

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



**A community nonprofit
that empowers and equips
individuals and families to
reach stability and
self-sufficiency.**

THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE

2018 was an amazing year – and we couldn't have done it without the support of our donors and volunteers. Why was it so great? Because during the year, we were able to serve 1,384 people in our community who needed us. WeCAN's clients were facing a crisis situation, often times unexpected, and had nowhere else to turn for help. The crisis may have been created by an unexpected medical diagnosis, a broken-down car, or the loss of a job.

Our dedicated, professionally trained staff took time with families to review their individual circumstances and provided them with resources to assist with food, homelessness prevention, car repairs and numerous other services to stabilize their situation.

We are proud of the work we do and grateful that we have such wonderful supporters who join with us to fulfill our mission. Thank you for your dedication to WeCAN and for creating a community where all residents are given the opportunity to thrive.

In gratitude,



Christie Larson
Executive Director

Organization Statistics

1,384

Individuals Served

570

Households Served

6,850

Services Provided

212

Volunteers

6,194

Total Volunteer Hours

\$170,824

Value of Volunteer Time @ MN
rate of \$27.58 per hour

A GLANCE AT WECAN'S PROGRAMS //// EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE



Getting our clients back on their feet

WeCAN's Emergency Assistance program provides financial assistance to individuals and families facing an immediate crisis. Qualifying clients can receive a one-time payment for rent, mortgage or utility assistance. Coverage for medical appointments, prescriptions, and transportation assistance is also available.

35

Households stabilized through rent or mortgage assistance

252

Emergency Assistance services provided to clients

A GLANCE AT WECAN'S PROGRAMS //// FAMILY SUPPORT



Helping struggling families turn it around

Family Support encompasses many programs at WeCAN. These programs are designed to help stretch the budget of struggling families. Some services include Ready to Learn school supplies, warm winter coats and gear, Adopt-a-Family holiday gifts, children's birthday shelf, pet food, personal care and household cleaning products.

1,072

Coats, hats and pairs of mittens distributed

248

Ready to Learn participants who received school supplies

276

Children served with Adopt-a-Family holiday gift program

A GLANCE AT WECAN'S PROGRAMS // // // FOOD PROGRAMS



No one should have to worry about the next meal

Mobile Market

498

Kids' Food Bags distributed

72,206

Total pounds of food distributed, which equates to 62,672 meals

WeCAN believes that no one should worry about how they're going to get their next meal. When all the money has gone to pay the bills, you are no longer able to cook your own meals or you can't get to the local food shelf, WeCAN has two food assistance programs to provide food for you and your family.

Meals on Wheels

7,945

Hot meals delivered

75

Volunteer drivers

2,560

Hours given by drivers

A GLANCE AT WECAN'S PROGRAMS //// EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



Overcoming obstacles to employment

Unemployment and underemployment are the reality of many of our clients; therefore, our Employment Program is a vital component of our service offerings. Residents applying for services often experience multiple barriers to obtaining employment, so counselors provide intensive one-on-one job search assistance, resume building, and interview skill training.

28

Clients utilized job services

57

Clients attended money management classes

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Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Revenue

Contributions	\$277,046
Grants and Contracts	\$197,099
Program Revenue	\$62,799
Other	\$891
Total	\$537,835

Expenses

Emergency Assistance	\$152,155
Family Support	\$98,393
Food Programs	\$156,468
Management and General	\$136,257
Total	\$543,273

In-Kind

Donated Items	\$272,965
Volunteers – 9,716 hours	\$170, 824
Total	\$443,789

GET INVOLVED

WITH A FINANCIAL GIFT

A contribution of any size has the greatest impact. With these gifts, WeCAN is able to provide our valuable programs to individuals and families, leading them down the path toward self-sufficiency. Mail a check, drop off your donation, or give online.



"I can't find the words to express my gratitude and appreciation for your love and generosity! My family has endured so much this year. I don't know where my life or family would be if it wasn't for WeCAN."

— WeCAN client

WITH DONATED GOODS

There are many items which our families need throughout the year. Here is a glimpse of items that are regularly needed: personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, paper products, baby diapers, non-perishable foods.

WITH YOUR TIME

Our volunteers ensure that our programs continue to meet the needs of those we serve. If you are looking for a hands-on approach to making a difference, consider becoming a WeCAN volunteer. Contact us to see how your talents can help those in need in your community.



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