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"I am grateful for Community Thread. The assistance they provide really does make the difference of whether I can keep up with things and remain in my home. Their staff and volunteers make it happen!"



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Dear Friends of Community Thread,

As we reflect on 2021, we are overjoyed that Community Thread was able to continue its mission of serving our community and humbled by the generous support of our volunteers, donors, and supporters. We have two key messages from last year that we would like to share with you.

Our first message is how pleased we were to see everyone working together toward forming another “new normal”. This is evident in the favorable increases in direct services offered to our participants, as well as in visits from older adults who attended social or educational programs. Community Thread served more people in 2021 than 2020; however, this is still only half of the number we served, prior to the pandemic. We look forward to continuing to offer the direct services and experiences that keep people engaged.

The second message is how exciting it was to celebrate setting a new “record”. Our community prides itself on volunteer involvement and Community Thread coordinated the efforts of over 2,500 volunteers in 2021! This equated to nearly \$309,000 in labor. These volunteers were engaged with our organization in many different opportunities, ranging from the Stuff the Bus school supply drive to serving as special “Covid relief” volunteers, and assisting the most vulnerable in our community.

A demand that continues to increase, and has become especially relevant, is the need to help older adults age in place in their homes and in their communities. As adults age, some may experience countless barriers to creating and maintaining their independence. Many face challenges in finding safe and affordable transportation, while others have trouble finding reliable and cost-effective help for routine home repairs and chore assistance. These needs have been especially relevant over the last two years.

At Community Thread, we are well-positioned to help adults age in place and can fulfill this need with our new model for programming: Thrive at Community Thread. In 2021, we introduced Thrive through a “soft launch” and began to offer expanded services to the participants enrolled in our Older Adult and Chore Services and Transportation Programs. Thrive at Community Thread will help us deepen our connection with the community and increase our ability to better serve our neighbors for decades to come.

Finally, throughout the year, the Community Thread Board of Directors worked to advance the financial sustainability of the organization. In 2020 and 2021, Community Thread applied for and was awarded two loans through the Paycheck Protection Program; both loans were forgiven in 2021. We also received a record number of generous gifts from foundations, municipalities, and individual donors who recognized the value of our work. We are in a solid position to continue to advance our mission.

Thanks for your support in keeping our community a caring place.



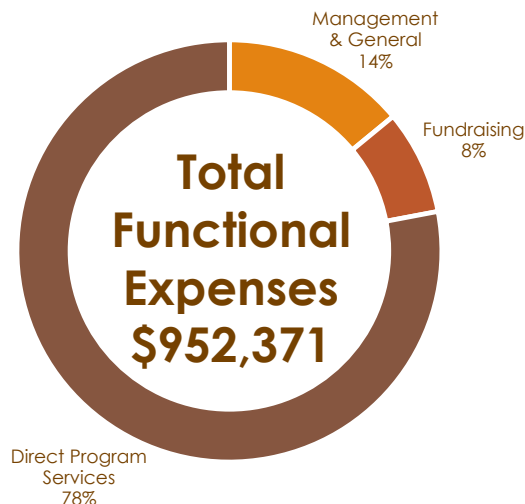
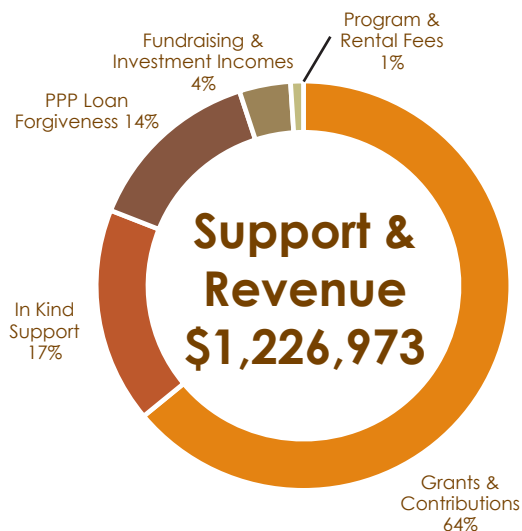
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Executive Director

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Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2021 & 2020

ASSETS	2021	2020
Cash	\$534,839	\$258,216
Accounts Receivable	\$21,007	\$79,201
Prepaid Expenses	\$1,220	\$1,219
Net Property and Equipment	\$411,865	\$438,040
Other Assets	\$27,692	\$24,629
Total Assets	\$996,623	\$801,305
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts Payable	\$1,500	\$6,540
Accrued Expenses	\$55,444	\$53,088
PPP Loan	(0)	79,600
Total Liabilities	\$56,944	\$139,228
NET ASSETS		
Total Unrestricted	\$835,499	\$618,897
Temporarily Restricted	\$101,180	\$43,180
Total Net Assets	\$936,679	\$662,077
TOTAL NET ASSETS & LIABILITIES	\$996,623	\$801,305



Audited financial statements can be found at www.CommunityThreadMN.org.

Financials do not include \$308,924 as valued by the Independent Sector for 9,972 volunteer hours at \$30.98 per hour.

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Chore Services & Transportation Program

For decades, the Chore & Transportation Program has played a critical role in our community by helping older adults live independently. By providing rides to medical appointments and support for basic household tasks, we are ensuring daily needs are being met for our local neighbors. In 2021, we began to offer new services to a small group of participants in preparation for the launch of our new membership model - Thrive at Community Thread – designed to expand the social activities and direct services we provide.

As a sampling of the new services offered, some participants claimed rides for errands, to go grocery shopping, or take their pet to the groomer while other participants requested assistance at home for folding laundry or for special projects like sorting photographs.

Thanks to volunteers, we are able to support older adults desiring to age in place, in their homes and in their communities.



76 requests
174 volunteer hours



351 trips
792 volunteer hours



“ I am beyond grateful for the circulator bus! Having personal transportation to and from my errands has been a blessing. We are all so lucky to have an organization like this! ”



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Older Adult Program

As a year of transition, we brought back programs starting with those that could be done safely with participants staying masked and six feet apart. We adapted other programming by offering technology, space, and assistance; for example, for those wanting to take an online driver refresher course. We offered technology assistance classes with instructions focused on supporting our participants with practical knowledge: ordering groceries online; how to use Zoom and Facebook. These challenges demonstrated the ability of our participants and staff to adapt to changes and learn how to use technology, with the goal of keeping our older adults supported and connected during the pandemic.



45 different activities offered
6,440 visits
693 participants

“We are so very fortunate to have you in our midst. Something for everyone. The doors are open to everyone.”



Volunteer Center

In 2021, 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.**



286 hours
of service



45 yards
raked



145 hours
of service



2,710 individuals
served



“This past year was devastating for me. I lost everything and found myself in unfamiliar territory. This program gave me hope that I will get through this difficult time.”

- Holiday Hope Recipient





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OUR VISION

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

OUR MISSION

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



Thank you for your support in 2021!

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connecting people. enriching lives.