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“Once again,
Community Thread
has reached out
beyond its four
walls to bring
the community
together.”



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much" Helen Keller

Dear Friends of Community Thread,

We know that to be successful in business, and in life, we need to collaborate. As a free standing nonprofit, we are grateful to join forces with volunteers and other organizations as we work to address gaps in our community. We are delighted to share with you some of our significant accomplishments in 2018 as a result of our partnerships and the community needs that compelled this collaborative work.

Lack of personal transportation has serious implications. A recent Community Health Needs Assessment identified access to care as a top priority, with transportation challenges as a major barrier. Community Thread has been providing rides to medical appointments in partnership with volunteers since 1967. Last year our Transportation Program coordinated 20% more requests and completed 22% more trips over the prior year – a sign of the increasing demand for support as our community ages.

Through a partnership with DARTS, the **Community Thread Connector Loop** bus circulator launched in late 2018. In the first 16 weeks of service, over 130 riders were able to shop at various retailers and access community resources such as the food shelf and library.

Access to healthy and affordable food strengthens our community. In partnership with The Food Group, Valley Outreach and the United Way of Washington County - East, Community Thread became the host site for Fare For All, a program that reduces barriers for families seeking to stretch their food purchasing power by offering discounts up to 30 percent off retail prices. Since Community Thread became the host site, the number of households served has doubled, benefitting 209 households in December 2018 alone.

The aging population in our community is growing and new supports will be critical. The total population of 65+ residents in ISD#834 is projected to grow 30% by 2022. In 2018, we approved a business plan that responds to the demand for more support of our aging community with a program that expands the assistance people can receive to remain living independently. In partnership with volunteers and other supporters, **Thrive at Community Thread** will provide services that allow older adults to stay in their homes as they age.

We are grateful to our partners who helped us make an impact in 2018. We welcome your support going forward as we increase our capacity to deliver more services to more people and address the gaps that arise in our community. Together we can indeed do so much.



Aaron Drevlow
President, Board of Directors

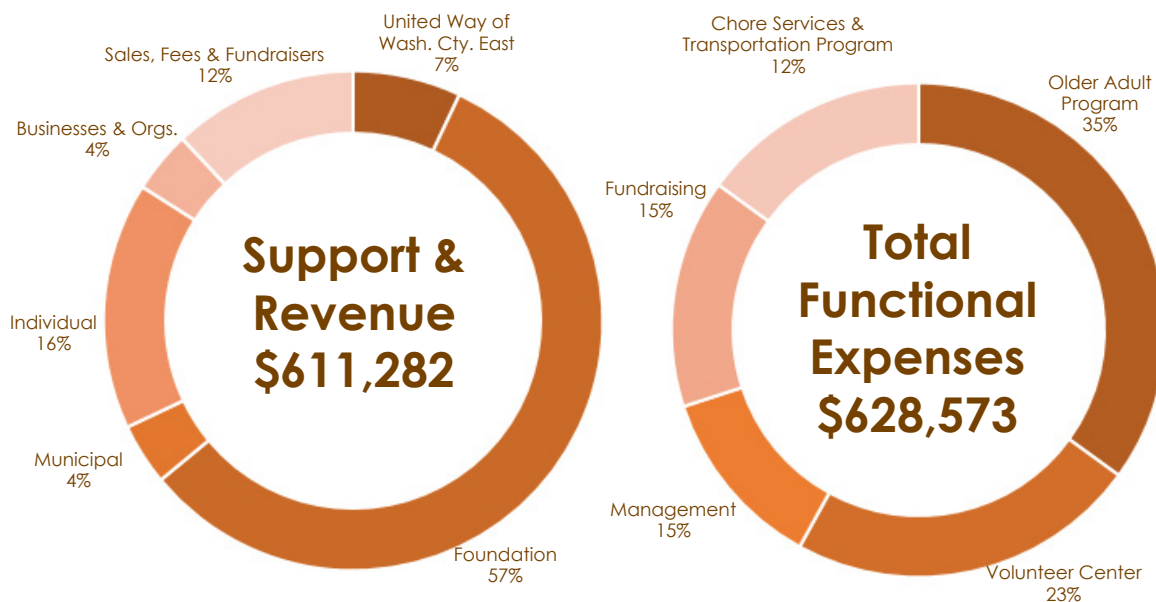
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Sally Anderson
Executive Director

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2018 Financials



Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2017 & 2018

ASSETS	2018	2017
Cash	\$143,421	\$146,117
Accounts Receivable	\$1,090	\$971
Prepaid Expenses	\$4,371	\$4,289
Pledges Receivable	\$0	\$0
Property and Equipment, at cost, less accumulated depreciation of \$427,115 and \$399,927 respectively.	\$523,797	\$534,832
Total Assets	\$672,679	\$686,209
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts Payable	\$2,816	\$2,520
Accrued Expenses	\$17,088	\$13,623
Total Liabilities	\$19,904	\$16,143
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	\$631,999	\$663,720
Total Unrestricted		
Temporarily Restricted	\$20,776	\$6,346
Total Net Assets	\$652,775	\$670,066
TOTAL NET ASSETS & LIABILITIES	\$672,679	\$686,209

2018 BUSINESS PARTNERS

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DEVELOPMENT CENTER

SARA'S TIPSYPY PIES

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STILLWATER NOONTIME ROTARY

VALLEY ORTHODONTICS

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Chore Services & Transportation Program

At Community Thread, we have a unique way of serving people who need rides to medical appointments or chores completed at their home. We match individuals with the right volunteers – those who build a unique friendship with the people they serve and create a strong, connected community. In 2018, the average age of a recipient was 70 years old. The number of requests increased by 20% and included a variety of things such as multiple trips on the same day. We are happy to customize services to each person's unique needs whenever we can. These services provide a convenient and affordable option for older adults and adults with disabilities. We are always moved by the gratitude we receive for the volunteers and our Chore Services and Transportation Program.



134 requests
214 volunteer hours



1,418 trips
1,812 volunteer hours



“I had to see my doctor as soon as I could. Thankfully you came to the rescue with transportation. Your people made it happen!”



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Stillwater, MN

“The Connector Loop has enriched so many lives by enabling those in our community to shop, attend doctor's appointments, meet with friends and visit downtown Stillwater.”

Older Adult Program

With locations in Stillwater and Bayport, Community Thread is the only community center in the valley that serves older adults. We are known for our warm, welcoming centers where everyone is invited to participate in activities and events. In 2018, participants took an active interest in the program by recommending the return of popular movement classes like chair yoga and Moving for Better Balance, and by volunteering to lead new groups such as Fun with Yarn. A host of new speakers presented on topics like relaxation therapy, expressing gratitude through writing and planning the perfect move. Our annual holiday events also continue to drive participation, invite volunteerism and encourage others to join the fun.



“I can't thank you enough for having these programs for my dad to attend. He's more active than ever thanks to your warm and inviting center.”

Volunteer Center

Our Volunteer Center is the only volunteer clearing house in the area. Our hands-on approach connects people who want to make a difference with those who need help. We also strive to fill needs that haven't been met and partner with other organizations to make our community stronger. In 2018, Stuff the Bus donations increased by 50% and included a shopping day for families. Community Thread partnered with Xcel Energy for River Rally this year to be a day of service site for their team. Holiday Hope expanded to include a gift shopping experience for families and a Giving Tree where people could buy a single requested gift instead of sponsoring an individual or family. We also saw growth in our Summer Stretch and Connect the Dots programs where we engaged on a deeper level with our Volunteer Center Affiliates.



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11 nonprofit sites



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107 hours of service



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47 homeowners served



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1,137 individuals served



“What a great way to connect with other similarly minded volunteers who care about this beautiful resource we have in our community!”

- River Rally Volunteer





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OUR VISION

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

OUR MISSION

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



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2018!



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connecting people. enriching lives.