



FISCAL YEAR
2023-24

ANNUAL REPORT



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

WeCAN, 5213 Shoreline Drive, Mound, MN 55364

BECAUSE TOGETHER, WE CAN!

This has always been my favorite tagline for WeCAN and all of you who support us so strongly. This past year we have done so much together. New community partners have joined our long-standing partners to create amazing synchronicity. We have integrated these partnerships and programs into our 5-year strategic plan. The bold and ambitious goals of our plan serve to move us forward with confidence and trust, bolstered by your meaningful, continuous support.

The statistics and numbers in this report only show part of the picture of 2023. Even in the face of inflation and economic uncertainty, we continued to provide more food, greater amounts of Emergency Assistance, and more services across all our programs. Every day we connect with our clients in important, life-changing ways. Our challenging work is sustained by your ongoing and unwavering support. My deepest gratitude to our staff, volunteers, donors, and Board of Directors for their extraordinary talents and generosity to make WeCAN a thriving organization. Every day I am inspired to work with such a caring and devoted team, and I extend my heartfelt appreciation for every one of you.

Christopher Anderson
Executive Director



Organization Statistics

2023-2024

1,353

Individuals Served

520

Households Served

8,051

Services Provided

\$560,405

Financial Donations
Received

4,390

Total Volunteer Hours

\$159,401

Value of Volunteer Time
@ MN Rate of \$36.31/Hour
(Independent Sector)

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, transportation assistance and emergency vet care is also available.

27

Households stabilized
through rent or
mortgage assistance

179

Emergency Assistance
services provided

\$34,823

Emergency Assistance
funding provided



Helping struggling families turn it around

Family Support encompasses many programs at WeCAN. These programs are designed to help stretch the budgets 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, household cleaning supplies, and paper products.

1,679

Coats, hats and mittens distributed

398

Children received Adopt-a-Family holiday gifts

20,235

Diapers and personal care items distributed

A GLANCE AT WECAN'S PROGRAMS



FOOD PROGRAMS

Meals on Wheels

As part of our goal of keeping community members self-sufficient, Meals on Wheels helps to keep clients in their homes and living independently for as long as possible. But it's about more than food. Volunteer drivers deliver more than just meals each week — for many homebound individuals, it is a vital check-in.

5,872

Meals delivered

59

Clients served



WeCAN offers critical food support to families, seniors, and individuals who have barriers to visiting a traditional food shelf, like lack of transportation. If the budget doesn't allow for food purchases or someone can't physically leave their home to get food, WeCAN is there to ensure no one has to worry about where their next meal will come from.

Mobile Market/ Food Support

914

Kids' food bags distributed

73,048

Pounds of food recovered

99,206

Pounds of food distributed
which equates to 79,365 meals

1,685

Hours given by
food program volunteers

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



Overcoming obstacles to employment

In person employment counseling has been changed since the pandemic in favor of telephone and videoconferencing appointments only. WeCAN has established an employment video conferencing cubicle where employment clients can reserve time at WeCAN for virtual face-to-face consultations with the employment counselor, for interviews with a potential employer, or for computer and printing needs. This has improved scheduling flexibility and reduced staff costs as WeCAN remains available to help clients who want new employment search for jobs and career directions that fit their needs and ambitions. We continue to refer clients when appropriate to free training resources and to PCs for People, for free and low cost PCs and Microsoft Office software to aid in their job search and work.

16
Clients utilized
job services

105
Job services
provided

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Fiscal Year 2022-2023

June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023 - Audited Figures

Revenue

Donations	\$391,524
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Grants and Contracts	\$176,460
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Event Revenue	\$162,101
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Program Revenue	\$63,948
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Other	\$514
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Total	\$794,547
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Expenses

Emergency Assistance	\$208,026
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Family Support	\$127,145
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Food Programs	\$178,646
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Management & General	\$167,154
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Total	\$680,971
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In-Kind

Donated Items	\$221,763
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Volunteers - 4,390 hours	\$159,401
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Total	\$381,164
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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.

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 own community.



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