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ENCHANTED MOUNTAINS VILLAGE

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EMVi 2025 Annual Report

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Living Our Best Lives — Together

EMVi's mission challenges each of us to *live our best lives*. In 2025, we did that in meaningful and memorable ways.

With a total active membership of **91**, our Village continued to grow not just in numbers, but in connection, consistency, and community impact.

We hosted engaging public programs including:

- *Planting a Pollinator Garden* (featuring Marti Tillinger)
- *Lessons from History – Democracy is Never a Done Deal* (featuring Jean-François Godet-Calogeras)
- *Finding a Silver Lining in Challenging Times* (featuring Tom Delaney)
- *Curious About Cannabis?* (organized by Mary Rich and presented by the owner of Jupiter, Olean's licensed dispensary)

We gathered monthly for breakfasts, lunches, and dinners, sometimes discovering new local gems, sometimes returning to trusted favorites where the staff already know our names.

Our Women's Discussion Group met almost weekly, creating space for thoughtful conversation, laughter, and learning. The Easy Hour offered a relaxed time to connect. We celebrated at a festive winter party at the Bartlett.

Throughout the year we:

- Traveled to Hinsdale for a Cinco de Mayo potluck, a summer chicken BBQ and woodland walk, and a cozy soup & pie supper
- Attended an ice cream social and a classic cocktail party
- Hiked Bona's trail
- Played monthly Euchre
- Exchanged holiday cookies
- Shared winter reads
- Raised our voices (and spirits) at a joyful holiday singalong

We toured the Regina Quick Arts Center, the DePerro School of Health Professions, and Rocket Cup's roasting operation. Proving once again that curiosity doesn't retire.

But perhaps most importantly, we cared for one another. We celebrated milestones. We shared rides. We delivered meals. We planted trees. We showed up, especially in challenging times.

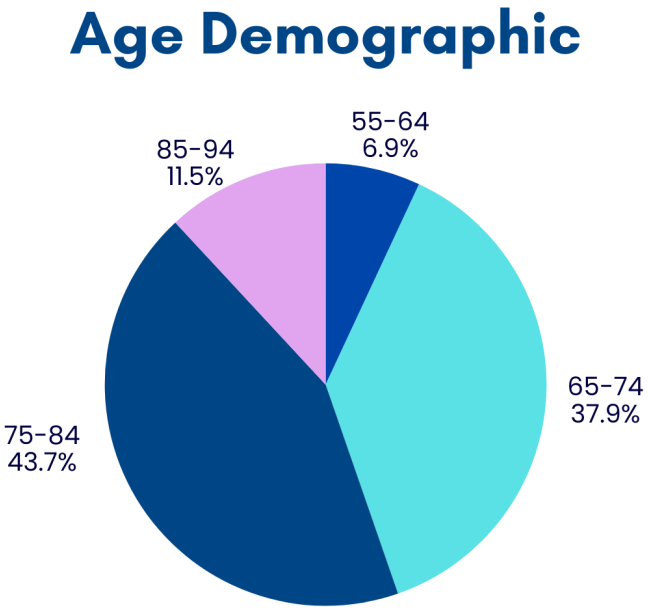
That is what a Village does.

Participation & Impact

Across all programs and gatherings in 2025, EMVi recorded a combined total of 580 participant attendances, representing cumulative engagement across the year. This total includes members who returned again and again, reflecting the strength of ongoing connection within our community. Our programming model prioritizes consistent, accessible opportunities to gather, an essential element in reducing social isolation and supporting overall well-being. Steady engagement throughout the year affirms EMVi's role as a trusted community hub and demonstrates our ability to translate mission into measurable impact.

Age Demographic

Our membership continues to reflect a vibrant and engaged older adult community:



The strong participation among members aged 65–84 demonstrates both the relevance of our programming and the growing need for meaningful community engagement opportunities in these decades of life.

Volunteer Engagement & Organizational Strength

Volunteers are the backbone of Enchanted Mountains Village. In 2025, volunteers contributed **1,604.5 hours** of service across all twelve months. Volunteer efforts supported EMVi in two essential areas:

Direct Member Support

- Outreach and connection
- Transportation and logistical assistance
- Program facilitation
- Helping members remain active and engaged

Organizational Capacity

- Board and committee leadership
- Event planning
- Administrative and operational work
- Communications and marketing
- Strategic development

Special recognition goes to:

- Linda Matthews, Board Chairperson
- Jean-François Godet-Calogeras, Treasurer
- The Finance, Marketing, Membership, and Program Committees
- Our tech volunteers maintaining web and social media
- The photographers who document our gatherings

These individuals, and many others, keep the Village running smoothly and help us share our story with the broader community. If calculated at $20 per hour, in-kind volunteer contributions would total **$32,090**, an extraordinary testament to community commitment!

Community Partnerships & Sponsorships

This year, EMVi continued to expand our presence and impact in the broader community through meaningful sponsorships and partnerships. We became a sponsor of a local Great Decisions discussion group, providing office space, Zoom access, and newsletter publicity to help foster thoughtful civic dialogue and global awareness, and a sponsor of the Health Care Access Coalition, providing leadership, education, advocacy, and publicity to promote accessible and affordable health care for all. We also proudly sponsor Veggie Wheels, a summer program of the Cattaraugus County Health Department that delivers fresh, locally grown produce and nutrition education to families and seniors living in subsidized housing. EMVi members make up the majority of Veggie Wheels volunteers, and our organization actively participates in one of the program's major fundraisers—demonstrating our hands-on commitment to community well-being.

Since EMVi's inception, the Department of Health and Department of Aging have been our appreciated partners. In addition, we welcomed two new business sponsors: Cutco and Both, Branch & Hendrix. These relationships reflect the diverse ways EMVi provides value beyond our membership—serving as a connector, convener, and contributor within the wider community. Together, they highlight the growing recognition of EMVi as a trusted and engaged community partner.

Our Staff

Since April 2024, Lizz Enzinna has provided essential administrative support, organizing data, producing our monthly calendar, creating event materials, designing presentations, preparing discussion group resources, and ensuring EMVi's presence at community events. Her attention to detail helps keep our Village coordinated and connected.

In April 2025, EMVi was awarded a **$25,000 grant from the Wilson Foundation of Buffalo** to hire a part-time Executive Director. In late September, Amanda Langan joined the organization, bringing enthusiasm and fresh ideas. Due to illness in her extended family, she resigned effective January 30, 2026.

We were fortunate to quickly hire Michael Nelson as Executive Director. Her broad experience and skill set signal an exciting new chapter for EMVi's growth and sustainability.

A Note from the 2025 Board Chair

As 2025 closed out and we welcomed 2026, the Enchanted Mountains Village has much to be thankful for. Five years ago, it was hard to imagine where we would be in 2025. The Village began in the home of Athena and Jean-Francois Godet-Calogeras, who graciously provided an office and phone service, with Athena donating her service as Executive Director. It was a start-up with big dreams and a small budget. Over the past five years, EMVi's growth has included getting an office, hiring a part-time assistant, increasing our membership, and finally getting a paid half-time Executive Director. We welcomed Amanda Langan as our new Executive Director, who is assisted by Lizz Enzinna. In 2025, we had over 90 members and look forward to even more growth. The Women's Group, wonderfully led by Kristin Chambers, and Easy Hour continue to be our most popular weekly activities with picnics, bike rides, card games, weekly breakfasts and lunches, and speakers providing great opportunities for friendship and community. Phone calls to members who can't get out easily and providing rides for doctor visits and other necessities also continue to be important parts of what the village can offer to its members. Your Village is just a phone call away.

As I finish my term of office as a Board Director and Chairperson, I'm so grateful for the people who have put so much time and effort into growing the village. I'm grateful for the talents of Athena Godet-Calogeras and Ed Miner who were able to get a large donation and a sizable grant to help to finance our new Executive Director position and other administrative costs. I am grateful to the volunteers who organize and help with the activities. And I'm grateful to the Board members who oversee the continued well-being of the Village. It has been a good year, and I look forward to seeing what 2026 will bring to our members.

— Linda Matthews

Financial Report 2025

EMVi remains fiscally sound and debt-free.

Revenue

Total Revenue: $37,308.23

- Fundraising: $3,132.57
- Member Donations: $2,165.86
- Board Donations: $880.00
- Business Sponsors: $2,600.00
- Restricted Donations: $26,800.00
- Grants: $25,000.00
- Membership Fees: $3,503.00

The $25,000 Wilson Foundation grant was awarded specifically to support Executive Director staffing.

Expenses

Total Expenses: $19,950.79

- Wages: $13,127.56
- Board Liability Insurance: $629.00
- Workers Compensation: $473.45
- Rent: $3,600.00
- Phone/Zoom: $760.12
- Event Costs: $293.53
- Chamber of Commerce Fee: $109.73
- Stamps/Paper/Cartridges: $180.99
- Brochures: $35.90
- Web/Social Media: $155.52
- Miscellaneous: $584.99

EMVi has **no debts or liabilities**.

Funds saved over the past several years allowed us to build capacity. First by hiring a part-time administrative assistant in 2024, and then adding a part-time Executive Director in 2025. This strategic investment positions EMVi for continued growth and stability.

Looking Ahead

We expect 2026 to be another banner year.

As our membership grows and our programming deepens, EMVi continues to demonstrate that community, connection, and purpose are not luxuries — they are essential.

If you have questions about this report or would like to become more involved, we welcome the conversation.

With gratitude,

Kristin Chambers
Chair, 2026 Board of Directors

2025 Board of Directors

Chairperson – Linda Matthews
Vice Chairperson – Lance Chaffee
Secretary – Kristin Chambers
Treasurer – Jean-François Godet-Calogeras
At-Large Directors – Athena Godet-Calogeras, Mary Rich, Susan Ashby

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