

# enriching lives since 1967



"My family and I are so grateful for the additional help provided by Community Thread throughout the pandemic. The gift card for groceries alleviated financial stress and helped us to make ends meet."



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## Dear Friends of Community Thread,

As eternal optimists, we tend to find the silver lining that comes out of difficulty and 2020 is no exception. Last year when our world began shutting down, Community Thread stepped up to serve those most impacted by the pandemic. Thanks to overwhelming support from our community, this is how Community Thread responded:

- **We connected 80 volunteers who assisted 120 individuals** with special requests at the height of the pandemic. These community-minded volunteers shopped for and delivered essential items such as food and prescriptions, made check-in calls, and helped set up computers so people could stay connected.
- **We collaborated with other organizations** to help meet community needs; for example, we recruited volunteers to help distribute meals from the Stillwater Area Public Schools and partnered with Stillwater Cares and Washington County to assist with mask-making and mask-distribution efforts.
- **We expanded our Holiday Hope program to double the number of individuals served**, thanks to generous gifts from local foundations, individual sponsors, and volunteers. By partnering with the Christian Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf, we reached additional individuals and families who were experiencing an even greater need for support.

A community thrives when people have a sense of belonging, whether they are giving or receiving. **Last year our Volunteer Center coordinated the efforts of 2,078 volunteers who generously donated the equivalent of \$239,000 in labor**, making our community stronger. In spite of the pandemic, our volunteers gave rides to medical appointments, assisted with household tasks and projects that kept people independent, and distributed school supplies to almost 100 more children than the prior year.

These silver linings happened because of the collective resilience and goodwill of our community - a place where people care about one another and offer their gifts of time, talent, and financial resources to improve overall wellbeing. Special funding from the Fred C. and Katherine B Andersen Foundation, Margaret Rivers Fund, The Otto Bremer Trust, and the St. Croix Valley Foundation made it possible for Community Thread to serve as an essential need nonprofit during 2020.

Even in the most challenging of times, our community spirit sees us through. Community Thread connects this spirit of caring to people who need it most and we couldn't do our work without the support of our community partners, volunteers, and donors. **In 2020, we were honored to be selected as Nonprofit of the Year from the Greater Stillwater Area Chamber of Commerce** - an honor we attribute to your unwavering support and commitment. Thanks for helping us continue to make a difference.

With gratitude,  
Ruth and Sally



**Ruth Hjelmgren**  
President, Board of Directors



**Sally Anderson**  
Executive Director

# 2020 Financials

## 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Fred Anderson**  
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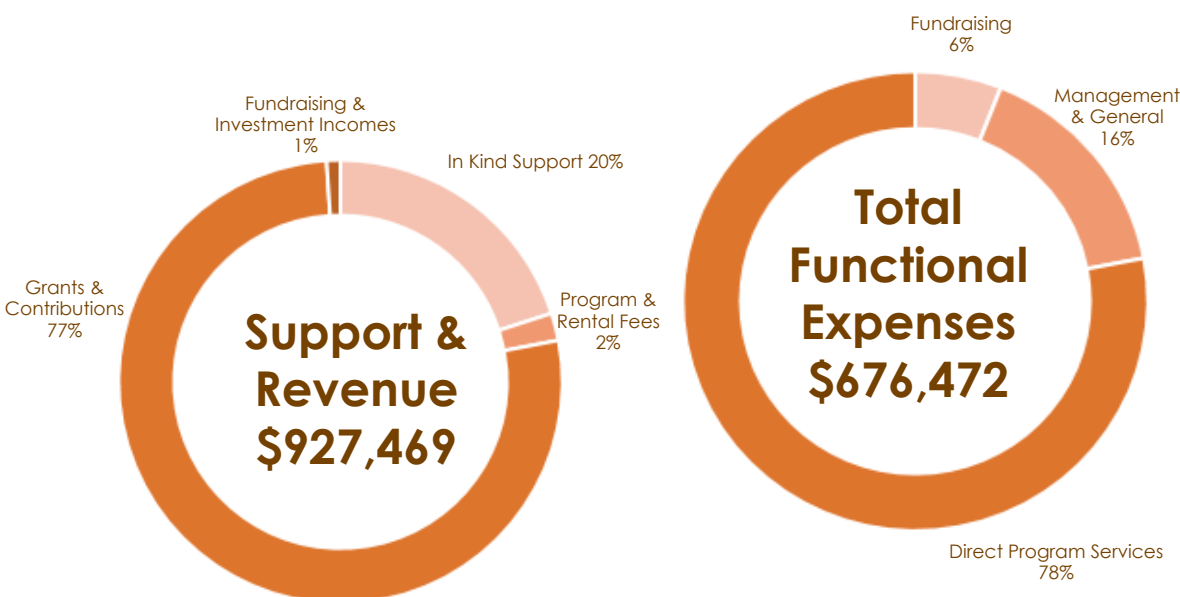
**Samantha Schindler**  
DiaSorin, Inc.

**James P. Schoenecker**  
Strategic Insurance  
Agency Alliance

**Sarah Stivland**  
Community Volunteer

**Julie Swedback**  
Swedback Law, PLLC

**Gina Zeuli**  
City of Oak Park Heights



## Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2020 & 2019

ASSETS	2020	2019
Cash	\$258,216	\$192,032
Accounts Receivable	\$79,201	\$2,510
Prepaid Expenses	\$1,219	\$6,677
Net Property and Equipment	\$438,040	\$505,315
Other Assets	\$24,629	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$801,305</b>	<b>\$706,534</b>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts Payable	\$6,540	\$3,287
Accrued Expenses	\$53,088	\$20,630
PPP Loan	\$79,600	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$139,228</b>	<b>\$23,917</b>
NET ASSETS		
Total Unrestricted	\$655,897	\$651,841
Temporarily Restricted	\$6,180	\$30,776
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$662,077</b>	<b>\$682,617</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS &amp; LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$801,305</b>	<b>\$706,534</b>

Audited financial statements can be found at [www.CommunityThreadMN.org](http://www.CommunityThreadMN.org).



Financials do not include \$238,355 as valued by the Independent Sector for 8,096 volunteer hours at \$29.44 per hour.

## 2020 BUSINESS PARTNERS

AFTON BAYPORT LAKELAND LIONS  
ANASTASI JELLUM P.A.  
ANDERSEN CORPORATION  
ANDERSEN WINDOWS AND DOORS  
ARTIS SENIOR LIVING  
BLUESTONE PHYSICIAN SERVICES  
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STILLWATER LIONS  
STILLWATER SUNRISE ROTARY  
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## STAFF

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### Our Locations

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# Chore Services & Transportation Program

Our Chore Services and Transportation program provides critical services that help people maintain their health, mobility, dignity, and independence. Due to the pandemic, our program experienced a decrease in transportation requests when non-essential medical appointments were cancelled; however, **our volunteers stepped up to fulfill the increased demand for chore service requests**, helping to inform us of even greater needs for support.

As programs evolve at Community Thread to meet our community's needs, we are excited to continue the development of **Thrive**, a joining of the social and educational activities of our Older Adults Program and the ride and at-home services of our Chore and Transportation Program. By combining - and expanding - the activities and services of both of our programs through Thrive, we will honor the dignity of older adults, leverage their strengths, and help make aging in community an exceptional and fulfilling experience.



**114 requests**  
**281 volunteer hours**



**256 trips**  
**636 volunteer hours**



“ Thank you for connecting my parents with rides to their medical appointments. Community Thread and their volunteers go the extra mile. ”



**Thank you**  
**Community Thread**  
**Connector Loop Sponsors!**



City of  
Oak Park Heights



“ The circulator bus is a gift! Thank you for offering personal transportation to and from my errands. Our community is so lucky to have such an amazing and dedicated organization! ”

# Older Adult Program .....

Community Thread is proud to be the only community center in the St. Croix Valley offering programs that engage, enrich, and connect older adults at our Stillwater and Bayport locations. Although the Covid-19 pandemic temporarily cancelled our programs, **we created new activities and opportunities for our participants.** As restrictions allowed, we invited our guests to attend activities such as our Parking Lot Beach Party where participants socially distanced while enjoying live music. We also offered online AARP Driver Safety classes, moved our walking group outdoors and shared online activities on our website to encourage participants to stay engaged through virtual tours, puzzles, music experiences, fitness opportunities, and more.



**40 different activities offered**  
**7,184 visits**  
**754 participants**

“ I am so happy that Community Thread is still open! It is so great that they are finding new ways to help our community stay connected. ”



## Volunteer Center .....

In 2020, Community Thread engaged volunteers in a variety of innovative ways to meet the increased need for connection and support during the pandemic. Throughout the year, volunteers wrote friendly letters to people in assisted living facilities, picked up and delivered food and medication, and called to check in on older adults in the community. We also deepened our collective impact as we responded to new and emerging needs. For example, **Stuff the Bus served 50% more students** with school supplies to help them succeed in their hybrid and distanced learning environments. **Holiday Hope celebrated its 50th year by expanding to serve three new communities, doubling the number of people served.**



**136** hours  
of service



**14** hours  
of service



**53** yards raked



**2,369** individuals  
served



“ Thank you for connecting us with volunteers to help with the spring clean-up that I was unable to do myself. The volunteers came out and did a wonderful job! ”

- Spring into Service Recipient







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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 2020!

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connecting people. enriching lives.