Winter 2014 Newsletter

...Us, Not Them

Poverty in America is **mainstream** according to a recent article in the New York Times. Columnist Mark Rank identified these common myths and stereotypes:

**Myth 1:** Poverty affects a relatively small number of people. **The reality is** 54% of Americans between the ages of 25 - 60 will spend at least one year living at or near poverty level.

**Myth 2:** There is an entrenched ‘underclass’ of people living in poverty for many years at a stretch. **The reality is** the average time most people spend in poverty is only a year or two. Events like losing a job, having work hours cut, experiencing a family split, or developing a serious medical problem may cause a household to fall into poverty but they are generally able to overcome these obstacles in a fairly short period of time.

**Myth 3:** Most people in poverty live in inner cities and are non-white. **The reality is** only 10% of those in poverty live in poor urban neighborhoods and two-thirds identify themselves as white.

**Myth 4:** Plenty of assistance is provided to people in poverty. **The reality is** the U.S. currently expends among the fewest resources of industrialized countries to help people out of poverty or protect them from falling into it. Our poverty rate is almost twice the European average.

Rank, who is a professor of Social Welfare at Washington University, concludes:

*The solutions to poverty are to be found in what is important for the health of any family—having a job that pays a decent wage, having the support of good health and child care and having access to a first-rate education. Yet these policies will become a reality only when we begin to truly understand that poverty is an issue of us, rather than an issue of them.*

Stepping Stones works to address the issues of hunger and poverty through the food pantry, the homeless shelter program, and by providing emergency support services.

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**The Face of Hunger & Poverty...**

Dunn County has one of the highest rates of poverty in Wisconsin—16.3% compared to 12.5% in the state overall according to US Census Bureau.

**1 out of 3 Wisconsin children participated in SNAP in 2012.** Nationally, 1 out of every 2 children will be on SNAP at some point in their childhood.

SNAP stands for **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.** It is also called Food Share in Wisconsin. The program used to be known as ‘Food Stamps’ but now participants receive a debit card to use at grocery stores, which is more efficient and results in less stigma.

Approximately 20% of Dunn County residents currently rely on SNAP benefits. The recent cuts at the end of 2013 resulted in a loss of $514,000 in benefits in our community. The benefit amount for Wisconsin families is already one of the lowest in the country.

In order to qualify for SNAP, Wisconsin households must have an income at or below 130% of poverty level, but over 90% of participants are well below poverty level. For a household of 3 this means an income of less than $1,700 per month.

87% of people on SNAP live in a household with at least 1 child, 1 disabled person, or 1 elderly person.

Many people who use the Stepping Stones Food Pantry also rely on SNAP benefits but are still not able to meet their families’ food needs. Further cuts to the program will make it even harder. SNAP serves a vital role connecting vulnerable people to nutritious food.
Thank You & Welcome

THANK YOU so much to out-going board members Julie Bendel, Rob MacDougall, and Kathy Gram who each completed two three year terms on Stepping Stones’ board at the end of 2013. They all served as officers at some point in their tenure and their dedication and contributions are greatly appreciated and will be missed!

WELCOME to in-coming board members Heather Kistner—Diocesan Minister at Peace Lutheran Church, Kristin Korpela—Interim Director of Dunn Co. Human Services, and Diane Morehouse—President of QED Consulting.

Did You Know?

Stepping Stones is on Facebook! Please look for and ‘like’ us! When we post info. about events or issues please share them with your friends and help spread the word about Stepping Stones and the needs in our community.

Wish List

For the Pantry
- Grocery bags (cloth, paper, or plastic)
- Utility cart
- Plastic ice cream buckets w/ lids
- Box Tops for Education
- (to help support Project SAM)

For the Shelter & Winter Haven
- $10 gas cards
- Burger King or Culvers gift cards
- Sheets & Towels (new or gently used)
- DVDs—family friendly

For the Shelter & Pantry
- Personal care products
- Diapers, any size
- Eco-friendly cleaning supplies
- Garbage bags, any size
- Used printer cartridges—ink jet ONLY
- (we recycle them as a fundraiser)

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.
- Anne Frank

Match the Cash

Once again Marketplace Foods is offering hope to people who are hungry by ‘matching the cash!’ During the month of February, Marketplace will match donations received at the check-out, and then distribute in-store credit to food pantries in communities with Marketplace stores, matched up to $20,000 total. Last year Stepping Stones received over $7,000 in in-store credit for the food pantry.

16,654

That’s the number of hours contributed by volunteers to Stepping Stones in 2013. We couldn’t do what we do without these amazing people who give of their time and energy to help in so many ways!

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.
- Author Unknown

Mark your calendar for Stepping Stones’ Annual Garden Tour Saturday, June 28, 2014

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Winter Haven Warming Shelter—Volunteers Needed

You don’t have to spend a night in a box (like the kids pictured on the front of the newsletter!) to experience homelessness—you can volunteer at Winter Haven and get a pretty good idea. 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 is once again being hosted by St. Joseph’s Catholic Church and is open through March. Volunteers are still needed for this season. There are two shifts per night and two volunteers per shift. Volunteers check guests in, offer hot drinks and snacks, chat, play cards, settle people in for the night and send them off in the morning. Anyone interested in helping can contact Stepping Stones’ Shelter Coordinator, Heidi Hooten: shelter@steppingstonesdc.org, 715.235.2920. We are still researching and reviewing available properties to find a more permanent home for Winter Haven and to use for additional shelter space for families the remainder of the year.

Project SAM Now Serving Over 400

Project SAM (Share A Meal) is now serving monie, Downsville, Knapp, and Elk Mound. Helped to children at risk of hunger on the the bags are distributed at schools at the fasts and 2 lunches. Children with regular formance and decreased risk of behavior over 400 elementary age children at 6 schools in Mono- Bags of ready to eat and easy to prepare food are pro-weekends. Packed by volunteers at Stepping Stones, end of the day on Fridays and contain food for 2 break-access to nutritious food have improved academic per-problems, obesity, illness and infection.

Planned Giving Workshop—March 13th

Do you ever feel you can’t give as much as you’d like to all the many worthy causes there are? Many people have a limited amount of discretionary funds for charitable giving in their monthly or annual budgets. Planned giving, or estate planning as it’s sometimes called, offers the opportunity to leave a meaningful legacy. Stepping Stones would like to offer our many wonderful donors (and would-be donors) a chance to learn about planned giving.

Thursday, March 13th, 6:30 p.m. at Stepping Stones, sponsored by Thrivent Financial. Open to everyone.

Thrivent Members Please Note

Stepping Stones is now on the list of organizations which can receive Thrivent Choice Dollars®. Through this program, eligible benefit members of Thrivent Financial can recommend where Thrivent distributes part of its charitable funds each year. If you’re a Thrivent member and need more information, visit www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice, call 1-800-847-4836, or contact your local Thrivent representative. Thank you to all who have designated funds to Stepping Stones already!

Stepping Stones’ Discount Cards are Now Half Off—$5 Each!

(cards are good through the end of August)

The Stepping Stones’ Discount Card offers savings at a variety of businesses and restaurants around town. Stop by the Stepping Stones’ office to purchase the cards or send a note w/ payment in 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.

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

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Saturday, March 1  
11:00 am — 2:00 pm 
Menomonie Middle School 
Beautiful Handmade Pottery & Wood Bowls 
Silent Auction 
Artwork, gift baskets, quilts, crafts & much more! 

Please consider donating something for the silent auction—anything valued at $20 - $25 or above. 
Items are being accepted at Stepping Stones now through Feb. 25th.

Thank you for your support of Stepping Stones.

Or Current Resident

Menomonie, WI 54751
1602 Stout Road

Thank you for your support of Stepping Stones.
Gifts & Memorials to Stepping Stones

Since the last newsletter contributions were received in memory of:

Maxine Abrams from Leslie Koepke
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Laura Beguhn from Mickey Beguhn
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Walter “Skip” Ebert from Gladys Waller
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Ron Kohnke from Delores Sperstad
Earl & Ina Kostman from Elene Stainer
Robert Labs from Mary Labs
Helen Lane from Carol & Marvin Saxton
Tom Larsen from Jane Larsen
Selmer & Kathleen Larson from Vernetta Larson
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Dutch Luther from Gladys Waller
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Pat Metzger from Mark & Kathie Metzger
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Thank you so much to all who chose to honor and remember friends, family, colleagues, and loved ones by gifts to Stepping Stones.

(If we have inadvertently missed anyone, please let us know and we will correct it next time.)
Gifts to Stepping Stones

Since the last newsletter contributions were received from the following businesses and organizations:

- All States Ag Parts
- American Hospitality Professionals
- Anytime Fitness
- The Barnard Family Charitable Fund (a fund of the Community Foundation of Dunn Co.)
- Bookends on Main
- Broadway Bowl
- John Brunstad Memorial Fund (a fund of the Community Foundation of Dunn Co.)
- Cardinal Glass
- Carpet City
- Cedar Falls Heating & AC
- Century 21 Premier Group
- Chi Lambda Fraternity
- Chippewa Valley Chapter of Thrivent Financial
- Citizens Community Federal
- Cloverbelt Construction
- Comforts of Home
- ConAgra Foods
- ContinuUs
- Dairy State Bank
- Das Bierhaus
- Disabled & Elderly Transportation
- Downsville Elementary
- Dunn Co. Area Retired Educators Association
- Dunn Co. Dept. of Human Services- Management Staff
- Dunn Co. HCE
- Dunn Co. Office of Child Support
- Dunn Co. Register of Deeds
- Eau Claire Insulation
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- Keyes Chevrolet
- Little Elk Creek 4-H Club
- Main Street Health & Fitness
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- Menomonie Board of Commissioners
- Menomonie High School Guidance Office
- Menomonie Lions Club
- Menomonie Market Food Co-op
- Menomonie Noon Rotary
- Menomonie Sunrise Rotary
- National Mutual Benefit Branch 927

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- Bill, William, Kelley, Brienna, & Elisa Broughton from Jacalyn Broughton
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- Lisa & Brian Gienapp from Toby & Marian Ellison
- Harold & Ruby Halfin from Warren & Marion Lang
- O.K. & Bobbie Hedlund from Bill & Julie Fisher
- Annie & Drew, Claire & Russ from Beth Jacobs
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- The Schwankes from Ruth Ann Schoenoff
- Jim & Cheryl Welch from Molly & Adam Welch
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- Rassbach Realty
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- Re/Max Real Estate Group
- Royal Credit Union
- RPC Homes
- Sacred Heart Hospital Short Stay Care
- Shirley Doane Senior Center Board of Directors
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- Stout Food Science Club
- Stout Honors Living Learning Community
- Sunset Valley 4-H
- Tainter Shores & Ridges Book Club
- Clarence Talen Trust
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- United Way of Dunn County
- WESTconsin Credit Union
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- Wisconsin Industrial Sand Co.
- Women of the Moose Chapter 682
- WSEU Local 383
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Since the last newsletter contributions were received from the following churches:

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- Cedarbrook Church
- Christ Lutheran Church
- Faith Lutheran Church
- Faith Lutheran Church Women of Faith
- Faith United Methodist Church Women
- First Congregational UCC
- First Congregational Women’s Fellowship
- Hay River Lutheran Church
- Hay River WELCA
- Holy Trinity Ladies Guild
- Iron Creek UMC VBS
- Knights of Columbus Council
- LaCrosse Diocese Council of Catholic Women
- Liberty Christian Center
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- Peace Lutheran Church
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- Salem Iron Creek Church
- Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church
- St. Joseph’s Parish
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- Trinity Lutheran WELCA
- Trinity Lutheran Church Youth
- Unitarian Society

Many thanks to the following sponsors who helped provide holiday food to pantry families (such as turkeys & hams):

- **Primary Sponsor**
  - Walmart
- **Major Sponsor**
  - Royal Credit Union
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- **Partnering Sponsor**
  - 3M
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  - Cardinal FG
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  - Dunn Gobblin’ Long Spurs NWTF Ch.
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  - Dick Tyson
  - Walmart Distribution Center

Gifts of Food

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Thank you one & all!

Other Gifts

One last (but not least!) word of thanks to all who donated hats, scarves, mittens, quilts, toys, Christmas trees, gas & gift cards, and other in-kind items for pantry & shelter clients over the holidays, and at other times of the year as well. People are so happy to receive these items.
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**New Shelter House Warming**

**Tues., Nov. 11th, 4 – 6 pm**

**Ribbon Cutting at 4:30**

You’re invited to an Open House at Stepping Stones’ New Shelter, 1518 Stout Rd., Menomonie (the white house adjacent to Stepping Stones’ pantry & office building)

Stop in for a look around, have some refreshments, and learn more about the shelter program.

Please park at Stepping Stones main building, go to the office entrance, and walk across the new stepping stone path! There is also a driveway to the house off Stout Rd. and parking for those who can’t walk too far.

Please also consider these opportunities:

**Bring a little house-warming gift**—anything that’s normally needed to set up housekeeping is also needed at the shelter—things like: kitchen items, cleaning & laundry supplies, linens & rugs (new or gently used please), toiletries, etc. For a complete list please click on the Winter Haven button on the homepage of our web-site: www.steppingstonesdc.org.

**Spread the word and volunteer!** —There are 2 volunteer shifts per night at Winter Haven—7:30 pm - 1:30 am & 1:30 am - 7:30 am. New volunteer trainings are being held Weds., 10/29 & Mon., 11/3 @ 7 pm, and Sat., 11/8 @ 9 am. Please contact Stepping Stones Shelter Coordinator Heidi Hooten with questions or to let her know of your interest: 715.235.2920, x6, shelter@steppingstonesdc.org.

**Make a financial contribution**—remember all donations are being matched! Use the enclosed envelope or go on-line to www.steppingstonesdc.org to give by credit or debit card.

So much has already been done to help make this vision a reality. We are very grateful for this support which will make a difference in so many lives.
**Stepping Stones’ News**

**Project SAM**
Project SAM (Share A Meal) is up and running for the school year. Over 350 bags of ready to eat and easy to prepare food are being provided to children at risk of hunger on the weekends. The bags are packed by volunteers at Stepping Stones and distributed at Menomonie Area School District elementary schools. This fall St. Joseph School and the Head Start program were added and Ridge-land may also be starting soon.

**Food Pantry Visits Rise**
Stepping Stones’ pantry visits are again on the rise. The average number of monthly visits for the past three mos. is almost 1,500—the highest ever—compared to 1,300 last year. We think the increase is likely due to cuts in SNAP benefits (formerly known as ‘food stamps’). Thanks to our generous donors, we’re able to keep the shelves stocked!

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

**Welcome to Jim Welch**
We’re pleased to welcome former board member Jim Welch to the Stepping Stones’ staff as our new part-time Pantry & Warehouse Assistant. Having recently retired from Andersen Corporation, Jim thought this would be a good way to ease into retirement!

**Thanks to Farmers’ Market Vendors & Food Rescue Volunteers**
This year Stepping Stones again did ‘food rescue’ at the Menomonie Farmers’ Market. Volunteers with a pick-up, SUV or large trunk park at the market the last half hour it’s open and receive any produce that vendors want to donate. Their surplus becomes our bounty in the food pantry. Over 6,000 lbs. was collected.
Stepping Stones also does regular food rescue pick-ups at Walmart, MarketPlace, Kwik Trip, and Caribou. We receive food that is seasonal or close-to-date but still perfectly good and we are usually able to distribute it the same day or the next day. Drivers are always needed...if you’d like to help with food rescue please contact us!

**Hunger Fact**
*Hunger is a solvable problem.* Roughly 70 billion pounds of edible food is lost in the United States each year. Hunger in the U.S. is not about supply. It’s about redirecting the excess food to those who need it most.
- Feed My People Food Bank website www.fmpfoodbank.org

**Bushels of Thanks**
People who visit the pantry are so happy to receive fresh food! We greatly appreciate all the gardeners who have donated produce to the pantry this summer and fall.
Special thanks to those involved with the Community Garden and the Jail Garden which have dedicated plots to the food pantry.
Volunteers Needed for Community Thanksgiving Dinner
St. Joseph Catholic Church is once again hosting the Community Thanksgiving Dinner and could use some volunteer help both a day or two before and on Thanksgiving Day. Please contact Carol Stratton at the St. Joe’s office, 715-232-4920, if you would like to help.

Best Waffles Ever!
The Waffles were just as good as ever at Breakfast. Almost 1,000 food items well as financial contributions. Thanks co-ops for keeping the tradition going!

CROP Walk, Rock & Roll
Thanks to all walkers, rockers, bikers, volunteers, and sponsors who participated in this year’s CROP Walk on October 12th. CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. 25% of proceeds from the walk supports the Food Pantry and the remainder helps address hunger needs around the world.

Little Free Library
Courtesy of Dennis Spader and the Menomonie Optimists Club, Stepping Stones now has a Little Free Library. Located just off the parking lot between the pantry building and the United Way C3 free store, the little wooden box on a post contains books for all ages. These little libraries are springing up all over the country and the concept is “Take a book, Return a book”. You never know what you might find. Stop by and check it out!

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.
$10 each—stop by the Stepping Stones’ office to purchase the cards or order them using the slip below and the enclosed envelope.
All proceeds support the programs of Stepping Stones: the food pantry, homeless shelters, and Community Connections’ support services program.

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

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STEPPING STONES’ DISCOUNT CARDS ORDER FORM

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

Name: ________________________________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________ State: __________ Zip: __________________

Phone: ___________________ E-mail: ___________________
Thank you for your support of Stepping Stones.

Stepping Stones’ Benefit Day at

**TACO JOHN’S**

**A WHOLE LOT OF MEXICAN.**

**Friday, November 21st**

**6:30 am - 10 pm**

Serving breakfast, lunch & dinner!

Dine-in or Drive-thru

1526 N. Broadway, Menomonie

15% of all sales will be donated to Stepping Stones’ New Shelter

You know you have to eat…

might as well make it Taco John’s! YUM!!

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"**From Farm To Table**"

**Choir Concert**

**7:30 pm, Saturday**

**December 6th**

**St. Joseph Church**

910 Wilson Ave.

UW-Stout Symphonic Singers & Chamber Choir, conducted by Jerry Hui, will present an evening of choral music about agriculture, cooking, and thanksgiving. A variety of musical styles will be heard: boisterous music of the shaped note tradition; lighthearted madrigals from Germany and Spain; jazz-infused Swedish music and folk song arrangements; solemn Russian hymn; and even a few words from *The Simpsons*!

Tickets are $5, available at the door or in advance at the Stout Memorial Student Center.

You are also invited to bring a donation of non-perishable food items or funds for Stepping Stones’ pantry and homeless shelters.
Gifts & Memorials to Stepping Stones

Since the last newsletter contributions were received in memory of:

Dean Adams from Tom & Judy Humpal
Glenn Anderson from Paul & Lou Ann Gilberts, Juel Smith
Dorothy Ashley from Dave & Nancy Ponto
Paul Axelsen from Wilma Erickson
Gladys Block from Marlin Block
Sandie Bodsberg from Tom & Judy Humpal
Ronald Brettingen from Juel Smith
Ann Bryan from Kay & Don Lentz
Chuck Carlson from Joan Polasky, Judy Schindler
Ilia Coffey from Patrice Ahneman, Earl & Janice Coffey, Laurence & Vicki Coffey, Matthew & Nancy Coffey, Richard Coffey, John & Susanne Elgar, Michael & Lynne Larabee, Bill Larsen, L. Jane Larsen, Susan Olson, Neal & Cheryl Silkara, Bill & Jennie Stewart
Charles Coker from Janice Coker
Alysha Colvin from Lana Anderson
Donald & Kevin Cook from Ann Cook
Copper from Michelle Hamilton & Coal
Richard Debee from Lois Debee & Family
Joseph Derck from Faye Neuenfeldt
Carol Dobrunz from Annette Taylor
Essie Donnelly from Peggy Baskin
Betty Eiseth from Francis & Violet Eiseth, Betty & Simon Olson
Ken Erdmann from Jim & LaWanna McSweeney
Ken & Phyllis Fernald from Peg Baskin
Stu Fullerton from Dave & Amy Whelan
Betty Gesche from Wilma Erickson, Kristie & Tom Olson, Kay Strand
Aletha Geiger from Dave & Amy Whelan
Arthd Gilberts from Paul & Lou Ann Gilberts
Avis Glame from Wilma Erickson
Captain Roy Green from William & Bonnie Dehoff
Betty Hagen from Sue Ann Babbitt
Ralph Hake from Ardy Hake
Harry Halvorson from Teresa Stark-Halvorson
Arlene Hank from Peggy Baskin
Jerry Hawkinson from Elaine Hawkinson
Abraham & Viola Heiman from Thomas & Lenore Heiman
Lawrence Hellendrung Jr. from Dan & Joyce Hellendrung
Phil Herdahl from Wendelin & Winnifred Wolf
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Mary Ann Hoffman from Diana & Gabriel Djebali, June & Bill Grambo, Susan & Pinckney Hall, Dolores Hoffman, Insurance Auto Auctions, Arthur & Judith Muller
Joyce Hopkins from Kim & Karl Dicks & family, Tom & Judy Humpl, Tom & Janet Modahl
Derek Horn from Ronald & Judy Horn
Ethel Jackson from Toby & Marian Ellison
Arnold Johnson from Wilma Erickson
James Johnson from Helen Metten-Johnson
Forrest Jones from Marlys Jones

In memory of continued:

Beverly Kistner from Don & Karen Diemel, Paul & Lou Ann Gilberts, Nancy Greene, Jeffrey & Joan Hasslen, James & Ann Mense, Patty Price, Dick & Lynn Quilling, Dona shoe maker, Dave & Amy Whelan
Paul Krueger from Roger & Anita Klamm, Mildred Timm
Violet Kuesel from Peggy Baskin
Richard Long from Sandra Long
Richard Lowery from Ron & Jan Jordan, Janice & Marvin Kufahl, Char & Howard Lee, David & Irma Jean Maves, James & Ann Mense, Joe Plouff & Lavonne Solem, Martha Wallen
Irvin Mattison from Cheryl Beguhn, Joyce Quilling
John Maves from David & Irma Jean Maves
Alex Mense from James & Ann Mense
Pat Middlebrook from Elizabeth Eiseith
Don Miller from Peggy Baskin
Glory Ann Miller from Audrey Bracher, Richard & Leona Metzger
Dennis Minter from B.J. & Forrest Lovett
Erling Moldenhauer from Luanne & Ron Prochnow
George Murphy from Duane & Marie Bauer, Margaret Chastan, John & Barb Deutscher, Carlyle & Ruth Gilbertson, June & Bill Grambo, James & Ann Mense, Genevieve Murphy
Lois Oakland from Peg Baskin, Kim & Karl Dicks & Family, Margaret Parker
LaMoyne (Bud) & Maxine Overby from Darlene Frank
Jennie Pellet from Ed & Lynn Laventure
Ruth Peterson from Leslie Peterson
Ben & Marlys Prochnow from Dennis & Carol Prochnow
Elmer & Myrtle Prochnow from Dan & Linda Stoffel
Ron Quilling from Marvin & Carol Saxton
Touts Rhead from the Rhead Reunion Gang
Suzanne Rhodes from Peggy Baskin, Lynda Rhodes
Mildred Richards from Mary & Tom Richards
Wm. “Ted” Richartz from Graydon Richartz
Lorraine Schutt from Vi & Francis Eiseith, Ron & Pat Lange
Harriet Shervey from Dick & Cheryl Beguhn, Jerene Price
Calvin Smith from Rosemary Jacobson
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In memory of continued:
Francis Stratton from Diane Bowman
Geraldine Knaack Thiede from Dave & Anita Kroening
Ronayne Thomas from Kris & Bob Pawlowski
Janet Thorson from Dave & Amy Whelan
“Doc” Tiller from Twila Tiller
Beth Ulrich from Paul & Lou Ann Gilberts
DeWayne Varnes from Family & Friends, Louise Varnes
Chuck Veight from Lanna Laird
Violet Waller from Mary & Gene Krueger
Jonathan “Bill” Wayne from Duane & Marie Bauer
Lucille Werner from Don Salisbury
Gerald Wolf from Louise Wolf
Wendelin Wolf from Linda Roth
Clarence Yaeger from James & Mary Ann Bilse

Thank you so much to all who chose to honor and remember friends, family, colleagues, and loved ones by gifts to Stepping Stones.

(If we have inadvertently missed anyone, please let us know and we will correct it next time.)

Since the last newsletter contributions were received from the following businesses, churches, and organizations:
Alfalawn Farm
Alpha Tau-Delta Kappa Gamma
Beta Sigma Phi
Bremer Bank
Cedarbrook Church
Cedarlings 4H Club
Christ Lutheran Church
Citizens Community Federal
ConAgra Foods
Co-op Breakfast at Dunn Energy
Dunn Co. Area Retired Educators Association
Dunn Co. Sheriff’s Dept.-Inmate Incentive Program
Elk Meadow HCE
Elk Mound Area School District
Erb Chiropractic
EZMONEY Store #46023
First Congregational UCC
First Congregational Church-Women’s Fellowship
Fleet Farm
Forest Center Church of Nazarene
Grace Episcopal Church
Hay River Lutheran Church
Hay River WELCA
Hoeft Builders, Inc.
Jackie Hunt State Farm Ins. Agency
Iron Creek Sunday School
Kado & Associates
Lentz Fertilizer, Inc.
Liberty Christian Center
Menomonie United Methodist Church
Menomonie Women’s Group
National Mutual Benefit Branch 927
New Hope Lutheran Church
New Hope WELCA of Sand Creek
New Life Lutheran Church
Oaklawn Elementary Coin Drive
Oak Ridge Lutheran Brethren Church
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church
Our Savior’s Women
Pallet Service Corporation
Palmer Homemakers
Pampered Chef
Peace Lutheran Church

Since the last newsletter contributions were received in honor of:
Cadence & Ryder from Tim & Darcel Hafele
Children of Dunn County from Margaret McKanna
Their Children & Grandchildren from Elmer & Diana Bentz
Judy Darwin from Martha Wallen
Friends & Neighbors from Anonymous
Deb Gates Birthday from Lois Debee
Richard & Kathy Hathaway’s 56th Anniversary from Lois Debee
Tom Kilgore from Nancy Bischel
Emilie & Linda Klamm from Anita Klamm
Eugene & Gloria Kraemer’s 60th Anniversary from Marvin & Janice Kufahl
Carrie Rhead Lecheler’s 17th Birthday from Lois Rhead Debee & Family
Loved Ones from Jeanne Leff
Shirley Melrose’s 90th Birthday from Marvin & Janice Kufahl
MHS Class of 1969 from Linda Quilling Petersen
People Working from Julie & Chris Bendel
Howard Schumacher & Susan Schmelzer’s Wedding from Warren & Marion Lang
Pastor Wendy Slaback from Peggy Santee
Martha Stewart from Anita Hakes
Shannon, Jamie, Thomas, Jared, & Brandon from Richard & Jeri Ann Ernst
Terri, Diane, & Joanne from Vern & Ruth Hanson
Women Educators from Alpha Tau-Delta Kappa Gamma
Gifts to Stepping Stones

Businesses, churches, and organizations continued:

Preston Chiropractic
Rassbach Realty
Rock Elm United Methodist Women
Royal Neighbors of America #3341
Rural Mutual Insurance Co.
St. Joseph's PCCW
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Stout Academic Honor Society
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United Way of Dunn County
USDA Rural Development
UW-Stout Golf Enterprise Mng. 445
Veteran’s Center of Menomonie
WESTconsin Credit Union
Wisconsin Industrial Sand Co.
S.H. Young & Associates

Gifts of Food continued:

Dunn Co. Humane Society
Girl Scout Troops 339 & 3508
Hmong Alliance Church
Iron Creek Methodist Bible School
Kwik Trip
MarketPlace Foods
Menomonie Community Garden
Menomonie Parks & Rec. Dept.
Menomonie School District
North Star Bike Race
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church
PAWS of St. Croix Co.
Peace Lutheran Church
Positive Alternatives
River Heights & Knapp School Libraries
Ruby’s Pantry
St. Henry’s - Eau Galle
St. Joseph Catholic Parish
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church
Sylvan Hills Farm
Tainter United Methodist Church
Tri-Mart
USDA Rural Development
United Way Carnival
United Way’s C3 Center
UW-Stout Honor Society
Wisconsin Industrial Sand Co.
WESTconsin Credit Union
Walmart
Walmart Distribution Center

Gifts of Food (since the last newsletter)

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Aldi’s
Alliance Church
American Structures
Boyceville Schools
Caribou
ConAgra Foods
Co-op Breakfast at Dunn Energy
Downsville Schools
Dunn Co. Jail Garden

Grant Support (since the last newsletter)

AnnMarie Foundation
Otto Bremer Foundation
City of Menomonie
Community Foundation of Dunn County
ConAgra Foods Foundation
Micah Fund, a fund of the Community Foundation of Dunn County
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church Mission Endowment
United Way of Dunn County
Walmart Foundation
The Women’s Giving Community Circle, a fund of the Community Foundation of Dunn County
Xcel Energy Foundation

Stepping Stones is very grateful for grant support from private and public foundations as well as local, state, and federal government. Many grants have to be written for very specific needs or only one program and cannot be used for general operating expenses. Grants account for about 40% of the agency’s annual budget. Another 47% is from donations and approximately 13% from fundraisers. We could not provide any of the services we do without this diversified support.

John Murphy and Lisa Strom (right) from the Walmart Distribution Center presenting a Walmart Foundation grant.

Jeff Stevens, ConAgra Plant Manager (center), Katherine Dutton, and Menomonie ConAgra employees at a ConAgra Foods Foundation grant presentation.
Thank You to All who Attended, to the Volunteers, & to these Sponsors of the Stepping Stones’ 2013 Garden Tour!

Iris Level
Anonymous
ARKNEST Centre for Healing - David & Ellen Liberto
Bremer Bank
Dennis Ciesielski
Marilyn Fanetti - Checker Flag Farms
Janet Harvey
Peter Hybben Photography
In Memory of Shirley K. Stewart and George Johnson from Bill, Jennie, and Tori Stewart
In Honor of Fr. Tom Krieg from Anonymous
Lisa and Ted Ludwig
In Memory of Susan Minter from Dennis Minter
Lynn & Dick Nehring
Northern Wisconsin Hosta Society
PI Math Tutoring
Jerry & Kim Porter
Ron & Luanne Prochnow
TRACTOR CENTRAL - John Deere

Lily Level
Anonymous
Anshus Jewelers
Colfax Arts & Antique Mall & Wildwood Gifts
Fairmont Minerals
ConAgra Foods
Charlotte & Howard Lee
Phillips Medisize - Metal Injection
Royal Credit Union
Skinner Law Firm, LLC
Whitetail Organics

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Anonymous
Alpha Tau Sorority of Women Educators
Don & Loree Austrum
Bobolink Nursery
Bookends on Main
Diane & Steve Brown
In Memory of John Brunstad from Beth, Rachel, Becca, Nick, Abbie, & Phil Brunstad
Chippewa Valley Bean Co.
Elk Mound Seed, INC.
Barbara Gort
Insty–Prints of Menomonie
Jeatran Family
Junction Liquor
Kyle’s IGA Market
Lakeview Floral & Gifts
In Memory of Russell J. Lasocki from Leslie Koepke
Lynn’s Brewed Awakenings

Trillium Level continued
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In Memory of Dane Morey from Ruth Morey
Tom & Mary Richards
Season’s Harvest
Phillip M. Steans, S.C.
Martha Stewart
Weber’s Perennials
WESTconsin Credit Union
Marie Young

Sweet Pea Level
Bill & Mary Ann Bailey
Steve Bird
Boyceville Public Library
Cottage Winery & Vineyard
Henderson’s Excavating & Landscape Supply
In Memory of Gene Johnson from Judy Johnson
Marion & Warren Lang
Kelly & Laura McCullough
Pete & Beth Edstrom
In Honor of Mom Parsons from the Winters in Seattle
Marilynn Mundy Rushton
Dave & Karen Schiotz
Mary & Gene Schlosser
St. Joseph Parish Council of Catholic Women
Charles & Kathleen Weber

Mark your calendar for next year’s Garden Tour:
Saturday, June 27, 2015
The Feature Garden will be A Butterfly Garden!