

Wabasha County 2024 Program Outcomes

Household Demographics

- **569** households served
- **42%** fell at or below the poverty line
- **43%** were renters
- **\$21,233** median income*

** of those that reported income*

Individual Demographics

- **1,363** individuals served
- **31%** were children
- **38%** were older adults
- **21%** reported a disability
- **11%** were Hispanic or Latino

Program Outcomes

Housing Development

- Underwood Terrace-own and operate 32 units of affordable multi-family housing in Lake City.
- Harvest Ridge-own and operate 20 units of affordable multi-family housing in Plainview

Homeless Assistance and Prevention

- Prevented 11 households from experiencing homelessness with \$56,541 of support

Older Adults

- Provided 4,314 nutritious home delivered meals to older adults
- Supported 13 older adults with assistance with applications and community resources

Weatherization

- Partnered with local contractors to provide weatherization services for 4 households

Energy Assistance Program

- Provided 494 households with \$257,184 of support to help with utility cost burden and an additional \$58,812 in crisis funding
- Hired local contractors for 15 emergency repairs

Transportation

- Provided 19,039 rides on public transportation bus services in Lake City, Plainview, and Wabasha/Kellogg
- Volunteer drivers provided 649 rides to older adults and persons with disabilities to appointments and community resources

Early Childhood

- Provided Head Start classroom education and family support services to 11 children
- Supported 18 children 0-3, and their families, through our home visiting program

Program Highlight

The Energy Related Repair (ERR) program helps homeowners in our four counties with many heat-related issues. The program is primarily for no-heat emergencies, but can also help if there is a health or safety issue with the furnace or boiler, such as a carbon monoxide leak or cracks in the heat exchange. The ERR program may be able to help pay for repairs to restore heat and in some instances can also replace a furnace/boiler, if deemed necessary.

Story of Impact - Gloria's Story

Recently a long-time Meals on Wheels volunteer reached out to our Older Adults program about her aunt and uncle (Bob and Betty). The couple are in their late 80's and live independently in Wabasha. Betty is the primary caregiver for Bob, who is living with mid-stage dementia. It is becoming harder to get groceries and make meals while caring for Charles. During the home visit, we were able to refer the couple to the Caring Connections Café facilitated by our partner Elder Network.

About a month after beginning Meals on Wheels, Bob and Betty's niece reached out again in an email stating "I have to share how much my aunt and uncle are enjoying Meals on Wheels. It has transformed my aunt's life to not worry about dinner and driving." The volunteer went on to refer her parents, who have both recently experienced some unexpected health issues, and have also begun to receive meals.



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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.

Wabasha County Locations

Wabasha Office

611 Broadway Ave, Ste 120
Wabasha, MN 55981

Lake City Head Start

1156 West Lakewood Ave
Lake City, MN 5041

Transit Dispatch Facility

55047 241st Avenue
Plainview, MN 55964

507-316-0610

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Wabasha 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, Volunteer Transportation and Access and Assistance

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 households to save energy and improve health and safety in the home

SNAP Outreach & Assistance

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

Auto Repair

- Provides car repairs to assist eligible individuals 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 assisting families to self-reliance

Early Head Start

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

Hiawathaland Public Transit

- County-wide bus service that includes Demand Response (DAR) service throughout the county

Homeless Response Team

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