

## Assessing LGBTQ+ Senior Community Needs

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### John C. Anderson Apartments

The John C. Anderson Apartments are part of an urban LGBTQ+-friendly senior apartment community located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia. JCAA is very near in proximity to the William Way LGBT Community Center which serves the LGBTQ+ community of Philadelphia. The two groups work closely to provide various programs, events, and community engagement opportunities to foster an inclusive and supportive environment for the seniors living at JCAA.

### PROJECT: Annual Survey + Event Promotion

My main project was to create the annual survey to assess the needs of the LGBTQ+ senior community at JCAA and to gather feedback regarding the levels of interest in various programs, existing barriers, and access to resources. The results of the survey will help guide William Way and JCAA for future programming and engagement opportunities. Additionally, JCAA relies heavily on flyers to inform their residents of the various programs and events. Through my weeks at JCAA I also designed 40+ flyer templates that will allow for easy, repeated annual use with simple alternations to date, time, and location.

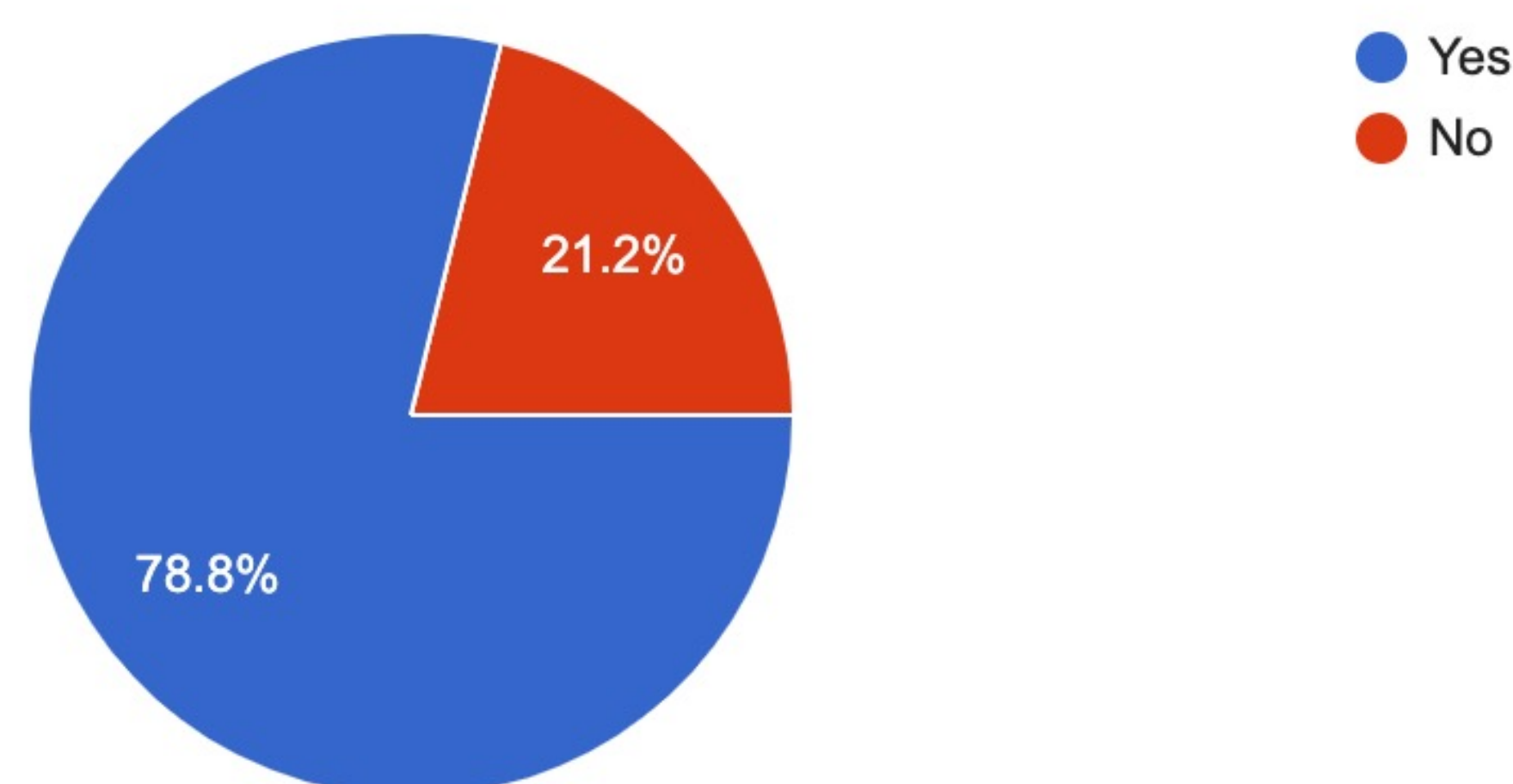
### REFLECTION

As a future health professional, I was impacted deeply by working with JCAA. It placed me at the unique intersection of two marginalized communities—LGBTQ+ members and older adults. Being able to join in on different weekly programs provided me with nuanced insight on the perspectives of LGBTQ+ seniors and the experiences they have lived through. It made me reflect on the shared threads of social justice movements that cross generational barriers when considering the socio-cultural and political climates of the present day. The opportunities offered by this site truly allowed me to feel immersed in and inspired by the LGBTQ+ community.

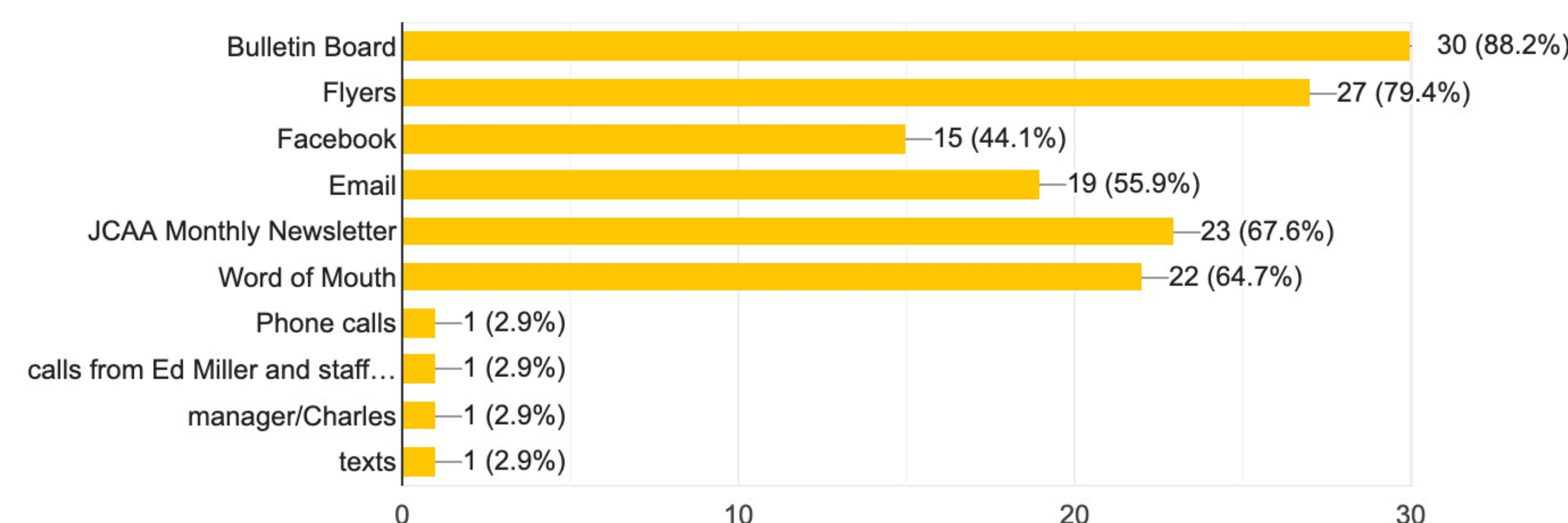
### PROJECT RESULTS

The survey consisted of twenty questions, four of which have been included below with their respective results.

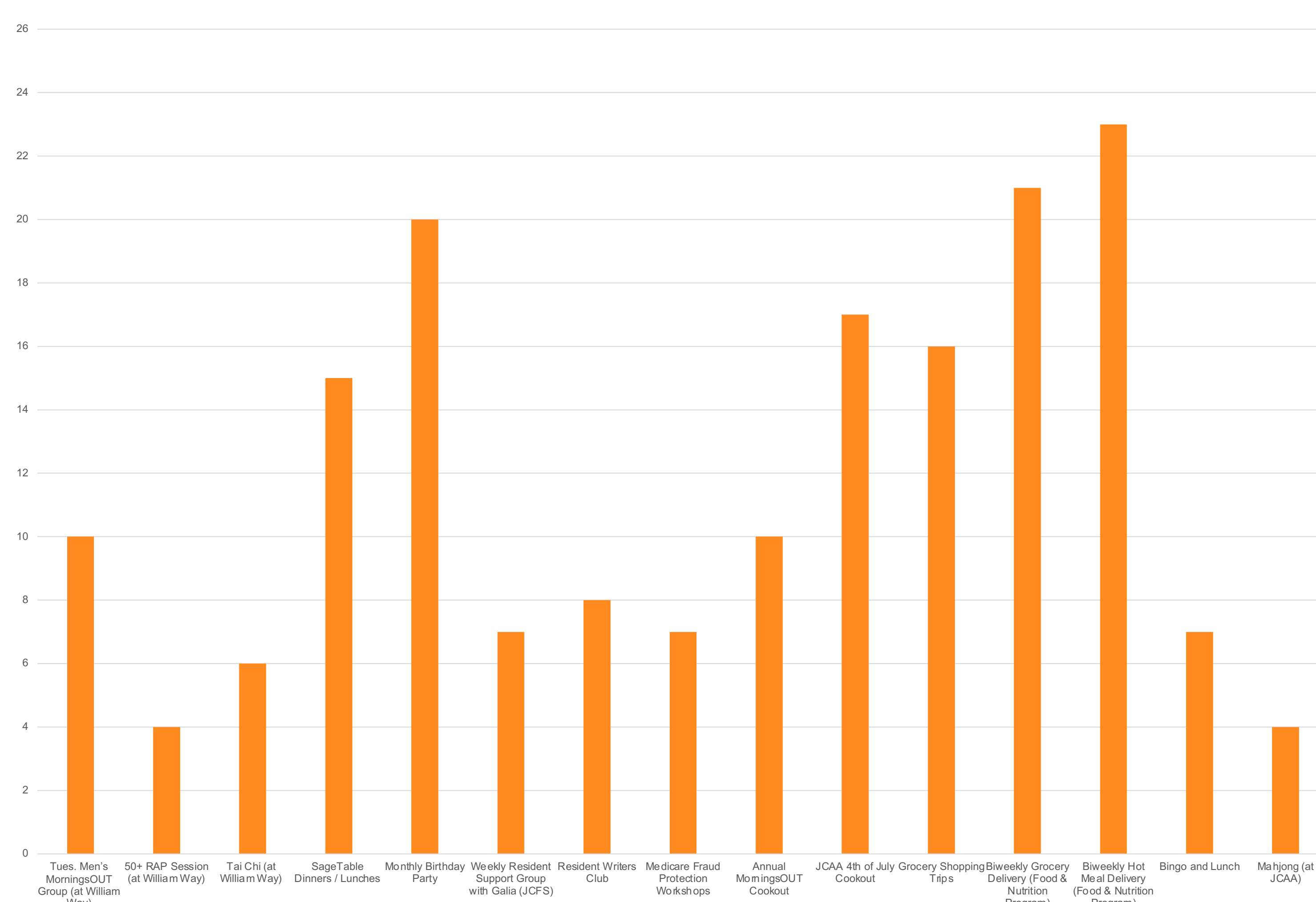
#### 3. Are you feeling comfortable to resume in-person activities? 33 responses



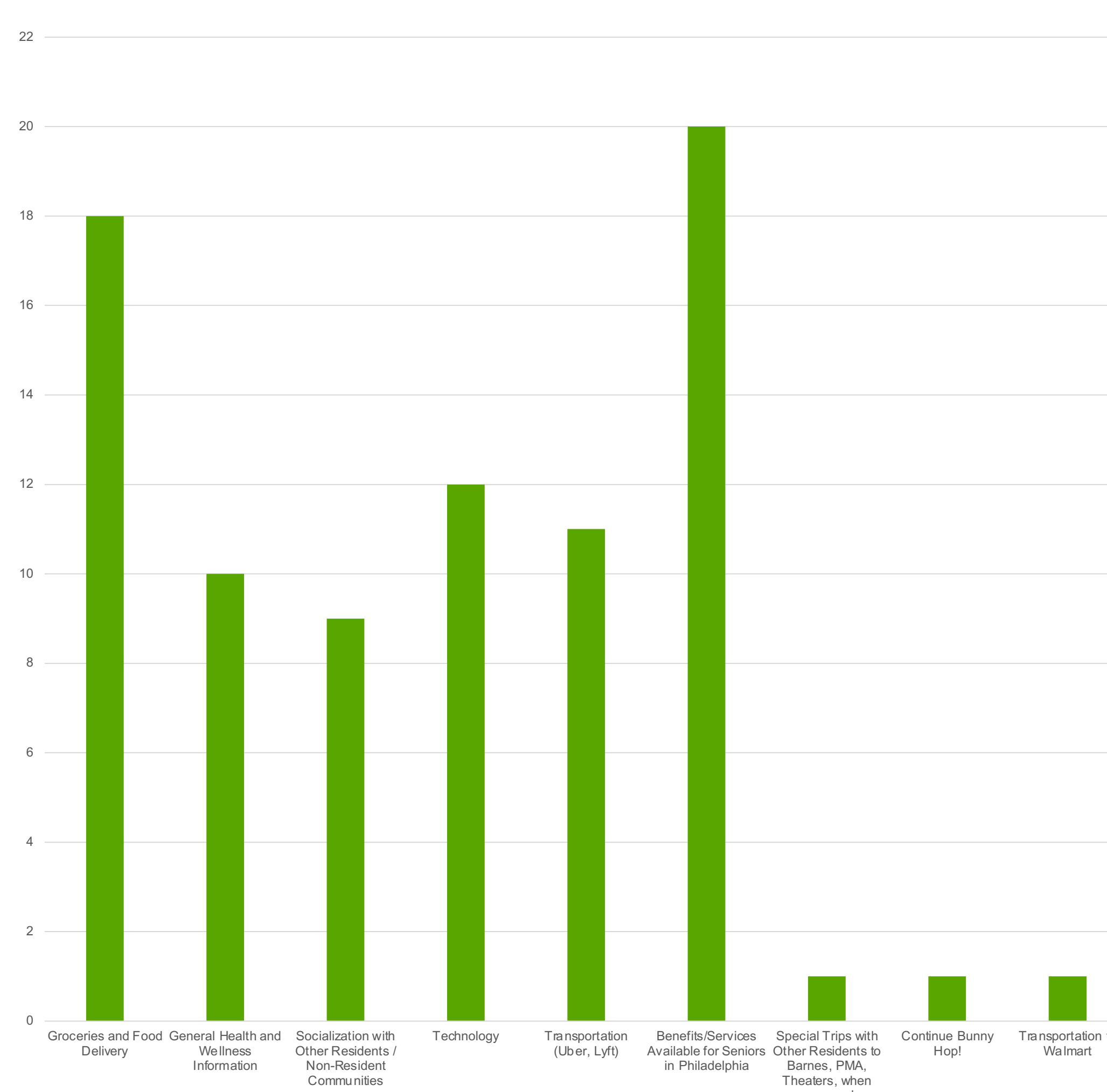
#### 6. Which of the following ways do you currently obtain information about programs and events? 34 responses



#### 14. Below is a list of the programs we have held in the past. Which of these programs would you be interested in attending post-pandemic?



#### 16. In which general area of life would you appreciate more support? 30 responses



Below is a collage of 40 of the flyer templates I created this summer.

