

enriching lives since 1967



“Thank you for a great day and the way our students were treated. It helped me connect with them and they loved doing work that mattered.”



community thread

"Help one another - there's no time like the present and no present like time." James Durst

Dear Friends of Community Thread,

We never know when we will be called upon to serve our community – as individuals or as nonprofits. In this report, we are eager to share some of Community Thread's significant accomplishments in 2019. Our impact is a direct result of the generous community support we received to fulfill our mission of connecting volunteers to local needs.

In 2019 Community Thread was certified as a **Service Enterprise** organization by Points of Light, the world's largest organization **dedicated to volunteer service**.



By achieving this level of excellence and certification, we are better able to serve as the local resource for coordinating volunteers, a responsibility the community counted on when the St. Croix River threatened to flood Stillwater in the spring of 2019. Within six hours of being asked by the City of Stillwater to find volunteers, we had people signed up to fill sandbags. By donating 1,338 hours of time, these loyal citizens stepped up to be of service to our community and were honored for their volunteerism at the Lumberjack Days Parade.

Youth volunteers from Stillwater Area High School offered their services at Technology Assistance and Support workshops, where older adults were invited to bring their mobile device and meet one on one with a student to learn tips to stay connected with family and friends.

Corporate volunteers from Xcel Energy demonstrated their commitment to bettering the communities they serve by engaging in Community Thread's 6th annual River Rally event, helping to keep the St. Croix River clean.

Chore Services and Transportation volunteers provided rides to medical appointments and helped homeowners with routine household maintenance, making it possible for hundreds of older and disabled adults to remain independent in their homes.

Thanks to over **2,100 selfless volunteers**, Community Thread was able to address a broad range of community needs in 2019. These acts of service help make our community stronger and enable us to better meet critical needs as they arise throughout our community.

As our community ages, Community Thread is preparing to meet the demand for more services. We look forward to engaging even more volunteers as we expand to meet this need and help a greater number of people age vibrantly in their own home.

Caring, compassionate volunteers, donors and community partners have always been an important part of our work. We are grateful for your support and look forward to continuing our tradition of helping one another throughout the coming year.



Chris Dressel
President, Board of Directors

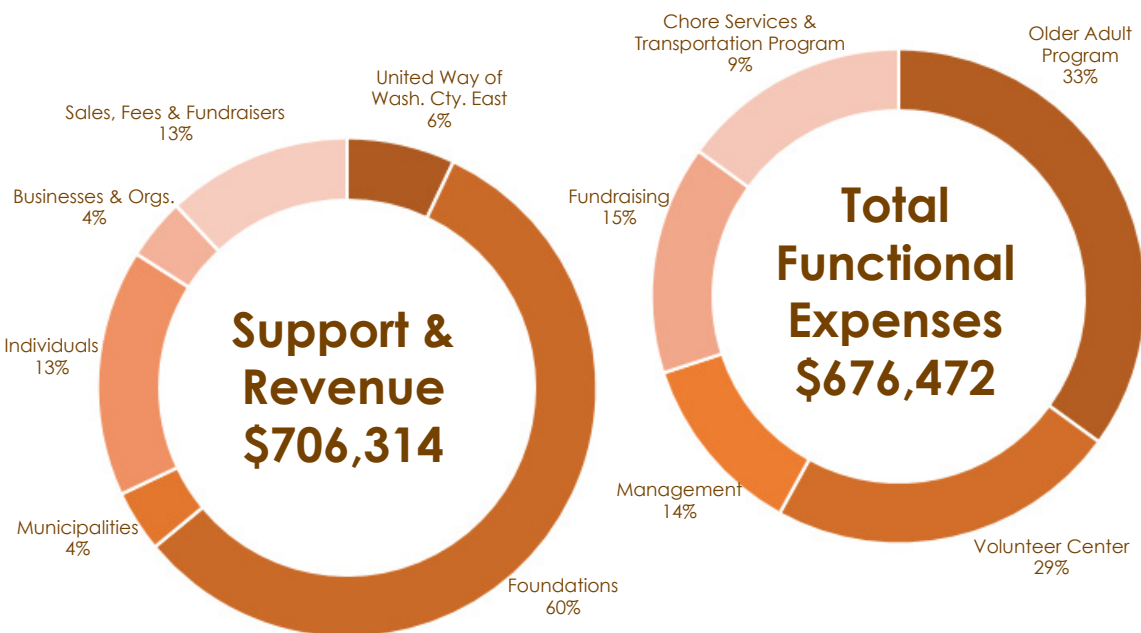
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Sally Anderson
Executive Director

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2019 Financials



Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2018 & 2019

ASSETS	2019	2018
Cash	\$192,032	\$143,421
Accounts Receivable	\$2,510	\$1,090
Prepaid Expenses	\$6,677	\$4,371
Property and Equipment, at cost, less accumulated depreciation of \$427,115 and \$399,927 respectively.	\$505,315	\$523,797
Total Assets	\$706,534	\$672,679
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts Payable	\$3,287	\$2,816
Accrued Expenses	\$20,630	\$17,088
Total Liabilities	\$23,917	\$19,904
NET ASSETS		
Total Unrestricted	\$651,841	\$631,999
Temporarily Restricted	\$30,776	\$20,776
Total Net Assets	\$682,617	\$652,775
TOTAL NET ASSETS & LIABILITIES	\$706,534	\$672,679

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



Financials do not include \$382,484 as valued by the Independent Sector for 12,992 volunteer hours at \$29.44 per hour.

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Chore Services & Transportation Program

At Community Thread, our Chore Services and Transportation Program builds connections one ride and one chore at a time. We know that not everyone has access to personal assistance or can afford to pay for a taxi or Uber. In fact, in 2019 we saw a **25% increase** in the number of chore services and transportation requests. One of the things that makes this program so special is our ability to customize services to meet the unique needs of our recipients. For example, last year we coordinated rides for two friends who wanted to go together to pulmonary therapy each week. We are fortunate and grateful to have a dedicated team of trained volunteers who help fulfill these requests and make a positive impact on older adults in our community.



124 requests
281 volunteer hours



680 trips
1,750 volunteer hours



“I couldn't get to medical appointments without your help. It's great to arrange my own rides and be connected with friendly volunteers who care.”



Thank you
Community Thread
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City of
Oak Park Heights



Lakeview Hospital



“The DARTS bus is a gift! The majority of our residents don't have personal transportation and are very grateful for this service.”

Older Adult Program

We are proud to be the only community center in the St. Croix Valley and, more importantly, the only one that focuses exclusively on older adults. In 2019, we had a **16% increase** in program attendance. We continued to offer intergenerational programming, social and wellness activities, and educational seminars. We deepened our connection with the Stillwater Area Public Schools by offering monthly, student-led technology assistance and support workshops. We also partnered with the high school student council to crown a Homecoming Senior King and Queen and host a Homecoming dance complete with a visit from the Stillwater Pony mascot. Other new programs included seminars on topics ranging from funeral pre-planning and honoring the stories behind the stuff to identity theft and an opportunity to learn about and try a labyrinth.



1,369 activities offered
16,529 visits

“There are so many fun and interesting things to do! Thanks for helping me stay active and make friends too.”

Volunteer Center

Community Thread is a leader in mobilizing volunteers. In 2019, we saw a **31% increase** in the number of volunteers who helped with important community work such as flood response efforts and initiatives like Stuff the Bus and Holiday Hope. Last spring, we partnered with Washington County Emergency Management to engage 373 volunteers to help with sandbagging and dike efforts to help protect downtown businesses, with 95% of these volunteers being new to Community Thread. Through Stuff the Bus, we piloted a school supply “shopping” event where we engaged volunteers to help families obtain needed supplies. We hosted our first Community on Tap event, bringing volunteers together to create “care kits” for six local nonprofits while socializing together. We also expanded our Holiday Hope program to engage 116 volunteers and 165 sponsors who provided gifts and a holiday meal to 1,229 local individuals.


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301 hours
of service


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200 hours
of service


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43 homeowners
served


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1,229 individuals
served



“This made such a difference!
School supplies really add up fast,
especially for large families.
This literally saved us!”

- Stuff the Bus Recipient





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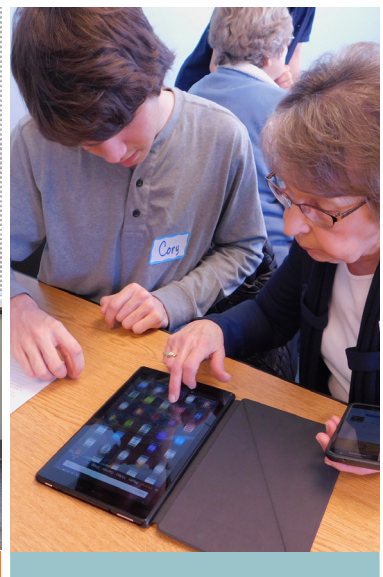
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OUR VISION

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 2019!

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connecting people. enriching lives.