

# Rice County 2024 Program Outcomes

## Household Demographics

- **1,632** households served
- **45%** fell at or below the poverty line
- **51%** were renters
- **\$24,716** median income\*

*\* of those that reported income*

## Individual Demographics

- **5,296** individuals served
- **43%** were children
- **28%** were older adults
- **32%** were BIPOC community members
- **12%** reported a disability
- **25%** were Hispanic or Latino

## Program Outcomes

### Housing Development

- Own and operate 164 units of affordable multi-family housing and single-family homes in Northfield, Faribault and Lonsdale

### Homeless Assistance and Prevention

- Prevented 33 households from experiencing homelessness with \$137,422 of support

### Older Adults

- Served 86 older adults with 21,027 nutritious, home delivered meals
- Supported 36 older adults with assistance with applications and community resources

### Transportation

- Provided 89,880 rides on public transportation bus service in Faribault, Northfield, and Lonsdale
- Volunteer drivers provided 541 rides to older adults and persons with disabilities to appointments and community resources

### Energy Assistance Program

- Provided 1,255 households with over \$422,400 to help with utility cost burden, and an additional 388 households with over \$173,854 in crisis assistance
- Hired local contractors for 36 emergency repairs

### Weatherization

- Partnered with local contractors to provide weatherization services for 13 homes

### Early Childhood

- Provided Head Start classroom education and family support services to 122 children in Faribault and Northfield
- Supported 9 children 0-3, and their families, through our home visiting program
- Partnered with 2 childcare providers to provide quality care to 20 children in Northfield

### Achieve Homeownership

- Provided 48 households with homebuyer education, one on one advising, and down payment assistance

## Program Highlight

Three Rivers is partnering with Rice County HRA and Habitat for Humanity on the new Twin Oaks starter home subdivision in Faribault. The first six homes in the 22 lot subdivision are underway, and include five-bedroom homes to accommodate large families. Three Rivers is assisting with project planning and administering the first time homebuyer assistance funds. Our homeownership advisors are providing one to one counseling and homebuyer education to the future homeowners.

## Story of Impact-Maria's Story

Maria is a mom with two young children who accessed our Housing Advocacy services and moved into housing of her own after a period of staying with friends. Despite their improved living situation, Maria faced challenges securing employment because of an ongoing medical illness. To prevent another period of homelessness, Three Rivers provided emergency rental assistance for 3 months. This support allowed her the stability she needed to focus on finding a job. Maria is now employed, self-sufficient and no longer needing assistance, and optimistic about her future.



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## History

Three Rivers Community Action is a nonprofit human service organization incorporated in 1966. Created by community leaders to provide citizens and communities in southern Minnesota with anti-poverty strategies, the Three Rivers mission is ***"to work with community partners to address the basic human needs of people in our service area, thereby improving the quality of life of the individual, family and community."***

For almost 60 years, Three Rivers has responded to the needs of the community and today operates over 40 programs in the areas of Housing Development, Early Childhood, Homeless Assistance and Prevention, Transportation and Older Adult Services.

Three Rivers Community Action, continues to provide core services in the county while exploring new opportunities for deepening the impact on low-income households working their way out of poverty.

## Rice County Locations

### Faribault Office

1810 30th Street NW  
Faribault, MN 55021

### Northfield Head Start

1651 Jefferson Parkway  
Northfield, MN 55057

507-316-0610

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# Rice County Programs

### Housing Development - New Construction and Preservation

- Works with community partners to plan and develop new affordable rental and owner-occupied projects that meet local needs and to rehabilitate and preserve existing rental and ownership housing stock

### Homeless Assistance and Prevention Programs

- Assistance and support to individuals and families who are experiencing or nearing homelessness

### Older Adult Services

- Helps older adults remain independent and in their homes longer through Meals on Wheels and Volunteer Transportation programming

### Energy Assistance Program

- Federal program that helps supplement home heating costs and provides emergency furnace repairs for income-qualified households

### Weatherization

- Provides home energy upgrades to income-eligible homeowners to save energy and improve health and safety in the home

### SNAP Outreach & Assistance

- Shares information about the federal Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program and assisting households to complete applications for food assistance

### Auto Repair

- Provides car repairs to assist eligible individuals to obtain or maintain employment and connects individuals to other essential services

### Homeownership

- An array of services for households on the path to homeownership, including financial literacy and empowerment coaching, homebuyer education classes, individual pre-purchase counseling and post-purchase education and downpayment assistance programs. Services are provided in multiple languages

### Head Start Pre-School

- Pre-school education focused on the growth and development of children and parents and assists families to self-reliance

### Early Head Start

- Home visiting program for children ages 0-3 and their parents, provides comprehensive child development and family services

### Hiawathaland Public Transit

- County-wide bus service that includes route service in Northfield and Faribault Dial-A-Ride service throughout the county

### Homeless Prevention Team

- Coordination of inter-agency team to identify and address the needs of people experiencing homelessness in Rice County