

Celebrating



50 Years of Service

community thread



"Thanks for allowing us to jump in and rake! The woman was in a wheelchair and had tons of leaves. I'm grateful to give our boys the chance to do this. Such a worthy program you do!"

– Rake a Difference Day Volunteer

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate **50 years of service** to the greater Stillwater community, we look back at the milestones that helped shape what Community Thread has become today. It all started with an inspiring idea to harness the passion and commitment of volunteers to solve problems impacting their neighbors—a mission that continues to drive our work and benefit our local community today.



Supporting older adults continues to be a priority at Community Thread. Our programs are designed to provide services people need to live as independently as possible. We offer Older Adult programming at two **Senior Centers**, help people get **Transportation** to medical appointments, and connect volunteers to homeowners requesting help with **Chore Services**.

At Community Thread, we believe that each act of service connects people, neighborhoods and lives to create a strong, caring community. Our **Volunteer Center** builds on that strength by matching volunteers to meaningful opportunities that impact lives—right here in our community.

Here are a few of our significant accomplishments in 2016:

- Thanks to the generosity of local foundations and individual supporters, we created a **safe and more accessible facility** at our Stillwater location by replacing our 25-year-old parking lot, sidewalks and curbs.
- Over 100 guests joined us for our first annual **Celebration of Connections** volunteer recognition event, recognizing their contributions along with those who received the annual Community Involvement Awards—a program that started in 1975 with Washington County.
- We raised visibility and funds at a new event called **Volunteer for a Cause at the St. Croix Vineyards**. Proceeds benefited over 300 households through Holiday Hope—a program that connects low-income families, seniors and adults with disabilities to sponsors who provide individually chosen gifts and a holiday meal.

Community Thread is a free standing nonprofit. We are not an agency of the county, state or federal government. We were founded by members of the community, and we rely on the community to help us continue to provide programs and opportunities that keep people engaged, enriched and connected.

Thanks to all of you: our funders, volunteers, participants, community partners and friends who contributed to our successes in 2016. We are grateful for your support of our mission and for investing in our community's future.

In Service,



Kerri Kolstad

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President, Board of Directors

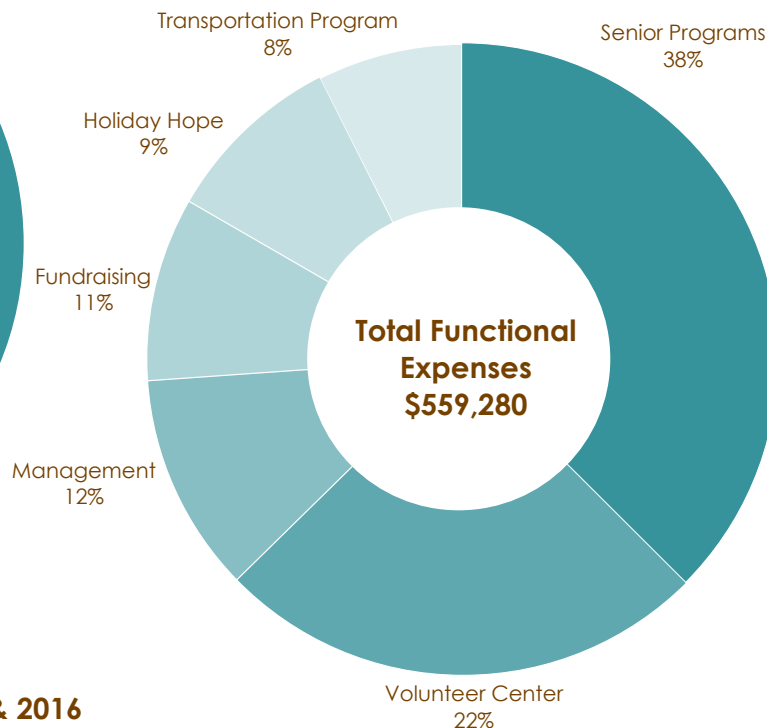
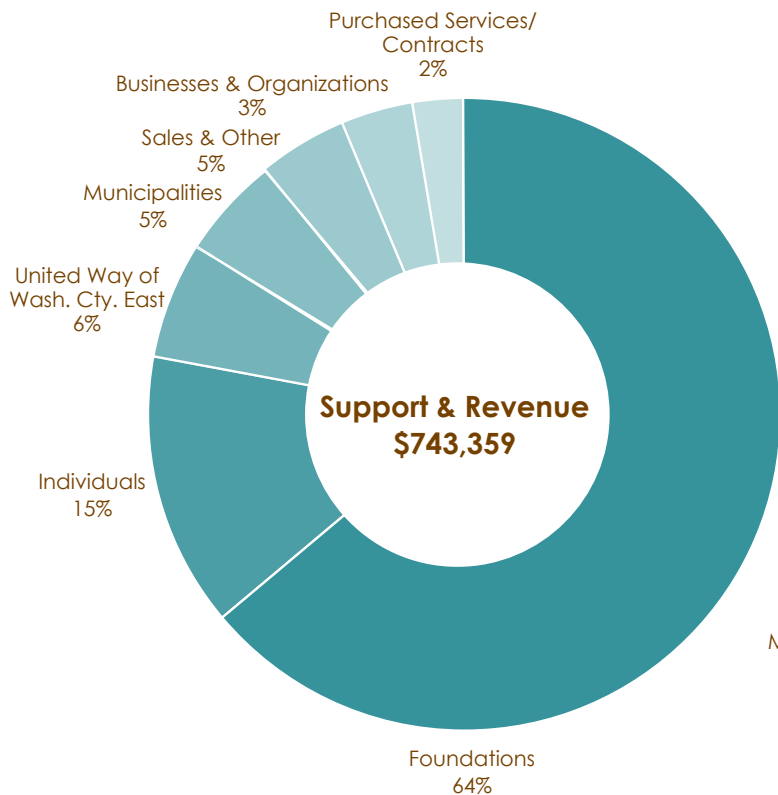


Sally Anderson

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Executive Director

2016 Financials



Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2015 & 2016

ASSETS	2016	2015
Cash	\$206,514	\$139,217
Accounts Receivable	\$1,067	\$1,185
Prepaid Expenses	\$4,261	\$4,071
Pledges Receivable	\$20,000	\$0
Property and Equipment, at cost, less accumulated depreciation of \$399,927 and \$377,963 respectively.	\$481,245	\$373,618
Total Assets	\$713,087	\$518,091
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts Payable	\$8,432	\$4,072
Accrued Expenses	\$12,488	\$25,808
Total Liabilities	\$20,920	\$29,880
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	\$610,247	\$488,211
Total Unrestricted		
Temporarily Restricted	\$81,920	\$0
Total Net Assets	\$692,167	\$488,211
Total Net Assets and Liabilities	\$713,087	\$518,091

2016 BUSINESS PARTNERS

Anastasi Jellum, P.A.
 Andersen Corporation
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 Bayport Marina
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 Cedar Pet Clinic Lake Elmo
 Cornerstone Land Surveying
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 Lake Elmo Bank
 Leo's Grill & Malt Shop
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 Pony Preschool
 Child Development Center
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 Wahoo! Adventures

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Timeline of Our History

1968



1967

Community Volunteer Service (CVS)
of the St. Croix Valley is founded
(the original name).

Transportation Service begins.

"Thank you for
the help with rides to
medical appointments. The
drivers are excellent and very
kind. Your program is great for
seniors."

– Transportation
Program Recipient



Transportation Program

Beginning in 1967, transportation was the first service Community Thread provided—a service that is still a central part of our work today. Access to transportation for older adults continues to be one of the biggest issues impacting Washington County. Through our combined Chore Services and Transportation Program, we help older adults remain safely and independently in their homes by coordinating rides to medical appointments and recruiting volunteers to assist with basic home maintenance assistance. Over the last five years, Community Thread has provided over 3,000 trips to medical appointments.



Volunteer Center

Since 1968, Community Thread has connected people to meaningful volunteer opportunities and supported local organizations seeking volunteers. Today, volunteers continue to play a central role in helping us address community needs. In 2016, we launched a new community-wide volunteer initiative called Connect the Dots—a program where volunteer groups and families assembled kits to benefit local nonprofit agencies. Volunteers assembled over 2,000 kits such as flu-free kits for local hospitals and nursing homes, winter emergency kits for low-income families, and activity kits for children.

"It is hard to find volunteer events that are a good fit for kids. We were so excited to hear about this. It is perfect."

— Connect the Dots Volunteer



Senior Center is established.
CVS moves to offices at
112 S. Main St.

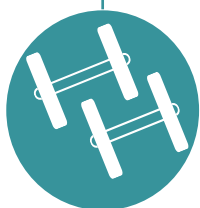
1972



Location moves to
2300 Orleans St. W.

1992

1970
Holiday Bureau
(now Holiday Hope)
begins.



1973
Tax Help Service
begins.





Bayport Senior Center (BSC)
established in Bayport, MN.

2000



Chore Services begins.

2011

1998

Rake a Difference Day
begins.



2009

CVS formally becomes
Community Thread.

Spring into Service
begins.



"I can't thank you
enough for having these
programs for my dad to attend.
He loves coming to class at the
Stillwater location and now he's
going to Bayport classes, too. Thank
you for such a warm and inviting
center."

– Senior Center Participant's
Daughter



Senior Centers

Since the opening of our first Senior Center in 1972, we have offered older adults opportunities to enrich their learning, socialize and stay engaged in their community. Today, older adults visiting our Bayport or Stillwater locations may enjoy playing cards, mahjong or cribbage, or perhaps try their hand at a craft project or painting class. In 2016, we also offered a variety of programs to support wellness. Activities included chair yoga, kayaking and our very popular aerobics class, along with more focused support through our Vision Loss support group and Living Well with Chronic Conditions—a series that provided self-management skills and techniques to help take control of chronic health issues.

Steve Brady

Community Volunteer

Connie Carlson

Pony Preschool

Chris Clark

Lake Elmo Bank

Aaron Drevlow

Stillwater Area High School

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Karen Nelson

Community Volunteer

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Tennant Company

Lynn Vernon

Community Volunteer

Gina Zeuli

City of Oak Park Heights

"Thank you for making the parking lot safer. I so enjoy coming here for your programs and now it's easier."

– Stillwater Senior Center Participant

Capital Improvement Campaign

In 2016, we kicked off a three-year capital improvement plan to help us better serve Washington County seniors, families and individuals with disabilities. Thanks to the generous support of many foundations, area businesses and individual donors, we resurfaced our parking lot, reconfigured our entry and reception area (including a check-in station built to wheelchair-accessible height), and installed new participant management software that makes the check-in process more efficient and accurate.

THANKS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDERS

Andersen Corporate Foundation

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And many corporate and individual donors!

River Rally begins.

2014



Connect the Dots begins.

Capital campaign.
Parking lot resurfaced.

2016

2015

BSC moves to the
White Pine Building.

Partnership with Stillwater Area
High School for Varsity Letter in
Community Service begins.





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Our Mission

To leverage resources
and volunteers to improve
the quality of life for adults
and their families in our
local community.

Our Vision

A community where all
people are engaged,
enriched, and connected.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2016!



Learn about our accomplishments —————>

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connecting people. enriching lives.