




 The
Neighbors' Place
 People Helping People

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



2022 was a historic year for The Neighbors' Place!

It was our final year at 745 Scott Street. After several decades of proudly serving our community in a variety of impactful ways, it was time for us to pack up and move to our new home located inside The Community Partners' Campus, 360 Grand Avenue, Wausau.

Over the last year as we were winding down our operations, we continued to serve those in need by keeping our outdoor distribution going strong and growing our delivery service to homebound residents. In addition, our newest program, The Babies' Place, continued to address diaper need throughout Marathon County as we worked to collaborate with more partners serving families in need of this vital resource.

As Covid began to diminish, we faced other new and daunting challenges. The PFAS issue prompted us to quickly secure safe drinking water for families who could not obtain water on their own. Collaborating with the United Way and the city, we were able to quickly incorporate water into our food distribution.

The Baby Formula shortage was another challenge we tackled. We worked tirelessly to procure as much formula as we could and to distribute it as equitably as possible. Although the shortage continues, the situation is improving, and we are continuing to keep baby formula on the shelves for our most vulnerable guests!

Despite these challenges, we were able to keep our operations going strong thanks to the generosity of this community, our many dedicated volunteers, board members, staff, our community partners, and I would be remiss if I didn't mention our sincere gratitude to the local media for their coverage of these events and their vital role in keeping residents informed and up to date.

We will continue to meet immediate needs and collaborate with organizations across Marathon County to bring solutions to the underserved, give a voice to those without, and get to the root causes of hunger.



With Sincere Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Ambrose". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donna Ambrose

Executive Director since 2020

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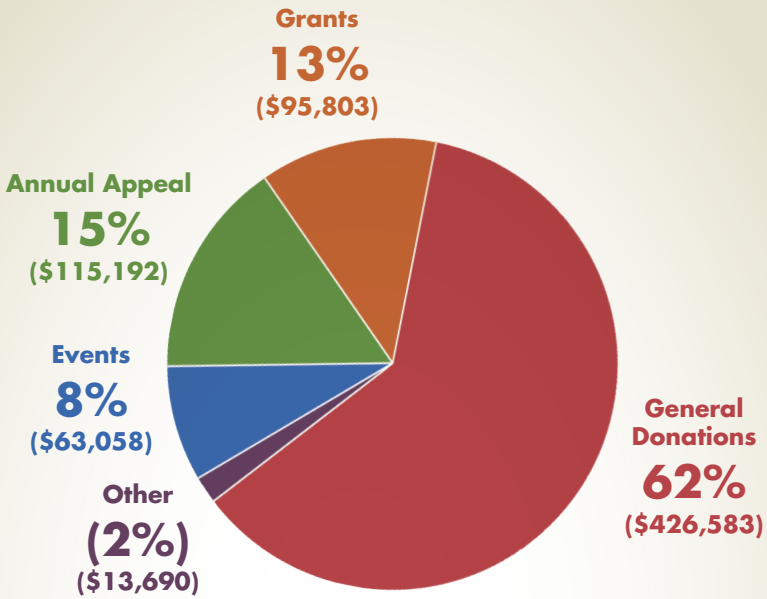
Paul Hillman

Warehouse Team Member

Denae Olszewski

Warehouse Team Member

FINANCES



PEOPLE SERVED

THE FOOD PANTRY

32,823 Total Individuals Served

12,618 Total Unique Households Served

DELIVERIES

561 Deliveries Made in 2022

THE BABIES' PLACE

nearly **400** Children Served

VOLUNTEERS

6,520 Total Hours Served

1,396 Total Volunteers

TOGETHER WE GROW



- Empty Bowls - many community partners make it possible from our sponsors, to our bowls stops, soup stops and auctions donors
- Share Your Holidays: WSAW holiday giving drive raised \$22,500 for The Neighbors' Place



- Hunger Task Force's Badger Box Program (made possible with ARPA funding) expanded our capacity by providing 3,600 Badger Boxes total for monthly distribution at The Neighbors' Place. Everything sourced for the Badger Box was produced or grown in the state of Wisconsin thereby supporting local businesses and farmers.
- Community Partners Campus: planning and prep for move (maintained outdoor distribution)
 - Groundbreaking, April 2022
 - Mural Painting with Rise Up, Sept 10



TOGETHER WE GROW (continued)

- The Babies' Place Diaper Distribution:
 - State of Diaper Need in 2022 - 1 in 3 families experience diaper need
 - Partnerships with Bridge Clinic, The Women's Community, and HeadStart to ensure we are getting diapers to those in need



- Formula Shortage: Jumped into action with the Marathon County Hunger Coalition and HealthFirst's WIC program to get formula out in our community ensuring our infants are fed and healthy



- Water PFAS:
 - Water filter distribution - check provided by UnitedHealthcare
 - Worked with the Hunger Coalition to distribute bottled water where needed

