOD”

The Northwest Indiana program has been busy connecting with volunteers and hosting engaging events for the community. The program currently involves 60 older adults and 121 volunteers.

Older adults and volunteers came together for a **Thanksgiving luncheon** at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church and a **Christmas Eve luncheon** at Teibel's.

“Many older adults feel alone and isolated during the holidays,” says Jacqueline Townsend, Expansion Program Planner. “By sharing a holiday meal with our older friends, we were able to create memories and let them know they are not alone.”

In addition to tasty food, these holiday gatherings offer a chance for **connection and conversation**.

Sammy, an older friend, explains: “I love getting to see some people I haven't seen in a while. You get to reconnect with new folks at these parties, too. I even got to sit next to a lady who has the same birthday as me!”

Lilian, another older friend, says: “It's always nice when you can spend time with some folks that make you feel

good. Because when you live alone, all you see is four walls and a TV.”

In February, the program held a **Valentine's Day Bingo** and lunch. In March, a **tea** and **flower arrangement** event was held. Upcoming events include a **birthday party**, **volunteer brunch**, and **summer luncheon**.

Sammy, who has been a part of LBFE for several years, enthusiastically shares what LBFE means to her. “I love Little Brothers. I look forward to the meetings, to the outings, to talking to people on the phone. I just love it!”

For more information about volunteering in Northwest Indiana, call 219-736-5233 or email Jacqueline at jtownsend@LBFEindiana.org.



MARLA VARNADO

LBFE WELCOMES NEW INTERN

LBFE Chicago welcomed a new intern, **Marla Varnado**, as part of the Intergenerational Program. Marla will be exploring the world of matched visiting volunteer relationships with our older adult friends. Marla is a student at Howard University, earning her doctorate in Occupational Therapy. She will be graduating in May 2026.

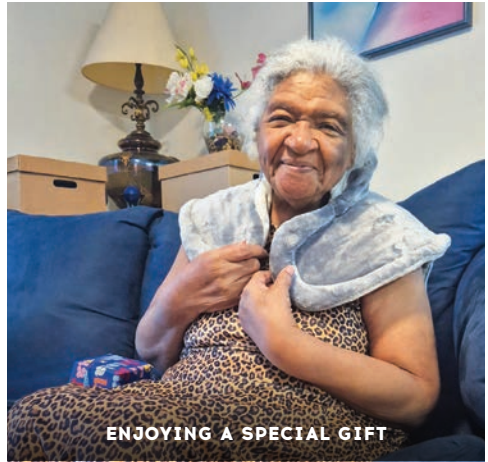
HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM: THANK YOU!

This year's **Holiday Gift Program** was another great success, thanks to the generosity of **260 donors** and **businesses** who purchased gifts for nearly **700 older friends**, making each older friend's holiday even brighter.

"We are **grateful to everyone** who purchased a gift, or donated for us to do the shopping, to ensure our older friends know they are thought of during the holiday season," says Sherri Gorski, Assistant Director of Development.

This year, our older friends each received a special gift, which was delivered in a handmade, festively decorated bag that also included individually wrapped chocolates. Said one of our older friends: "Wow, I just love my Christmas gift. I love it so much. Thank you for everything you do for me!"

LBFE volunteers wrapped gifts, and another **109 volunteers** took time to deliver and visit older friends throughout December and January.



In addition, **four volunteer groups** joined LBFE for gift wrapping and bag decorating in December.

"Many gracious thanks for the most surprising, gorgeous Christmas gift and the beautifully decorated bag. I thank you wholeheartedly for surprising me with something that I call a practical luxury!" explains LBFE older friend, Victoria.



NEW MOSAIC REFLECTS SPECIAL COLLABORATION

LBFE's **newest rose-themed** mosaic on the north side of our Ashland building is the result of a two-year collaboration between 30 LBFE older adults and **Green Star Movement**, a nonprofit that taps CPS students to create murals. "Intergenerational work like this dispels stereotypes. It helps create an unbiased way of looking at the world," explains Kamelia Hristeva, Founder and CEO, Green Star Movement, which also is housed in our Ashland building.

"In a world where aging often brings loss, isolation, and invisibility, coming together to create something meaningful restores a sense of dignity, purpose, and connection," says Amy Lambert, Internship and Intergenerational Program Coordinator, LBFE.

NEW LBFE BOARD MEMBER: UPLIFTED & INSPIRED

"I may be delivering groceries, but I'm bringing so much more—like friendship. Our visits make such a bigger impact by helping people feel valued and important," says **Shauna M. Robertson.**

LBFE's newest Board member, Robertson is **Founder and Principal Attorney, SMR Legal.** She also serves as Academic Compliance Specialist at Herzing University. She is active in various bar associations and legal organizations in Illinois and Indiana; served as a mentor through Big Brothers Big Sisters; and actively supports St. Jude Heroes, raising funds to help children with cancer and other serious illnesses.

Robertson was inspired to become an LBFE volunteer by her mother who does home health nursing. "She often works with people who don't have anyone, and makes an extra effort to pay attention to them. Hearing her stories really highlighted for me the isolation problem," Robertson explains.

Volunteering to help those who are often overlooked is "what grounds me and reflects my deep commitment to having a life of service," she says. Involvement in LBFE, along with her legal work and advising on compliance issues in higher education, "all come together to resonate with my values. I strive to contribute consistently and meaningfully in every role I take on," Robertson says.

There have been many times, Robertson explains, when participating in LBFE events and activities "also has uplifted and inspired me, truly turning my day around." Joining the Board opens up opportunities to give back, she says. "I'm excited to contribute more strategically and to help shape LBFE's continued growth and positive impact."



IN MEMORIAM

We honor our friends who passed away between **August 1, 2025 - January 31, 2026.** These 32 older friends were with LBFE, on average, for 10.2 years, and three were centenarians. We're grateful for the conversations and connections we shared with each of our friends, and we will cherish the memories.

Earline Alexander
Peggy (Margaret)
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Tota Cook
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COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Start the day with coffee and conversation while you catch up with old friends, meet new people, and connect with folks in a welcoming setting.

Coffee and Conversation is the place to be: Older adults and volunteers are welcome. **Questions?** Give us a call at 312-455-1000.

**In Chicago, 355 N. Ashland Avenue:
9:30 – 11:00 am**

May 7	August 6
May 21	August 20
June 4	September 3
June 18	September 17
July 16	

**At Audrey's House, Seavey Road,
Batavia: 10 am – 12 pm**

May 20	August 18
June 3	September 16
July 7	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see Coffee and Conversation dates and times above!

May is Older Americans Month

5/1	LBFE Closed
5/9	Birthday Party
5/8-16	Food Bag Week
5/14	Network & Learn
5/25	Memorial Day
	LBFE Closed 5/23 & 25
5/26	Volunteer Open Forum (Zoom)
6/8-9/3	Vacations at Audrey's House
6/10	Audrey's House Outing
6/11	Volunteer Social
6/13	Birthday Party
6/17	Summer Luncheon
6/19-27	Food Bag Week
6/24	Audrey's House Outing
6/27	Summer Outing
6/30	Volunteer Open Forum (Zoom)
7/4	Independence Day
	LBFE Closed 7/3-4
7/11	Birthday Party
7/15	Audrey's House Outing
7/17-25	Food Bag Week

7/18	Volunteer Social
7/22	Audrey's House Outing
7/25	Summer Luncheon
7/28	Volunteer Open Forum (Zoom)
7/29	Audrey's House Outing
8/5	Summer Luncheon
8/8	Birthday Party
8/12	Audrey's House Outing
8/13	Network & Learn
8/18	Audrey's House Outing
8/21-29	Food Bag Week
8/22	Summer Luncheon
8/25	Volunteer Open Forum (Zoom)
9/7	Labor Day
	LBFE Closed 9/5-7
9/12	Birthday Party
9/18-26	Food Bag Week
9/23	Fall Festival
9/24	Volunteer Social
9/29	Volunteer Open Forum (Zoom)

Get more details —————>



ENDING ISOLATION RESTORING JOY

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LBFE

LITTLE BROTHERS
FRIENDS OF
THE ELDERLY

CHICAGO

ENDING ISOLATION: RESTORING JOY

For nearly seven decades, LBFE has been face-to-face with one of life's toughest challenges: ending the loneliness and isolation that afflicts many adults who are aging on their own.

From our earliest days, we've known that loneliness isn't just a sad state, it's **a grave threat** to health and longevity. And today, finally, experts agree that loneliness is a public health crisis.

We've been in the forefront of meaningful outreach to isolated older adults across Chicago and beyond. LBFE is proud to be a leader in providing programs and services that are both **preventative and restorative**.

Through this twofold approach, we not only stave off loneliness for aging adults but also fill the void by restoring the joy found in creativity, in celebration, and in lasting and **profound human connections**. We are reframing what it means to be

aging alone, and it's a new mindset that educates our volunteers and staff, as well as a growing number of young people in our Intergenerational Programs.

As we report throughout this FY2025 Annual Report, LBFE succeeded in bringing joy of all kinds to more than 800 older friends, thanks to nearly 3,000 volunteers who gave **29,705 hours of service**. Close to 500 older adults joined us for Summer in the City events or getaways at Audrey's House in Batavia. More than 1,600 Food Bag deliveries provided older adults with delicious food and welcome interaction.

FY2026 is already underway, and our **Strategic Plan** is guiding us to fulfill our mission of ending loneliness and providing our older friends with new ways to find joy. Just as vital to our work is your partnership and support every day: **We are so very grateful.**



Seán Martin
Chair of the Board



Simone Mitchell-Peterson
Chief Executive Officer



ON THE COVER: For older friends who are aging alone, LBFE restores their joy through creativity, celebration, and meaningful connections.

FISCAL YEAR 2025

10/01/24 - 09/30/25

REVENUE

Individual Contributions	\$ 1,154,319
Planned Gifts	240
Trusts	1,701,947
Grants from Corporations & Foundations	289,230
Restricted Grants & Individual Contributions	143,030
Other Revenue	25,727
Donated Goods	57,252
Net: Special Events & Projects	34,225
Bequest Income	844,124
Contributed Support	\$ 4,250,094
Net: Investment Income	\$ 578,362
Net: Investment Gains (Losses)	\$ 1,527,857
Total Revenue	\$ 6,356,313

EXPENSES

Visiting Older Adults	\$ 1,731,755
Direct Service	423,340
Holiday & Social Activities	867,126
Vacation & Summer Programs	228,977
Total Programs & Activities	\$ 3,251,198
Development & Public Relations	\$ 892,126
Management & General	487,710
Total Expenses	\$ 4,631,034
Net Excess*	\$ 1,725,279

*The Net Excess reflects a net investment gain on investments held in our Foundation, built from bequests made to LBFE over decades. Our Foundation allows us to keep our lifetime commitment to our older adults, supporting LBFE's mission and programs.



FY2025: YEAR IN REVIEW

LBFE Chicago served **830 older adults** in FY2025, sharing 13,417 personal interactions with the help of 2,886 volunteers who donated a total of **29,705 volunteer hours**.

Throughout FY2025, LBFE's goal was to provide meaningful friendships and interactions with our older friends. Here's a **snapshot of those we serve**:

- The average age of the men and women in our program is 81 years 6 months
- 81% are women
- 58% rely on a cane, walker, or wheelchair to get around
- The average time older adults stay with LBFE is 7½ years
- Three of our older friends have been with LBFE for 25+ years

LBFE fulfills its mission with the help of volunteers, donors, and partners, alongside our **29 LBFE staff** members, with an average tenure of 10 years.

682
older friends
received a gift
during the
holiday season



747 older friends received a birthday card, 507 had a birthday call, 307 enjoyed a birthday visit, and 276 attended a monthly birthday party

CELEBRATIONS & DELIVERIES

In FY2025, we hosted 85 gatherings and celebrated three major holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and our own Fête d'Armand Marquiset.

On **Thanksgiving Day**, volunteers and staff brought warm celebrations to **232 older friends** at four holiday parties in Chicago, Northwest Indiana, and DuPage and Kane counties, as well as 228 Meal Visits to older friends. For **Christmas**, 164 volunteers delivered cheer to 482 older friends.

For the **Fête d'Armand Marquiset**, our annual celebration of LBFE's founder, four parties hosted 131 older adults in Chicago, Northwest Indiana, and Kane County. Another 188 older adults enjoyed French-themed Meal Visits with the help of 78 volunteers.

2,886 dedicated LBFE volunteers include a core group of 640 volunteers, 1,566 group volunteers, and 680 intergenerational volunteers. Together, they speak 18 languages!



VISITS & CONNECTIONS

In FY2025, **3,512 personal visits** by volunteers and staff connected with 648 older adults. We served 264 older adults with matched Visiting Volunteers. Volunteers and staff also made countless outings with older adults to build **meaningful connections**. And we made birthday visits to 307 older friends. Another 276 older adults joined us at monthly birthday parties.

INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMS

Older adults and students of every age connected and shared their experiences through our Intergenerational Programs. In FY2025, LBFE worked with **15 schools and groups** from grade school through university to bring

together a total of **680 student volunteers** who connected with **325 older adults**. Collaborative projects like creating an outdoor mosaic led to new connections.



680 student volunteers connected with 325 older adults through our Intergenerational Programs

VACATION EXPERIENCES

In FY2025, nearly 500 older adults enjoyed a brighter summer. LBFE hosted 13 different **Summer in the City** events for 196 older adults and made 235 **Slice of Summer** visits to our older friends.

We hosted 10 vacation week getaways at **Audrey's House** for 67 older adults. And 35 older friends enjoyed one of our six overnight getaways at Audrey's House. Older adults relax in the peaceful surroundings of our **unique vacation home** and program center in Batavia. Whether it's a game of cards, a walk in the garden, or enjoying a blues band, visiting Audrey's House is an opportunity to reconnect with the joys of summer.

DIRECT SERVICE & ESSENTIAL SUPPORT

Food Bag deliveries, totaling 1,621, were packed by volunteers and staff with fresh groceries and pantry staples from LBFE's Food Pantry and provided to 160 older adults who would not otherwise have access to sufficient food.

We reach out in many ways to help our older friends throughout the year, including checking in on their well-being. For example, staff made **172 emergency weather check-up calls** to our friends during Chicago heat waves and cold snaps.

830 older adults enjoyed friendship through 13,417 personal interactions with volunteers and staff



1,261 holiday visits and meals to celebrate with our older adults



1,621 Food Bag visits and deliveries reached 160 older adults most in need





LBFE DONORS: OUR COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT

Our work is made possible by thousands of supporters who donate to help bring year-round programs, food, and companionship to the lonely and isolated older friends we serve.

For fiscal year 2025 (**October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025**), we recognize the following individuals, businesses, and corporations that donated \$100 or more to make our work possible. We also want to show our gratitude to those donors who wish to remain anonymous and those who gave less than \$100. **Friendship Circle supporters have pledged to contribute on a monthly basis and are noted with an asterisk.**

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HALLOWEEN Who doesn't love to dress up on Halloween? Our FY2025 Halloween party at LBFE's Ashland building brought together 75 older friends, along with volunteers and staff. Everyone enjoyed the celebration, which included plenty of costumes, candy, treats, and festive decorations.



“I volunteer because it’s important for our older friends to know that someone cares about them. Last year, I had a delightful holiday gift visit: We had just an amazing, really good conversation.”

—Volunteer for 27 years

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HOLIDAYS In FY2025, Fight2Feed and LBFE volunteers prepared 1,261 home-cooked holiday meals for parties and home visits. On Thanksgiving Day, 220 LBFE volunteers, along with staff, gathered with 232 older friends at four holiday parties in Chicago, Northwest Indiana, and DuPage and Kane counties. Another 228 Meal Visits brightened the holiday for homebound older friends.



“Delivering Christmas gifts to my older friends is such a wonderful experience. It is heartwarming to see their joy. LBFE continues to have such a meaningful impact on their lives.”
—LBFE volunteer

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HOLIDAY GIFTS & VISITS With the generous help of 260 donors and businesses, Christmas gifts were purchased for 682 older friends in FY2025. LBFE volunteers wrapped the gifts and another 104 volunteers made cheerful visits to deliver gifts and goodies in festively decorated bags.



“Your volunteer becomes your family. In between visits, we check on each other and text a couple of times a week. We’re there for each other.”

—Our older friend

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VALENTINE'S DAY Our Valentine's Day celebration of good friends and warm hearts drew a total of 78 older friends, volunteers, and staff. Fight2Feed prepared a delicious wintertime menu capped off with cheesecake desserts and macaroons. Flowers For Dreams LLC generously created small bouquets of flowers for everyone to take home.



“This year, the Christmas meal was extra good, and the delivery volunteer was marvelous. For me, the fun is in talking to people. And having people who listen to me is wonderful.”

—Homebound older friend

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COFFEE & CONVERSATION Good company and a hot cup of coffee are a great way to start the day. LBFE welcomes our older friends and volunteers at our Ashland building on the first and third Thursdays and monthly at Audrey's House in Batavia. These informal gatherings offer an opportunity to catch up with friends and meet new people.



“It was so special to receive a wonderful package on Christmas. LBFE does a really beautiful job. I feel very thought about and cared for. It’s wonderful!”

—Our older friend

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Mrs. Cathy Carr
Mr. Ronald Carrier
Carol Carter
Ms. Martha Carter
Mr. Ron Castan
Mr. Thomas Catania
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Centella
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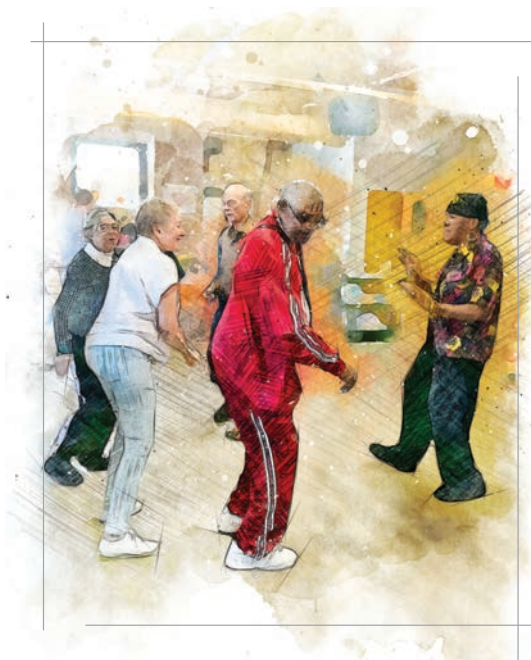
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FOOD BAG DELIVERIES Monthly, volunteers and staff pack Food Bags with a week's worth of fresh groceries and pantry staples from LBFE's Food Pantry. Every bag is customized to fit each older friend's specific dietary needs and preferences. In FY2025, 1,621 Food Bag deliveries reached 160 older adults across Chicago who are most in need and would not have otherwise had access to sufficient food.



“I love Little Brothers. I’ve been going to parties for seven years, and I look forward to getting out and also talking to people on the phone. I just love it.”

—Our older friend

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HONORING OUR FOUNDER Every April, LBFE hosts Fête d'Armand Marquiset to honor our late founder. His motto—*flowers before bread*—inspires us every day. In FY2025, 131 older adults joined our celebrations in Chicago, Northwest Indiana, and in Kane and DuPage counties. LBFE also provided French-themed Meal Visits to 188 older adults with the help of 78 volunteers.



VITAL VISITS In FY2025, 3,512 personal visits by volunteers and staff connected with 648 older adults. LBFE served 264 older adults with matched Visiting Volunteers who enjoyed 1,867 visits from their matched volunteer.

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RAISING AWARENESS The Young Professionals Advisory Board (YPAB) is our community of young professionals who raise funds and awareness for LBFE. Last year's events included YPAB's signature fundraising event, Senior Prom, a relaxing Spa Day for our older friends, plus the delicious Chipotle fundraiser.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY Every month, LBFE hosts a festive celebration for our older adults whose birthdays fall in that month. Our birthday parties are filled with music and dancing, and great company. We offer every older adult a celebration visit or party, and everyone receives a card in the mail before their special day.

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