Pantry Visits Still on the Rise

As shown in the graphs below, visits to the Stepping Stones Food Pantry have been rising steadily in past years as have the pounds of food being distributed. The good news is, thanks to the increased space of our new facility, and the generosity of the Dunn County community, we are able to keep pace with the need. See p. 2 for more 2011 statistics.

Number of Pantry Visits
(average per month)

Amount of Food Distributed
(in thousands of pounds)

Questions & Answers about Homelessness continued

Q: What happens when someone calls to ask about receiving shelter?
A: There are 3 furnished apartments at the Stepping Stones Shelter and, if there is an opening, the individual or family might be able to move in immediately. If not, they’re placed on a waiting list which is prioritized based on factors like whether or not they have children, and if they have a place to stay temporarily such as with family or friends.

Q: What if the shelter is full?
A: If there’s not an immediate opening, most people can arrange to stay with an acquaintance. Otherwise, they might be given a short-term hotel stay if funds are available, or referred to shelters in other nearby communities. Adults are referred to Winter Haven at St. Joseph Catholic Church in the cold months.

Q: What do people do while they’re homeless but staying at the shelter?
A: School-age kids go to school while adults work closely with Stepping Stones Shelter Coordinator, Heidi Hooten, to find affordable housing, pursue educational goals, find or maintain employment, plan budgets, and become self-sufficient.

Q: Is there a need for more shelter space in Dunn County?
A: That’s a good question and one which the Stepping Stones Board of Directors will be discussing this year. Not only the question of is there a need but, if so, for what type of shelter space? More apartments, individual rooms, or just beds for overnight stays?

If you have thoughts or suggestions or would even like to be part of this discussion, please contact Heidi Hooten at 715.235.2975 or shelter@steppingstonesdc.org.

The mission of Stepping Stones is “People helping people strengthen the Dunn County community by providing food, shelter, and support.” We seek to be a step on the path to a better life for people who could use a helping hand.
### Stepping Stones

**Board of Directors for 2012:**
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- Katherine Dutton, Executive Director
- Lana Anderson, Food Pantry Coordinator
- Angéla Kay Athena, Community Connections
- Heidi Hooten, Stepping Stones Shelter
- Pang Kou Yang, Shelter & Admin. Assistant
- Travis Seehaver, Maintenance & Warehouse

### Wish List

#### For the Stout Road Building
- VACUUM!
- Snow shovels
- Mops & brooms
- Leaf blower (gas)
- Tools or tool set
- Floor scrubber (for cement)
- White table cloths (new or gently used)

#### For the Shelter
- Bed pillows
- Storage containers (Tupperware, etc.)
- Silverware
- Can openers
- DVDs for kids/families
- Movie passes

#### For the Shelter & Pantry
- Personal care products
- Diapers, any size
- Eco-friendly cleaning supplies
- Ice melt

### Community Connections Program

**Connects Volunteers to Opportunities**

Stepping Stones would not exist without the dedication and commitment of hundreds of volunteers, some who commit to a weekly shift, some to a certain number of hours, and others who help a few times a year or at a special event.

You might be surprised at the diversity of volunteers who find their way to Stepping Stones. Perhaps the backbone of our volunteer program are our so-called ‘retirees’, and we’d surely be lost without them. But our volunteers currently range in age from 16 (or as young as 12 if accompanied by an adult) to 90-something.

We have volunteer groups from schools, churches, correctional facilities, and service clubs. Many Stout students volunteer—sorority & fraternity groups, interns and practicum students, and students needing community service hours for classes.

We also have court-ordered ‘volunteers’ doing the kind of community service that’s required by a judge. We’re glad when they choose Stepping Stones as the place to complete their hours because providing that opportunity is also a way for us to give people a ‘step up’ on the path to a better life.

Volunteer opportunities are many and varied. We are currently looking for ‘budget coaches’ to work with clients one on one. Budget coaches help people determine where they are currently spending their money, find ways to make changes, and determine how to make a new budget to live by. Training is provided.

If interested, please contact volunteer coordinator, Angéla Kay Athena, at communityconnect@steppingstonesdc.org, stop by for an application, or download it at our website: www.steppingstonesdc.org under ‘How to Help’.

### 2011 Statistics

(Food Pantry info. on p. 1)

#### Stepping Stones Shelter

270 people received shelter compared to 286 in 2010, but the total number of shelter nights was 
3,400 in 2011 compared to 2,400 the previous year. 64 households were provided with rent assistance to prevent homelessness.

#### Community Connections Program

Almost 3,000 volunteer hours were logged to provide 700 supportive services such as transportation, shopping, yard work, small home repairs, etc. 397 households received Direct Assistance to help with expenses such as heat, electrical bills, fuel, and clothing.

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**In Memory of Joe Cirkl**

Statistics show that volunteers live longer. Joe Cirkl, one of our favorite volunteers, recently died at the age of 87. Joe was glad to help in any way he could and often delivered food to people who are homebound. Joe had a kind and encouraging word for everyone and seeing him was always a day-brightener. Thank you, Joe. We miss you!

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**Since the last newsletter** (mid-Dec. 2011), contributions were received as Christmas gifts for:

- Tom & Jan Drehmel from Audric, Lisa, Tyler, Halle, Carson & Max Buhr
- The Larson & Zimmerman Families from Steve Richter & Kathryn Zimmerman
- Thomas & Suzanne Mayer from Tim Pease
- William & Barbara Pease from Tim Pease
- The Staff at 1st Congregational UCC from Lavonne Solem & Joe Plouff
- The Staff at Menomonie United Methodist Church from Sallie & Sarah Ward
- Ruby Weber from Neil & Sandy Weber

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**STEPPING STONES NEWSLETTER**

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Gifts & Memorials to Stepping Stones

Since the last newsletter, contributions were received in memory of:

Betty Bartkos from Margi Stauss
Eileen Berg from Dave & Irma Jean Maves
Esther Bird from Mark & Kathie Metzger
Kathleen Borowski from Jeff & Alice Heinzen
Richard & Maxine Brown from Linda McIntyre
Luella Cale from Larry & Virginia Drier
Patricia Tobin Chapman from Roger & Sue Jenrich
Joe Cirk from Luanne & Ron Prochnow
Bernice Cooper from Dennis & Joyce Hill
Linda & Steven Crop from Deloris & Roy Cropp
Maureen Crowley from family & friends, Laura & Robert Giede, Kathy Gram, Mary Marotz, Kris Pawlowski, Joan Polasky, Lois Sipple
Richard Debee from Lois Debee, Lori Debee
Earl Draeger & Ruth Draeger Jacobsen from Jodie Birkholz
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Milt Evenson from Dave & Nancy Ponto
Stanley Feiler from Don & Hazel Hintzman
John Gale from Mary Gale, Derek & Suzanne Scammell
Lucy Gates from Deb Gates
Erwin Gehrke from Ruth & Carlyle Gilbertson
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Lucille Hammond from Nancy, Sam & Jodi Erickson, Don & Hazel Hintzman
Milton Haugen from Arlene Koeneman
Steven P. Hayes from Delores Hayes
Vera Helgeson from Richard Homa, Laverne & Donna Weber
Kellie Hollister from Bill & Jennie Stewart
Rita Holmes from Randy & Mary Eide
Cynthia Hovind from Vivian Tilseth
Wilbur “Ozzie” Howe from Dave & Nancy Ponto, Laverne & Donna Weber
SPC Alun R. Howells from Gwyn & Jaena Howells
Laura Iverson from Kathy Peckert
Jim & Ruth Jacobsen from Susan Hoyt
Lee Jorgenson from Brenda Kado
Ricky Juleff from All States Ag Parts
LaVone Kuester from Ethel Frank
Robert Labs from Mary Labs
Gina Lui from UW-Stout Dept. of Rehab. & Counseling, Kent & Susan Eberhard
George & Winifred MacDougall from Rob MacDougall
Diana Majewski from Bonnie & Gary Christenson
Ann Metzger from Mark & Kathie Metzger
Beatrice Miller from Audrey & Thomas Schneider
Sam Mitchell from Phil & Peg Diser
Dane F. Morey from Ruth Morey
Theodore Olechno from Judith Head and Family
Marge Olson from Winnifred Wolf
Ken & Marge Olson from Jim & Mary Ann Bilse
Their Parents from Dick & Pat Edwards

Contributions ‘in memory of’ continued:

Anita Pershern from James & Jeanette Daines
Glenn & Joyce Peterson from Judith Kirk
Ruth Peterson from Les Peterson, Jim & Lu Weir
Patrick Philen from Joyce Philen
Ron Raleigh from Edith-Marie Hackbarth
Lois Satter from Karen Dahl
Shirley K. Stewart from Bill & Jennie Stewart
Terri, Diane, & Joanne from Vern & Ruth Hanson
Leota Tilleson—a gift from her estate
Martin Trenkle from David & Jacqueline Helgeson, Meredith Ingram
Richard Wiese Jr. from Roger & Anita Klamm
Jerry Zelm from Robin Zelm

Contributions were received in honor of:

Ryan, Matt, & Breanna Barnett from Gary & Sue Barnett
Fr. Charles Blecha from Jeanne Sprader
Fr. Blecha’s 100th Birthday from friends & parishioners
Gladys Block from Marlin Block
Trevor Clements from Betty Gesche
Their Customers from Bremer Bank
Jim & Jeanette Daines from Jim & Gloria Bjomrud
Francis & Violet Eiseath from Barb Lindberg
Linda Ely from Carrie Nelson
Sharon, Thomas, Jared, & Brandon Ernst from Richard & Jeri Ann Ernst
Julie Friberg from Margi Stauss
Tammy Giljohann from Carol Mooney
Glimer & Joyce Hagen from Trudy Smelterz
Their Grandchildren: Kyle, Jenna, Madison, & Mallory from Cork & Barb Spagnoletti
Her 17 Great Nephews & Nieces from Rosemary Jacobson
O.K. & Bobbie Hedlund from Betty Gesche
Cheryl Jones from Carol Mooney
Her Colleagues at Kelly Services from Becky Iverson
Charlotte Kohanek from Ann Kohanek
Lila Norton from Ralph & Ria Haas
Brian & Julie Otto from Jo Ann Otto
Their Parents from Greg & Jane Corning
Amy Gullixon Patrick from Carol Mooney
Les Peterson from Jim & Lu Weir
The Prichard Family from Neal & Patricia Prichard
Susanne Rowan from Carol Mooney
The Sanchez & Sandfort/Marchese Families from Ron & Joan Sandfort
School Retirees and Staff from the Retired Educators
Shirley Doane Senior Center from their Board of Directors
Kristine Tappe from Carol Mooney
Susan Tkachuk from Carol Mooney
West Central Education Association from Brett Pickerign
Windy Wolf from Winnifred Wolf
Thank You for a Great Empty Bowls Event!

On Saturday, March 3rd, over 500 people gathered at Menomonie Middle School for a simple lunch of bread & soup, and to help fight hunger and homelessness both locally and globally.

Almost $8,000 was raised to support Stepping Stones and Bread for the World, a citizens advocacy group which promotes hunger fighting policies.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to, helped with, and attended the event.

Participants chose from among hundreds of handmade bowls to take home as a reminder that hunger exists everywhere but, together, we can work to overcome it.

Looking Ahead . . .

Menomonie's Party with a Purpose!

Rotary Fest 2012

Saturday, April 14
6 - 11 pm
VisionQuest Banquet Center
N 4439—440th St.
Part of the proceeds will benefit Stepping Stones.

www.menomoniesunriserotary.org

Saturday, June 30th, 2012
9 am—2 pm
Mark your calendar for Stepping Stones’ Garden Tour!

Thank you for your support of Stepping Stones.
Contributions from Businesses, Churches, and Other Organizations

The following is a listing of financial gifts to Stepping Stones from businesses, churches, and other organizations in the past year that have not previously been recognized, including 2011 holiday giving.

Thank you so much to all these supporters. Our community is stronger because of you!

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Catholic Financial Life Branch #191
Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin, Inc.
Chapter DDPEO
Chippewa Valley Moose Legion
Chippewa Valley Parrothead Club
Community Foundation of Dunn County
Connorsville Homemakers Club
Dunn County Area Retired Educators Assoc.
Dunn County Farm Bureau
Dunn County Fish & Game Association
Dunn County Historical Society
Elk Mound HCE
Happy Grandparents
Knapp Lions Club
Herb Kohl Charities
Menomonie Area Bread for the World
Menomonie Chapter No. 682 Women of the Moose
Menomonie Firefighter’s Association
Menomonie Lions Club
Menomonie Moose Lodge
Menomonie Sunrise Rotary Club
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Palmer Homemakers
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The Birthday Group
WSEU Local 383

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Menomonie Middle School-FCCLA
Menomonie Middle School – Student Council
Menomonie School Employees
River Heights Elementary Staff
School District of Menomonie
Stout Academic Honor Society
Stout Council on Family Relations
Stout University Foundation
UW-Stout Provost’s Office
UW-Stout Women’s Softball Team

We apologize if we have inadvertently omitted anyone. Please note that this list does not include gifts to the Capital Campaign which will be recognized upon its completion.

Other Ways to Contribute

Computer Cartridge Recycling
Bring your used computer ink jet cartridges (not laser) to Stepping Stones. We send them away to a recycling company called Empties 4 Cash. They pay shipping and we’re reimbursed anywhere from $.05 to $4.00 depending on the type of cartridge. All proceeds benefit Stepping Stones’ programs.

Got Soap?
How about shampoo? During your summer travels remember to save those little soaps and shampoos, etc. for Stepping Stones. These items are always in demand. Thanks!

How about gallon size plastic pots?
We need these for garden tour plant sales—the black or green kind that the plants come in. Check your garden shed...you might have more than you realize! :)

Box Tops & Milk Caps
Starting this fall, Stepping Stones hopes to begin a new program called Weekend Kids’ Meals, providing weekend food for children who might otherwise be at risk of hunger when school is not in session. Bring your ‘box tops for education’ and 5¢ milk jug caps to Stepping Stones to help fund this program.

Fresh Produce
When your zucchini threaten to take over, feel free to leave it on our doorstep! Stepping Stones is happy to receive all kinds of produce for the food pantry. We prefer that it be washed and bagged/boxed/bundled to be ready for distribution.

Time to Clean Out the Closets . . .
Donate your new and gently used clothing to the United Way C3 Center in Stepping Stones’ old building, 1602 Stout Rd.

& Make Some Room
Also donate furniture, appliances, and other household items. Donations may be dropped off at the C3 Center (NOT at Stepping Stones) Mon.-Thurs., 9am-3pm or Fri., 9 am-12 noon. For pick-ups contact United Way of Dunn County at 235-3800.

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- Silverware, Can openers
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- Movie/Waterpark passes

For the Shelter & Pantry
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- Eco-friendly cleaning supplies
According to the African saying, “It takes a village to raise a child.” The same might also be said about supporting a non-profit and caring for people in need in a community.

If you take a look at the enclosed insert you’ll see an astonishing number of businesses, churches, schools, and other organizations that have contributed to Stepping Stones. We haven’t published this list in almost a year so it is especially long. But every single gift helps us realize our vision: to foster a community that prevents hunger, homelessness, and isolation throughout Dunn County.

The other day I happened to answer a call from someone who said she had a question she forgot to ask when she was here recently using the pantry for the first time. The question was, how often could she come? I said, as often as you need to. She gave what I would describe as an exclamation of surprise and I sigh of relief—“Oh…” and then “thank you” but it carried all that.

I didn’t learn her name or why she needs to use the pantry but an example of the make-up of a common pantry household is a single parent with two children who is employed part-time. Every individual and family who comes to the pantry has a story that includes hardship. It could be job loss, divorce, domestic violence, illness accompanied by high medical expenses, or even, simply, not being able to make ends meet in these challenging times.

Currently, only about 30% of people using the pantry come more than once a month. But was I ever glad to be able to tell that caller she could come as often as needed. Maybe she won’t need to, but just knowing she doesn’t have to worry about being hungry (or possibly having children go hungry) seemed to be a huge relief to her.

It is only because of the incredibly generous support of the Dunn County community that Stepping Stones is able to make a difference in the lives of people at risk of hunger or homelessness or facing other challenges.

When a community connects . . . anything is possible!

- Katherine Dutton, Executive Director

**Weekend Kids Meals**

This fall Stepping Stones hopes to launch a new program called Weekend Kids Meals in partnership with Feed My People Food Bank. This program provides ready to eat and easy to prepare food to kids at risk of hunger on the weekends.

Every Friday afternoon participating students receive a bag at school with enough food for two breakfasts and two lunches. The program will be piloted at River Heights Elementary with hopes to expand it to other Dunn County Schools once it’s well established.

Together we can take a bite out of hunger!

**Lily, the New Muppet**

There is a new Muppet on Sesame Street named Lily whose family is “food insecure,” meaning they’re not always sure where their next meal is coming from so they sometimes visit the food pantry.

To meet Lily and her friends (including Brad Paisley!), go to [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhJ6hfbn4x8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhJ6hfbn4x8) or Google Growing Hope Against Hunger, the title of a Sesame Street special dealing with the topic of hunger.

**Childhood Hunger: Did You Know?**

- Over one in five children in the U.S. is at risk of hunger
- Hungry children struggle to thrive academically
- Hungry children are more likely to get sick
- A school meal is often a child’s only full meal of the day
- Nearly half of all participants in Food Share (food stamps) are children

New artwork in the pantry shopping area by Tracy Taylor.
You’re invited to the
2012 Stepping Stones’ Garden Tour!
Saturday, June 30th, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

This year’s gardens include:

- **Country Chic: A Natural Retreat**—Gale and Sheryl Reinecke, E4672 370th Ave., Menomonie
- **Eric and Marian Jacobsen Garden**—4848 430th St., Menomonie
- **Simply Dunn Gardens**—Kathy Ruggles & John Thomas, Downsville
- **Kris Winter Garden**—E 4970 370th Ave., Menomonie, (Paper Cow Theater)
- **Trolls, a Tree House and a Pond Garden**—Diane & Steve Brown, E3652 Hwy. 29, Menomonie - Reunion Garden (previously on the tour)

Also visit the **GARDEN MARKET** at Stepping Stones, 1602 Stout Rd. Items for sale will include: plants (like many you’ll see on the tour), pots, stepping stones, t-shirts, and more!

Advanced Tickets—$13, available at:
- * Bobolink Nursery
- * Bookends on Main
- * Lakeview Floral & Gifts
- * Mary Jane’s Creations & Farm House Café, Colfax
- * Season’s Harvest Greenhouse
- * Stepping Stones’ Office
- *Tilli’s in Downsville

Day of Tour Tickets—$15, available at:
- * Stepping Stones
- * On site at all gardens on the tour

Children are free w/ donation of a non-perishable food item.

Lots of great door prizes!

Tour at your convenience, rain or shine! Volunteers and gardeners will be on-site to answer questions. Maps are provided with tickets and routes are marked. Start at any garden, see as many as you choose. For full descriptions of each garden, visit [www.steppingstonesdc.org](http://www.steppingstonesdc.org) and click on the Garden Tour link.

2012 Garden Tour sponsors to date are listed on the website. The complete list will be in the next newsletter. Thank you so much to the sponsors, gardeners, Garden Tour Committee, volunteers, and all who attend!

The proceeds raised will benefit the three programs of Stepping Stones: the Food Pantry, the Stepping Stones Shelter, and the Community Connections Program.

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**Urban Forest Award**

Speaking of pretty places (like the gardens on the tour!), this spring Stepping Stones received the “Friend of Menomonie’s Urban Forest” award. The award was presented at a small ceremony at Wilson Park on Arbor Day by Joe Jax of the Menomonie Urban Forestry Board. Staff members Katherine Dutton and Angélakay Athena, accepted the award in recognition of Stepping Stones going above and beyond what was required in landscaping around the new facility. Special thanks to volunteer landscaper, Don Salisbury, to David Uher and his tree-mendous tree-planting crew, to Cedar Falls Building Systems, Inc., and to the staff and volunteers who continue to care for the Stepping Stones’ grounds.
Gifts & Memorials to Stepping Stones

Since the last newsletter contributions were received in honor of:
Our 60th Wedding Anniversary by Archie Abbott
Hay River Lutheran Church Spring Food Drive from Gary & Constance Allram
Paul Haynie from William Cundiff
Michael & Ann Husby from America’s Farmers Grow Communities’ Monsanto Fund
Simon & Betty Olson from Tom, Kristie, Ryan, & Sean Olson
Jan Szalai from Neil & Marie Koch
The Inspiring Teachers of the Boyceville School District
Charlie & Kathy Weber from David & Amy Eitrheim
Herb & Dory White from Alfred Olson

Contributions were received in memory of:
John & Jean Alf from Steve & Ruth Alf
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Jeanette (Tick) Drake from Ken Drake
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Jack & Lucille Hammond from Tim & Connie Stevens
Steven Hayes from Delores Hayes
Edith Hill from Marion & Warren Lang
Nancy Heiman Lavin from Thomas & Lenore Heiman
Ann Lentz from Luanne & Ron Prochnow, Marv & Carol Saxton
Agnes Menster from Gladys Waller
David Miller, Sr. from Winnifred Wolf
Harold Mork from Kimberly Dicks

Contributions in memory of (continued):
Mildred (Millie) Mork from Dewayne & Louise Varnes
Stanley Nowacki from Dute & John Rompala
Marge Olson from Carol Dobrunz
Lois Peterson from Betty Gesche
Ruth Peterson from Rev. Leslie Peterson
Hazel Rhead from Lois Debee
Lois Sampson from Jack Sampson
Paul Schumacher from Barbara Schumacher
Christine Spehle from Jim & MaryAnn Bilse
Carol Steinke from Linda Roth
Jim Stewart from Verlene & Duane Hovland
Shirley Stewart from Bill & Jennie Stewart
Terri, Diane, & Joanne from Vern & Ruth Hanson
Allen & Eric Tilsed from Vivian Tilsed
Dennis “Denver” Timm from Don & Arlys Olson
Craig Tuttle from Judith Ann Kistner
Walter Waller from Gene & Mary Krueger
Delma Weber from Kimberly Dicks
Eugene & Susie Weber from Vicki Price
Mary Jane Williams from Jacqueline & Lyle Finder, Luanne & Ron Prochnow
Jean Witzel from Marion & Warren Lang
Kay Williams from Brenda Kado
John W. Wood from Meredith Ingram

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(Gifts given as tributes to Stepping Stones Capital Campaign will be listed upon campaign completion.)

Stepping Stones’ Community/Conference Room Available to Groups

Stepping Stones is happy to make its conference room available to community groups as the schedule permits. The conference room seats 15-20 people and has a projector and screen as well as a sink, mini-fridge, coffee maker, and counter space. A $10.00 donation per use (up to 3 hours) is requested to cover costs. To make arrangements please call Stepping Stones and ask for Angéla Kay. Groups that would like to come just once for a tour are also welcome at no charge.
Stop by the Stepping Stones’ Office any weekday to get yours!

Thank you for your support of Stepping Stones.

See these and other beautiful spots on the Stepping Stones’ Garden Tour. Details inside the newsletter!

2012 Garden Tour
Saturday, June 30th

Thank you for remembering Interfaith Volunteers as part of your planned giving.
Contributions from Businesses, Churches, and Other Organizations

The following is a listing of financial gifts to Stepping Stones from businesses, churches, and other organizations in the past year that have not previously been recognized, including 2011 holiday giving.

Thank you so much to all these supporters. Our community is stronger because of you!

BUSINESSES

3M
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AgStar Financial Services
All States Ag Parts., Inc.
Andale Real Estate
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Bremer Bank
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Mayo Clinic Health System-Red Cedar
Mayo Clinic Health System-Red Cedar EAC
Mayo Clinic Health System-Red Cedar Jeans for Charity
Mayo Clinic Health System-Red Cedar Nursing Staff
Mayo Clinic Health System-Red Cedar Radiology Department
Mills Fleet Farm
Monarch Paving
Moon Co. (The Hatch)
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Menomonie Home Furnishings
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Slow Crow Farm
Phillip Steans Law Office
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Walmart
WESTconsin Credit Union
Xcel Energy

CHURCHES/CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Alliance Church of Menomonie
Cedarbrook Church
Chippewa District UMW
Christ Lutheran Church
Christ Lutheran Church—Cosmo Sunday School
Colfax Lutheran Church - Mission Endowment
First Church of the Nazarene
Frist Congregational UCC
First Congregational Church Women’s Fellowship
Grace Episcopal Church (through Marketplace)
Grace UMC Women-Webster
Hay River WELCA
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church-Ladies’ Guild
Liberty Church
Little Elk Creek Lutheran Church
Little Elk Creek Lutheran Church Women
Menomonie Seventh Day Adventist Church
Menomonie United Methodist Church
Menomonie UMC Women
Menomonie UMC 55+ Lunch Group
New Hope Lutheran Church
New Hope Lutheran Church W/ELCA
New Life Lutheran Church
Oak Ridge Lutheran Brethren Church
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church
Our Savior’s Women
Our Savior’s Lutheran W/ELCA - Chippewa Valley
PCCW Menomonie St. Joseph
Peace Lutheran Church
Peace Lutheran Church Women
Rock Creek Lutheran Church
St. Joseph’s CCW
St. Joseph’s School
St. Luke’s Altar Society
St. Luke’s Catholic Church
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church
Springbrook Lutheran
Tainters United Methodist Church
Trinity Lutheran Church
TLC Youth- Trinity Lutheran Church
Trinity Women of the ELCA
Unitarian Universalist Society of Menomonie
United Methodist Women-Mondovi
United Methodist Women-Spooner
Women of St. Paul’s

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Contributions from Businesses, Churches, Organizations & Schools continued

ORGANIZATIONS/AGENCIES/OTHER
Beta Sigma Phi – Xi Kappa Chapter
Caddie Woodlawn Sunshine Fund
Catholic Financial Life Branch #191
Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin, Inc.
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Chippewa Valley Moose Legion
Chippewa Valley Parrothead Club
Community Foundation of Dunn County
Connorsville Homemakers Club
Dunn County Area Retired Educators Assoc.
Dunn County Farm Bureau
Dunn County Fish & Game Association
Dunn County Historical Society
Elk Mound HCE
Happy Grandparents
Knapp Lions Club
Herb Kohl Charities
Menomonie Area Bread for the World
Menomonie Chapter No. 682 Women of the Moose
Menomonie Firefighter’s Association
Menomonie Lions Club
Menomonie Moose Lodge
Menomonie Sunrise Rotary Club
National Mutual Benefit Branch 927
Northwest Wisconsin Woodcarvers Exposition
Palmer Homemakers
Royal Neighbors of America #3341
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Talen Charitable Trust
The Birthday Group
WSEU Local 383

SCHOOLS
Downsville School
Menomonie Middle School-FCCLA
Menomonie Middle School – Student Council
Menomonie School Employees
River Heights Elementary Staff
School District of Menomonie
Stout Academic Honor Society
Stout Council on Family Relations
Stout University Foundation
UW-Stout Provost’s Office
UW-Stout Women’s Softball Team

We apologize if we have inadvertently omitted anyone. Please note that this list does not include gifts to the Capital Campaign which will be recognized upon its completion.

Other Ways to Contribute

Computer Cartridge Recycling
Bring your used computer ink jet cartridges (not laser) to Stepping Stones. We send them away to a recycling company called Empties 4 Cash. They pay shipping and we’re reimbursed anywhere from $.05 to $4.00 depending on the type of cartridge. All proceeds benefit Stepping Stones’ programs.

Got Soap?
How about shampoo? During your summer travels remember to save those little soaps and shampoos, etc. for Stepping Stones. These items are always in demand. Thanks!

How about gallon size plastic pots?
We need these for garden tour plant sales—the black or green kind that the plants come in. Check your garden shed...you might have more than you realize! :) 

Box Tops & Milk Caps
Starting this fall, Stepping Stones hopes to begin a new program called Weekend Kids’ Meals, providing weekend food for children who might otherwise be at risk of hunger when school is not in session. Bring your ‘box tops for education’ and 5¢ milk jug caps to Stepping Stones to help fund this program.

Fresh Produce
When your zucchini threaten to take over, feel free to leave it on our doorstep! Stepping Stones is happy to receive all kinds of produce for the food pantry. We prefer that it be washed and bagged/boxed/bundled to be ready for distribution.

Time to Clean Out the Closets . . .
Donate your new and gently used clothing to the United Way C3 Center in Stepping Stones’ old building, 1602 Stout Rd.

& Make Some Room
Also donate furniture, appliances, and other household items. Donations may be dropped off at the C3 Center (NOT at Stepping Stones) Mon.-Thurs., 9am-3pm or Fri., 9am-12 noon. For pick-ups contact United Way of Dunn County at 235-3800.

Wish List

For the Stout Road Building
- VACUUM!
- Mops & brooms
- Leaf blower (gas)
- Tools or tool set
- Floor scrubber (for cement)
- White table cloths
  (new or gently used)

For the Shelter
- De-humidifier
- Fax machine
- Bed pillows
- Storage containers
  (Tupperware, etc.)
- Silverware, Can openers
- DVDs for kids/families
- Movie/Waterpark passes

For the Shelter & Pantry
- Personal care products
- Diapers, any size
- Eco-friendly cleaning supplies
The number of children living in poverty is on the rise, especially in rural communities. One out of four children in west central Wisconsin is at risk of hunger according to a study conducted by Feeding America.

Stepping Stones is addressing this need through a new program called Project SAM. SAM stands for Share A Meal. This program provides ready to eat and easy to prepare food to kids at risk of hunger on the weekends.

Every Friday afternoon participating students receive a bag at school with enough food for two breakfasts and two lunches. The program is being piloted at River Heights Elementary with hopes to expand it to other Dunn County Schools once it’s well established.

Types of food included in the bags are: fresh fruit, instant oatmeal, granola bars, juice packs, canned vegetables, single serving ravioli/mac & cheese/similar item, crackers w/ peanut butter or cheese, other snacks. Every effort is made to provide nutritious, well-balanced meals.

Volunteers are needed to help pack the bags every Thursday afternoon or evening and to deliver them to the school on Friday afternoons. If you’d like to help contact our Project SAM volunteer coordinator, Nora Shaide (to the left in the back in the photo) at 715.505.9693 or nshaide@gmail.com. Individuals or small groups of up to 6 people are welcome.

Feed My People Food Bank in Eau Claire has been doing this same program, which they call ’Weekend Kids’ Meals,’ in Eau Claire and Chippewa counties for several years. Children receiving the food report that they have more energy, feel healthy and strong, and work better at school because of the weekend meals.

Parents/guardians can sign their children up for the program at any time. It’s open to all students so there is no stigma attached to receiving the bags. School staff say they feel the food is definitely getting to those who need it most.

So far, over 100 children at River Heights are receiving Project SAM bags. The approximate cost of each bag is $1.52. We are seeking grants for the program and corporate support. Gifts from individuals are also welcome to help sustain and expand the program.

Together we can take a bite out of hunger!
Thank You to All who Attended and to these Sponsors of the Stepping Stones’ 2012 Garden Tour!

Iris Level
- In Memory of John Brunstad from Beth, Rachel, Becca, Nick, Abbie, & Phil Brunstad
- Ruth & Dick Cole
- Jan Harvey
- Hybben Photography
- PI Math Tutoring
- Ron & Luanne Prochnow
- In Memory of Shirley K. Stewart from Bill, Jennie & Tori Stewart

Lily Level
- 3M
- Esther, Jack & Leslie Jeatran
- Skinner Law Firm

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- Donald Austrum
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- ConAgra
- In Memory of Russell Lasocki from Leslie Koepke
- Mills Fleet Farm
- In Memory of Dane Morey from Tom & Leslie Cervenka
- In Memory of Dane Morey from Ruth Morey
- Northern Wisconsin Hosta Society
- Whitetail Organics

Sweet Pea Level
- Bookends on Main
- Dennis & Antoinette Ciesielski
- Edstrom's Eden
- Farmhouse - Colfax
- Healthful Solutions-Jennifer Zech
- Henderson's Excavating & Landscape Supply
- Jeanne Forster
- Lakeview Floral and Gifts
- Marion Lang
- Menomonie Market Food Co-op
- Season's Harvest Greenhouse
- Tilli’s - Downsville

Mark your calendar for next year’s Garden Tour: Saturday, June 29, 2013

Bushels of Thanks

We greatly appreciate all the produce that’s been donated to the food pantry this summer and fall. People who visit the pantry are so happy to receive fresh food!

Special thanks to those involved with the Community Garden and the Jail Garden which have dedicated plots to the food pantry.

To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition, to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived, this is to have succeeded.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson
Stepping Stones’ News

Winter Haven Warming Shelter
Stepping Stones has now taken Winter Haven under its umbrella. When the Stepping Stones’ Shelter is full, the warming shelter is a place for people to go to get in out of the cold at night. It will once again be hosted by St. Joseph’s Catholic Church and will be open mid-November through March. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Stepping Stones’ Shelter Coordinator, Heidi Hooten: shelter@steppingstonesdc.org, 715.235.2975.

Volunteers Needed in Rural Dunn County
Stepping Stones is grateful to be blessed with many dedicated volunteers but we need more! We’re looking specifically for people either living in rural Dunn Co. or willing to drive there to deliver food, to take people to medical appointments, and to provide companionship to people who are homebound. If interested, please stop by for a volunteer application or find it on-line at www.steppingstonesdc.org.

Free Health Clinic
UW-Stout Pre-Health students are once again holding a health clinic at Stepping Stones. Services provided include: heart rate & blood pressure checks, body mass index calculation, diabetes screening, and health and nutrition counseling. Services are confidential, free of charge, and open to clients, volunteers, and the general public. Clinic hours are: M, Th, F—11 am-1 pm, Tu, W—4-6 pm, Sat—10 am-12 noon. Stop by!

Stepping Stones’ Discount Cards
The Stepping Stones’ Discount Card (similar to the M Card) offers savings at a variety of businesses and restaurants around town. For only $10 each they’re just the thing to keep handy for your own use and to give as birthday or thank you gifts.

Stop by the Stepping Stones’ office to purchase the cards or order them using the slip below and the enclosed envelope. Carry the card with you, and get a discount or special deal at all the places listed to the right (details on the card).

All proceeds support the programs of Stepping Stones: the food pantry, homeless shelter, and support services program.

Thank you to the following businesses offering savings
on the Stepping Stones’ Discount Cards

- Acoustic Café
- Advance Auto Parts
- Bee Jay’s Wash-N-Lube
- Cancun Mexican Grill
- Cedar Country Coop (Cenex)
- Denny’s Restaurant
- Exit 45 Restaurant
- Lakeview Floral & Gifts
- Legacy Chocolates
- Little Caesars Pizza
- Log Jam
- Menomonie Family Restaurant
- Toppers Pizza
- Zanzibar

Perfect for a stocking stuffer!

STEPPING STONES’ DISCOUNT CARDS ORDER FORM

Please send me ___________ Discount Cards at $10 each. Total enclosed: $ ___________

Name: __________________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: __________ Zip: __________________________

Phone: __________________________ E-mail: __________________________
Kids Against Hunger (not to be confused with Project SAM) is an international effort and, locally, it is a service project of the Menomonie Sunrise & Noon Rotaries. Groups come together to package meals high in nutritional value that serve 6 and only require cooking in hot water. The main ingredients are rice, dehydrated vegetables and seasonings.

Over the past year, 15 packing events have been held involving 494 volunteers who packed 49,593 meals! Groups include businesses, school groups, churches, and civic organizations. If you’re part of a group that’s interested in packing meals for Kids Against Hunger, contact Mark Lewis at markl@cfbsi.com or 715.308.0949. Packing events can be held at Stepping Stones or at a school, church, business, etc.

Mark Lewis, the Noon Rotary Steering Committee Chair, commented:

We were looking for a project to help leverage other groups for a common good and to serve a common need. It’s especially fun to have kids and adults involved as the kids decorate the boxes and put letters in.

Approximately 20,000 meals have been donated to Stepping Stones and are a favorite staple on the food pantry shelves. Other meals are shipped out wherever there’s a need, both in the US and overseas.

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Harold Albricht from Robert & Catherine Cleary, John & Rexetta Halverson
Dorothy Amick from Roger & Candy Amick
Diane Bartos from Francis & Violet Eiseth
Ruth Bratsch from Carol Bombardier
Don Broadwell from Dave & Karen Williams
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Liz Fenton from Charlotte Kohnak
Charles Frank from Darlene Frank
Ronald Gilbertson from Carlyle & Ruth Gilbertson
Arlene Hayden from Lynne Quilling
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Kathleen Larson from Vernetta Larson
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Susan McCann from Peter & Emilie Wiese
Eunice Metling from Gladys Waller
Bernice Mickelson from Gladys Waller
Dane Morey from Ruth Morey
Vernon & Myrene Moritz from Linda Roth
Alvina Neid from Anonymous
Bonnie Nielsen from Roger & Candy Amick

In memory of continued:

Jerry Otto from Don & Kendra Clark, Barbara & Donald Hulback
Ruth Peterson from Leslie Peterson
Ruth Picketrign from Gladys Waller, Dixie Walter
Jerome Quilling from Gladys Waller
Diane Rhein from Gladys Waller
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Bernie Schindler from Jane Schwartz
Patricia Schrader from Gladys Waller
Helen Scritsmier from Cork & Barb Spagnoletti
Paul Schumacher from Barbara Schumacher
Bernie Sittler from Dudley & Kathy Markham
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Mike & Barb Engeldinger's 50th Anniversary from Laverne & Donna Weber
Their 4 Grandchildren from Richard & Jeri Ann Ernst
Dr. David Hackbarth from James & Laurie Hittman
Don & Hazel Hintzman's 65th Anniversary from Betty & Simon Olson, Winnifred Wolf
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Betty & Simon Olson from Tom, Kristie, Ryan, & Sean Olson
Pastor Brad Peterson from Julianne & William Fisher
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Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.

– Lao Tzu (604-531 B.C.)