

**Director's Report submitted by
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- The month of October was another busy, fun, active month for all at the COA. We are seeing many NEW faces coming into the Center and getting involved. This is the time of year we see a large growth in our numbers.
- I must report that for the first time in my tenor here that we lost one of clients on site. It was a difficult situation for my staff but everyone did as they were trained and did an outstanding job trying to save this person's life. The fire department was here in a matter of minutes to take over. It was a very sad, hard day here at the COA. This is part of our job that no one ever thinks of but we loss clients here on a regular basis and this very difficult at times to deal with. I have lost count of how many have left us in the 19 years I have been the COA Director.
- My end of the year State Report was written and submitted to the Department of Elder Affairs before the date it was due.
- We welcomed a new volunteer to our team this month. It is always wonderful to have super folks step up and ask to help here at The Center.
- We have begun to gather information to begin our Feasibility Study towards finishing the RFP to hire an agency to begin our journey towards building a new space for the Ayer COA. This information will be concluded on Nov.21st.
- Our home cooked meals are growing in numbers... we are up to 30-40 people on any certain day. It is a lot of work preparing for this number of people but it is so worth it to see so many happy people!!!
- Thank you Tiny's and Markoh's for taking such good care of us on our dining out eveings!!!
- All monthly bills paid on time.
- All monthly reports written and submitted on time.
- All monthly meetings attended.
- The Halloween Luncheon with our Police Department was a HUGE success. We have been holding this event for years and each year it gets bigger and more fun!! It is always such a pleasure working with this department. There were over 60 people enjoy a festive time and great pizza for freeee. Some of the costumes were so funny!!
- Our Senior/Dollar Store is always a huge hit for everyone. It is most helpful for those that cannot afford to shop in a regular store. This store does not MAKE money it is self sufficient and we use the money to keep it

stocked!! Thank you Jean and Ericka for being so creative in keep this store freshly stocked with everything folks love!! I am now working with our new town treasurer to put accounts into place for this store to stream line all moneys taken in. It is wonderful to be working with Barbara to make this process easier and more accountable for everyone.

- Just a reminderWe will be doing "Thanksgiving ALONE" once again here at The Center. We cook on Thanksgiving so NO ONE is ALONE. It is such a wonderful time for everyone and MY FAVORITE HOLIDAY!!
- It always seems like time just flies by us here, seeing we are always planning months ahead for our events and activities. We just planned our Christmas Luncheon, yuppers!! We are always so far ahead with our planning and this is why we wonder why the months are going so quickly!!
- We are looking forward to our Holiday Evening with the Children of the Ayer Childcare Program. This is always so wonderful with the children serving a turkey dinner to a full house of our clients and then singing and a visit from Santa too. It is a pleasure working with the Staff of ACP.
- Keep your eye on our month Newsletter, Action Unlimited and Cable TV as well as our Town Website for all of our coming events and activities. We are beginning to plan our spring events and activities. We are looking at different, NEW activities for our afternoon programming. We try to offer whatever folks are looking for, sometimes we are successful and other time we are not. However we are willing to try anything people are interested in doing.