



Community Action Center  
OF NORTHFIELD

# Annual Report

Relationships That Build Our Community



# 2011

## By the Numbers



19,859

Population of Northfield

2,962

volunteers contributed nearly  
30,000 hours of service.

THAT'S 1,000 MORE VOLUNTEERS THAN LAST YEAR.



568,000

pounds of food from the Food Shelf nourished our community.

THAT'S NEARLY 100,000 POUNDS MORE THAN LAST YEAR AND NEARLY 200,000 POUNDS MORE THAN TWO YEARS AGO.



3,000+ people were served last year.

one hundred and two

families received rent assistance.

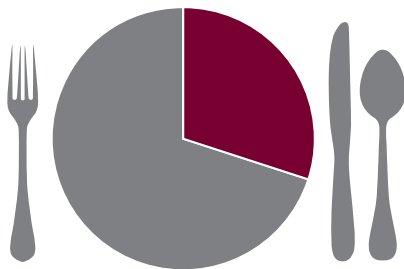


bus tokens were distributed.

The Clothes Closet helped outfit

452

families with appropriate attire, free of charge.

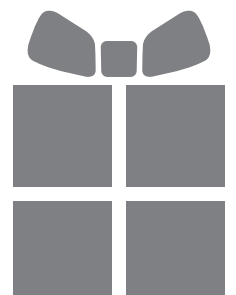


30%

of students enrolled in Northfield's schools qualified for reduced-fee or free lunches.

925

children received gifts through Christmas Sharing last year.





Jim Blaha, *Executive Director*

# A Letter from the Executive Director

September 2011

Dear Northfield Neighbor:

How fortunate we are to live in this community. For those of you who have called another community home, it's easy to see just how exceptional the Northfield area is. For those of you who have always called this area home, I suspect there's a good reason why you've chosen to stick around.

Time and time again we are reminded of our impact and the huge difference we are making in the lives of our neighbors, and you'll meet just a few of those neighbors beginning on page 6. You see, the Community Action Center is about more than a quick fix. (Don't get me wrong, we've served as an emergency source of one-time assistance many, many times and we'll continue to do so long into the future.) We take great pride in developing relationships with the people of our community – the individuals and families that make this area a wonderful place to live. The relationships we're building are significant. The relationships your support has helped forge are impactful, and together we're laying the foundation for a new tomorrow.

We continue to serve a record number of people. Last year we helped over 3,000 people. That's more than 15 percent of this area's population. But we're not doing this work alone. With the support of 2,962 volunteers who together donated 29,933 hours of time and more than 1,200 donors whose financial contributions and in-kind gifts have made our programming possible, we've succeeded in building sustaining relationships to positively impact our neighbors in need and the entire Northfield-area community.

Inside this report you'll get to see just a glimpse of the wonderful work happening at the Community Action Center. We're helping youth and seniors, new residents and familiar faces. It is our hope that you will see great value in the programs we're operating and the lives that we're impacting, and that you'll make a commitment to support the Community Action Center. Your gift of \$50, \$100, \$500 or more will make a huge difference in the lives of our neighbors and in the fabric of our community.

So, let's press on. Let's work together to continue to build a community that is known for its care and concern for others. Let's continue building relationships with those in our community who are in transition. Let's continue to build a just community for all people.

Thank you for your gift. Thank you for making our area a wonderful place to call home.

Best regards,

Jim Blaha  
*Executive Director*

# The Year in Review



For more than 15 years, the CAC has partnered with the Northfield United Methodist Church's Campaign for Children committee to supply area students with backpacks and the required school supplies for their grade levels. In **AUGUST** a year's worth of time and effort culminated in the distribution of more than 500 fully loaded backpacks.



It is estimated that in **NOVEMBER** Thursday's Table served its 25,000th meal. For more than three years Thursday's Table has served up a hot, healthy meal every Thursday. The dinner is prepared and supported by volunteers and serves approximately 200 people each week.

JULY 2010

AUGUST 2010

SEPTEMBER 2010

OCTOBER 2010

NOVEMBER 2010

DECEMBER 2010



With back-to-school preparations in full swing, **SEPTEMBER** was a busy month for the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile®. Visits to the Community Action Center are made on the first Wednesday of each month, providing young people with dental exams, teeth cleanings, x-rays and minor restorative care.

**DECEMBER** marked the graduation date for the more than 30 clients who participated in the CAC's first certified nursing assistant training program at South Central Technical College. The four-month training course provided 96 hours of classroom training and 20 hours of clinical experience. By graduation, many of the students had secured jobs and were ready to help patients with day-to-day tasks such as bathing, changing clothes, eating and more.



**READ ABOUT MARIA'S EXPERIENCE ON PAGE 8.**

In **FEBRUARY** the Community Action Center, in partnership with local law firm Grundhoefer & Ludescher, P.A., launched a monthly legal clinic for CAC clients. For a nominal fee, clients have the opportunity to meet with an attorney for 30 minutes to discuss their legal concerns. To date, the clinic has assisted clients with issues pertaining to rental properties, taxes and child support, among others.



READ ABOUT DAVID'S EXPERIENCE ON PAGE 6.



In **APRIL** the CAC tallied numbers from one of its most successful FoodShare campaigns ever. During the month-long campaign the organization collected \$111,472 and 37,128 pounds of food to support the Food Shelf and the more than 450 families it serves each month. In addition, youth from Bethel Lutheran Church received statewide recognition from the MN FoodShare Campaign for their collection efforts, claiming the award for the "Most Creative Food Drive – Youth" category.

Kicking off the summer months, in **MAY** the CAC collected almost 10,000 pounds of produce for distribution to clients. Produce is regularly donated by Cub Foods, Just Food Co-op, Econofoods and local growers.



BRENDA REALLY APPRECIATES THE PRODUCE DONATIONS. SEE WHY ON PAGE 8.

JANUARY 2011

FEBRUARY 2011

MARCH 2011

APRIL 2011

MAY 2011

JUNE 2011



In **MARCH** the CAC opened the doors to its newly renovated Food Shelf and Clothes Closet. The beautiful space was made possible with the help of Northfield-based Vivus Architecture + Design and Rice County Habitat for Humanity volunteers. Changes to the Clothes Closet include a larger sales area, new changing rooms, additional display space to meet the growing demand for household goods, as well as new paint and carpet. The adjacent Food Shelf renovation has allowed for a larger shopping space and a newly organized warehouse to better control the traffic flow of staff, volunteers and clients.



READ MORE FROM JEROME'S POINT OF VIEW ON PAGE 6.

Recognizing the tremendous power of legacy gifts, the CAC launched a giving campaign in **JUNE** to encourage the inclusion of the organization in interested donors' estate plans.

### A LEGACY OF CARING FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

When you leave a gift to the Community Action Center in your will or estate plan, you are leaving a gift to people who need your support today, as well as thousands of people who will need your help in the future. We can think of no better legacy than the legacy of love. Please consider how you might be able to help not only today, but also tomorrow.

For more information, contact Executive Director Jim Blaha at 507.664.3550 or email [blaha.jim@communityactioncenter.org](mailto:blaha.jim@communityactioncenter.org).

## Meet Our Neighbors



### David: Knowledge Well Beyond His Years

David, a 19-year-old recent high school graduate, is interested in those activities typical for his age. He enjoys hanging out with friends, going to movies, relaxing, and when gas was cheaper, hopping in the car and driving around. But unlike many of his peers, David made a difficult decision his senior year of high school that required him to grow up in a hurry.

Knowing his home life wasn't stable enough to help him thrive, David approached his school counselor for advice. At her suggestion, he sought out a meeting with a social worker at the Community Action Center to examine his options. After deciding for himself that he would be better off living on his own, the CAC provided critical support to see that the teen would "make it" by locating affordable housing, stocking his shelves with food from the Food Shelf and loaning him

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### Jerome: A Joyful Heart

Although he's only been a Northfield resident for four years, Jerome has seen to it that a slice of his life in Tennessee – the southern hospitality that is so much a part of him and his upbringing, in particular – has made an impact on the area. And indeed it has.

As a client of the Community Action Center, Jerome is thankful for each and every blessing bestowed upon him. From the food choices at the Food Shelf and meals at Thursday's Table to access to the Senior Center's fitness facility, he'll go out of his way to say just how much he appreciates the Community Action Center.

As a volunteer at the Food Shelf, Jerome's joyful heart, willingness to help, and dedication to helping people and



seeing that the job is done right take center stage. He helps clients select their food for the month and walks around the renovated facilities beaming with pride. "This place is beautiful," he said. In addition to being well-liked, he has a solid reputation for making the best cup of coffee you'll ever sip.

"I'm here to make people smile," said Jerome. "The CAC is a great outlet for people. It's an intelligent program – one that serves those who are most in need of the help – and for that I'm grateful. Volunteering to lend a hand is just one way that I can show my appreciation."

Day by day, week by week, Jerome makes a point of developing relationships with those around him and doesn't hesitate to share with others the good things happening at the Community Action Center. Staff members who answer the phone at the CAC love to hear the familiar phrase, "Jerome told me to call."

## Candace & Brent: Determined to Succeed, One Step at a Time

Both native to this area, Candace and Brent sought the assistance of the Community Action Center after finding themselves homeless and unemployed. Admittedly, things were pretty rough for a while, but since that time, through the support and encouragement of the CAC and others, they have taken the steps necessary to dramatically change their lives.

Today, the two are holding steady jobs and renting an apartment that they love. Through the CAC they've received help from the Food Shelf and Clothes Closet, secured a vehicle to help them get to and from their jobs, and attended a money management class that has prepared them to deal responsibly with day-to-day budget challenges.

Sharon Vangness, a CAC social worker, said, "Candace and Brent are a great example of determination. They dig in every step of the way and take on the next task 'head on' with very positive attitudes. More than just growing up, they've moved forward."



The newly engaged couple looks forward to a wedding in the next several months and is currently saving money for a second vehicle and dental work. "We're working really hard, and we're going to keep working until we get there," said Candace. "Our relationship with each other has been strengthened by the support and connections we've made at the CAC."

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### David *continued from page 6*

money for repairs to his car – the only way he could get to and from his job at Bell Kennels & Farms.

Additionally, when his housing situation turned sour as his landlord was facing foreclosure, the Community Action Center's Legal Clinic offered counsel that helped David get his security deposit back – a significant amount of money, especially for someone with a tight budget. Recalling his experience, David said, "That was awesome. I am so happy to have that money back."

With plans to enroll in a business management program at Dakota County Technical College and dreams of someday owning his own home, David grew up fast and successfully tackled many of the challenges adults twice his age struggle with – managing a household on a limited budget while balancing school and work – but



recognizes he didn't do it on his own. "I had a lot of help," said David. "Everyone at the CAC is so friendly and easy to talk to. They'll really go above and beyond to help."

Sharon Vangness, a licensed social worker at the Community Action Center who helped David, said, "There's no question in my mind that David is incredibly mature for his age. He's always followed through

on the items that we've discussed and is committed to living his life the right way. This community should be very proud to have supported such a fantastic young man."

## Maria: Beauty Abounds



After her husband left her and their three young children, Maria moved to Northfield to be closer to family members who could help her raise her kids. Since moving to Northfield, Maria's life has taken a turn for the better and she smiles when she says the community has been good to her.

With assistance from the Community Action Center, Maria has a regular supply of food, access to the fitness facilities at the Senior Center where her activity has helped lower her blood pressure, and received training as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) that has opened up new job opportunities.

"Every time I come to the CAC, I bless the building and the people. I like my life. This is a beautiful town. I have a beautiful life."

An honest and truthful person, Maria's servant heart is evident in her career as a CNA and in the joy she receives as a volunteer in the Food Shelf and Senior Dining Center. "I like to give back," she said. "The people here, they help me so much. I want to do that, too."

## Brenda & Natalie: Sincere Gratitude

With tears welling up in her eyes, Brenda said, "There's no question in my mind that without the Community Action Center, we wouldn't have a Christmas."

Head of an active household that includes four children – ages 9, 13, 16 and 17 – Brenda is forever grateful for the Community Action Center and its sustaining programs. She and her family have received the support of Christmas Sharing and Operation Backpack, attend weekly meals at Thursday's Table and enjoy the selection at the Food Shelf. "A lot of food shelves don't have the fresh produce that we have here. With my illnesses, it's important that I eat healthy, and the fresh produce and organic food choices make that possible."

Brenda, whose battle with cancer and multiple sclerosis has left her unable to work, grew up in a middle-class family. Her experiences at the Community Action Center have been humbling, and she happily reports that in each instance she's been treated with dignity.

"Northfield feels like home," said Brenda. "We don't have any extra money and I'm super grateful to this community for



help in raising my family and giving my kids opportunities for a fun, stable life. Experiences like summer camp and access to the necessary school supplies ensure they have the chance to be kids and also have what they need to succeed in the classroom."

# Our Core Programs

## Feeding the Hungry



The food programs of the Community Action Center provide for those who need food through a community-supported Food Shelf and Thursday's

Table – a free weekly meal for those who are in transition.

**THE FOOD SHELF** is open Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesdays from 12 to 7 p.m. Donations are accepted any time the Food Shelf is open.

**MEALS AT THURSDAY'S TABLE** are served every Thursday (with the exception of holidays) from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Northfield Community Resource Center's dining room.

## Clothing Those in Need



Clothing is essential; whether interviewing for a new job or walking to the grocery store, appropriate clothing makes all the difference. We work with our

neighbors in the Northfield area to gather quality, gently used clothing for distribution to people who need it.

**THE CLOTHES CLOSET** is open to the general public Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Donations are always appreciated and are accepted Monday–Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

## Nurturing the Next Generation



Youth are the future of our community. Through Christmas Sharing, scholarship programs and Operation Backpack, in collaboration with the Campaign for

Children, the Community Action Center provides children with what they need to excel inside and outside the classroom.

In addition to **OPERATION BACKPACK** and **CHRISTMAS SHARING**, the CAC provides activity scholarships and camp scholarships, and supports monthly visits by the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile®.

## Creating Homes



The Community Action Center recognizes that everyone needs a place to feel safe. Through a continuum of programs, people in the Northfield

area are offered emergency and transitional housing as well as permanent supportive housing.

## Establishing Roots and Building Community



Recognizing that it is oftentimes difficult to find firm footing in a new community, the Community Action Center offers new residents access to cultural training,

jobs-training programs, and a one-stop-shop for information about educational opportunities and referral sources.

## Giving Hope to People in Crisis



One of the best things we can do for people in transition is give them hope. We are uniquely positioned to offer Northfield neighbors hope for a better

future by offering small loans, short-term counseling, and referrals to other sources of aid.

## Transportation Solutions



We know that the ability to move from one point to another is important to anybody's success. The Community Action Center offers the C.A.A.R.

(Community Action Auto Recycling) program, gas vouchers and bus tokens to help those in transition.

**IF YOU HAVE A CAR IN GOOD WORKING ORDER** that you'd like to donate, please call 507.664.3550.

### STAFF MEMBERS

IVY AINSWORTH  
*Thursday's Table  
Coordinator*

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*Program Director*

KATHLEEN BJERKE  
*Administrative Director*

JIM BLAHA  
*Executive Director*

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*Receptionist*

MARTHA CALDERON  
*Clothes Closet Sales/  
Receptionist*

NOEMÍ ORTIZ DE ROSAS  
*Receptionist*

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*Client Service Specialist*

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*Clothes Closet Manager*

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RUTH JENSEN  
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CLARITA KELL  
*Clothes Closet Sales*

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*Receptionist*

SHARON VANGSNES  
*Client Services Coordinator*

SUSAN WARRING  
*Housing Case Manager*

WANDA WRIGHT  
*Clothes Closet Sales*

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# Financial Results

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30)

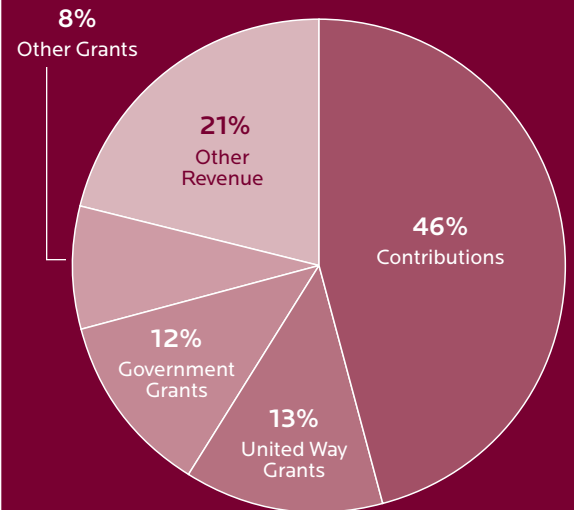
	2011	2010
<b>UNRESTRICTED REVENUES</b>		
Contributions	\$505,035	\$456,410
Grants		
United Way	145,600	154,000
Government	139,284	185,723
Other	85,827	27,384
Other Revenue	230,185	130,533
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,105,931</b>	<b>954,051</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Program Expenses	801,812	763,012
Giving Hope to People in Crisis	171,630	144,308
Creating Homes	209,703	206,451
Transportation Solutions	20,225	13,588
Clothing Those in Need	103,111	103,370
Nurturing the Next Generation	75,744	82,455
Establishing Roots and Building Community	33,500	63,468
Feeding the Hungry	187,898	149,373
Management and General	60,126	55,215
Fundraising	37,805	36,907
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>899,743</b>	<b>855,134</b>
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	206,188	98,917
Unrestricted Net Assets at Beginning of Year	1,542,332	1,443,415
Unrestricted Net Assets at End of Year	1,748,519	1,542,332

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (AS OF JUNE 30)

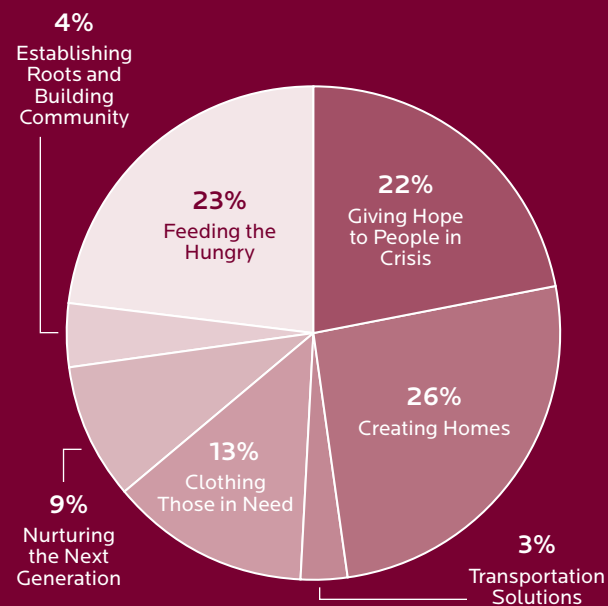
	2011	2010
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash and Investments	\$1,357,640	\$1,304,234
Accounts Receivable	19,146	10,532
Grants Receivable	133,050	253,372
Other Current Assets	20,005	22,877
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>1,529,841</b>	<b>1,591,015</b>
Property and Equipment (Net)	759,925	728,180
Non-Current Assets		
Funds Held by Others	58,174	53,553
Investments Designated for Endowments	169,996	133,431
Grants Receivable	—	—
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>228,170</b>	<b>186,984</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,517,936</b>	<b>2,506,179</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Liabilities	39,354	52,786
Net Assets		
Operating	384,760	335,388
Fixed Assets	759,925	728,180
Board Designated	603,834	478,764
Temporarily Restricted	730,062	911,061
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>2,478,582</b>	<b>2,453,393</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$2,517,936</b>	<b>\$2,506,179</b>

Unaudited

## A Closer Look at the Financial Results



UNRESTRICTED REVENUES



PROGRAM EXPENSES

# Community Action Center Donors JULY 1, 2010–JUNE 30, 2011

We are incredibly grateful for many gifts we've received in support of our mission to create a just community for all people. In addition to the monetary gifts listed below, hundreds of vital in-kind gifts were made throughout the year. Thank you for your contribution.

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# About the Community Action Center of Northfield



The Community Action Center of Northfield is a nonprofit organization providing a multitude of services to our neighbors in need. The Community Action Center makes a **DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS** by helping to meet basic needs such as food, clothing and

shelter, as well as providing crisis support, transportation, youth services and other programs designed to facilitate neighbors helping neighbors.

Providing a safety net to **NEARLY 1,000 HOUSEHOLDS** in the Northfield area, the Community Action Center relies on the support of **NEARLY 3,000 VOLUNTEERS** dedicating approximately 30,000 hours each year to help accomplish our mission. In addition, the CAC has received full endorsement from United Way – receiving tremendous financial support from the agency

through direct gifts by generous people and companies who recognize the need to help those who can benefit most from our support.

As a leader among nonprofit organizations in our community, the Community Action Center continues to help local people “give voice to their hearts” through action and philanthropy. The CAC is focused on **HELPING NEIGHBORS HELP NEIGHBORS** to strengthen our community and ensure that the people with whom we live and work are supported in a manner that helps them succeed in their lives.

Through its work with low-income people in the Northfield area, the Community Action Center makes a difference in the lives of our neighbors. The Community Action Center is **ALL OF US WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE A BETTER TOMORROW**. The mission of the organization is to promote a healthy, caring and just community for all people through resources, advocacy and volunteer effort. We invite you to join in our cause today.