Happy Anniversary to Us!

This year Stepping Stones is marking its 30th anniversary—30 years of providing service to low income residents of Dunn County.

What was happening 30 years ago? Some tragedies—the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded, the Chernobyl disaster occurred, and Mad Cow disease was identified. More positively—IBM unveiled the first laptop computer, the Human Genome Project was launched, and gas was $0.89 per gallon. And caring people in Menomonie, Wisconsin were planning ways to help their neighbors in need!

Formerly known as Interfaith Volunteers, the organization’s first program was called Caregivers and was started by several local churches concerned about the unmet needs of elderly people in Dunn County. Volunteers were linked to seniors and people with disabilities to provide services which enabled them to live independently longer. This program is now called Community Connections and includes other services such as emergency financial assistance and referrals.

In 1994, community leaders began investigating the need for a homeless shelter. This resulted in the opening of the House of Hope Shelter on So. Broadway (now called Stepping Stones Shelter), offering transitional and emergency shelter, case management, and housing referral services. In 2014, in order to address increased need, Stepping Stones expanded the shelter program to Winter Haven on Stout Rd. so more people could be served.

In 1996, the organization’s third program, the Food Pantry, began to offer free food to low income households. Initially, the pantry was located in the basement of the Broadway shelter as a compliment to services already provided there, but growing demand required successive moves to larger facilities. Since 2011 the pantry and Stepping Stones’ offices have been located at 1602 Stout Rd.

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Anniversaries are often a time to look back and remember history, but looking forward is equally important! Needs for the services Stepping Stones provides have risen dramatically over the years and we want to be able to continue to meet them in the future.

As Stepping Stones looks to the next 30 years and beyond, the organization must consider its long-term financial stability.

Last year we began an endowment at the Community Foundation of Dunn County. It’s currently called an Acorn Fund and was started with an investment of $2,000 and a promise to grow the fund to $10,000 within 5 years time.

Stepping Stones would like it to gradually become a Mighty Oak Fund in order to ensure that we can always assist low income residents of Dunn County. Toward this end, Stepping Stones friends and supporters are invited to contribute to the endowment and/or make a planned gift.

Including Stepping Stones in your estate plan is a way to perpetuate your values into the future by leaving a legacy of hope for those in need in our community. For more information please contact Stepping Stones at 715.235.2920 or director@steppingstonesdc.org.

Plans are in the works for a festive fall event to commemorate our anniversary, so stay tuned. For now, though, we want to say THANK YOU for helping us provide stepping stones to our neighbors in need—for the past 30 years as well as the next 30!

Stepping Stones + Soup = EMPTY BOWLS!

Sat, 3/5, 11 am-2 pm, Menomonie Middle School
See YOU There!
Thank You & Welcome

THANK YOU so much to out-going board members Derrick Oberle, Christian Peterson, and Luanne Prochnow. Their dedication and contributions are greatly appreciated and will be missed!

WELCOME to in-coming board members Joe Aronson-- Manufacturing Manager at 3M, Jay Ivens-- Community Member & Educator, Jill Seichter-- Social Worker at DHS Aging & Disability Resource Center, and Heather Wigdahl--Pastor at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church.

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MarketPlace Foods is again helping to fight hunger by ‘matching the cash!’ During the month of February, MarketPlace is accepting cash donations for in-store credit for food pantries in communities with MarketPlace stores and will match those gifts up to $20,000.

Last year Stepping Stones received almost $10,000 in-store credit for the food pantry. A little bit extra at the check-out goes a long way at the pantry!

Thank you to all who contributed!

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Quilt Raffle

Proceeds from Stepping Stones’ ticket sales for the annual quilt raffle that’s part of the Menomonie Sunrise RotaryFest will benefit the Food Pantry. This beautiful quilt, made by the Menomonie Peace Work Quilters, is called Stars for Stepping Stones.

Raffle tickets are $5 each or 5 for $20. Stop by the Stepping Stones office to get yours. They are also available from any Board Member and at Empty Bowls.

The 2016 RotaryFest will be held Sat., April 23 at Vision Quest.

For more info. go to www.menomoniesunriserotary.org. The raffle drawing will be held that night but you don’t need to be present to win.

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Wish List

For the Pantry
- Vacuum (commercial preferred)
- Grocery bags (cloth, paper, or plastic)
- Plastic ice cream buckets w/ lids

For Winter Haven
- $10 gas cards
- Pillows (new or gently used)
- DVDs—family friendly

For the Shelters & Pantry
- Can openers
- Personal care products
- Diapers, any size
- Cleaning supplies & garbage bags
- Used printer cartridges—ink jet ONLY
  (we recycle them as a fundraiser)

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Mark your calendar for

Stepping Stones’ Annual Garden Tour

Saturday, June 25, 2016

Sponsorships welcome at www.steppingstonesdc.org

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SOUP
It’s what’s for lunch! Sat., March 5
Stepping Stones’ News & Notes

Good-Bye & Thank You to Dave Bergstrand
Dave Bergstrand has been Stepping Stones part-time Maintenance & Warehouse Coordinator for three years following his retirement from the Dunn Co. Highway Dept. and a stint as a Food Pantry and warehouse volunteer. Dave has brought so many gifts to this position especially his superb maintenance ‘know how’ and his great people skills. But now he’s ready for full-time retirement and looks forward to spending more time with his family. We look forward to welcoming him back as a volunteer!

Note to Thrivent Members
Please consider designating Stepping Stones for your Thrivent Choice Dollars®. Through this program, eligible benefit members of Thrivent Financial can recommend places for Thrivent to distribute part of their 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. 2015 Choice Dollars must be designated by March 31, 2016. Thank you to all who have already designated Choice Dollars to Stepping Stones!

Winter Haven
Up to 10 adults can stay at the Stout Rd. Winter Haven Shelter which is staffed each night by trained volunteers. It’s been very full this season and continues through March 31. Special thanks to our tremendous crew of overnight volunteers along with many others who’ve made it possible for the shelter to be open often during the day as well.

H & R Block Nonprofit Referral Program
For every new client who has H & R Block Stepping Stones, H & R Block will contrib-
Cedar Plaza, 2321 Hwy 25 N, Menomonie, prepare their taxes and mentions being referred by ute $20 to us. Our local H & R Block is located at Red 715-235-0021.

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.

Stepping Stones’ Discount Cards are Now Half Off—$5 Each!
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. (cards are good through the end of August)

Thank you to the following businesses offering savings on the Stepping Stones’ Discount Cards
Acoustic Café
Advance Auto Parts
Barrel Room
Cancun Mexican Grill
Cedar Country Coop (Cenex)
Dairy Queen
Denny's Restaurant
Exit 45 Restaurant
Golden Leaf Café
Little Caesars Pizza
Log Jam
Marion’s Legacy
Toppers Pizza
Waterfront Bar & Grill

Community Coming Together
Menomonie Middle School

LOVING that Soup!
Get your FULL bowl at Empty Bowls :) Sat., 3/5/16 11 am—2 pm
Thank you for your support of Stepping Stones!

Advance Tickets Available at Stepping Stones or on-line at www.steppingstonesdc.org

$15 includes bowl, $5 meal only

Day of Event: $17 includes bowl, $7 meal only

Free lunch—children under 5

Keep Calm & Eat Soup at Empty Bowls!

Tasty Soup & Bread, Drinks & Desserts

Saturday, March 5
11:00 am — 2:00 pm

Menomonie Middle School
Beautiful Handmade Pottery & Wooden Bowls

Silent Auction
Artwork, gifts, quilts, crafts & much more!
Children’s Activities, Displays, Music, & Bake Sale, too!!

Proceeds benefit Stepping Stones & Menomonie Area Bread for the World.
Silent auction items accepted at Stepping Stones through Feb. 29.

Thank you for your support of Stepping Stones.

or current resident

Menomonie, WI
54751

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Menomonie, WI
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www.steppingstonesdc.org
Gifts & Memorials to Stepping Stones

Since the last newsletter contributions were received in memory of:

Louise Ackerman from Ken & Nancy Schofield
Harold Albrecht from Peter & Kay Pershern
Helmuth “Pookie” Albrecht from Donna Albrecht, Margaret Chastan, Jim & Jeanette Daines, Ronald & Janice Jordan, Dona Shoemaker
Jack Anderson from Dick & Cheryl Beguhn
Deanna Applehans from Alice Evenson, Dave & Nancy Ponto
Matt Baskin from Debbie Hitz
Their Parents from Kathryn Baumgardner & Robert Kistner
Matthew Baumgartner from Jeanne Stevenson
David Benesh from Louise Wolf
Their Parents & Sisters from Lorelee & Dale Binkowski
Dorothy Blakeley from Brian Blakeley, Lanna Laird, Charles Maves, James Maves
Gertrude Boettcher from Steve & Diane Brown; Abdul, Stephanie & Maxwell Shaheed Colin; Kristina & Callum Johnson
Dennis Bolstad from Marie Bolstad
Leonard Britton from the Erickson Family
Dorothy Buckley from Beverly Dahms
Robert Campbell from Molly Kapsner
Patricia Tobin Chapman from Sue Ann & Roger Jenrich
Delores Christenson from Mavis Anderson, Tom & Deb Sinz, Lois Sipple
Alton & Oma Clark from Ron & Lee Peshaw
Charles Coker from Janice Coker
Dana Cook from the Bowlin Family
Donald & Kevin Cook from Ann Cook
Jeff Cook from Lois Schultz
Edith Weber Coyer from Charles & Kathleen Weber
Bill Creaser from Sarah Ann Kinnard, Donald & Corinne Person
Linda & Steven Cropp from Roy & Deloris Cropp
Hattie Curry from Don Salisbury
Dick Debee from Lois Debee & Family
Carl Dehnert from Marilyn Dehnert
Dorothy & Nelson Deming from Debra Cady
George & Virginia Edwards from Margaret Edwards
Ike Eiseth from Elizabeth Eiseth
Dave Eitrheim from Deb Benoit, Lois Debee & Family, David & Irma Jean Maves, Carrie Nelson & Jan Hare, Suzanne & Derek Scammell, Tom & Deb Sinz, Jeanne Stevenson
Mary Foley from Jeanne Foley & Katherine Dutton, June Grambo, Diane Morehouse, Tom & Deb Sinz
Annella Frank from Shelly & Jerry Creaser, Dona Shoemaker
Gordon Galoff from Marlys Galoff
Earl Gierke from Virginia Gierke
Donald Hall from Rose Hall
Gilbert Hanson from Richard Kerr

In memory of continued:

Terri, Diane, & Joanne Hanson from Vern & Ruth Hanson
Rochelle Hardy from Jean & John Bates
O.K. Hellund from Bill & Julie Fisher
Abraham & Viola Heiman from Thomas & Lenore Heiman
Loved Ones from Dan & Joyce Hellendrung
John Higley from Peter & Emilie Wiese
Lavern Hintzman from Lynn Hintzman
Lonnie Hintzman from Lynn Hintzman
Lois Hoff from Peggy Baskin
Alice & Casper Hogenson from Ron & Lee Peshaw
Maurice Howe from Eileen Howe
Nancy Howes from S/S/G Corporation
Wayne Hoyt from Susan & Ted Hoyt
Doris Jacobs from Mary Linderud
Gene Johnson from James Johnson
Orville & Jean Johnson from Harold & Rhonda Fairchild
Marissa Joyce from Gentle Dental Care
Alex “Bud” Kadinger from Peggy Baskin
Michael Kapszukiewicz from Rick & Mitzi Bolin, Harry Evjen, Dave & Irma Jean Maves, Elizabeth Robinson, Richard & Dorothy Sterry
Bud Karis from Terri Karis
Dave Keays from Mary Joanne Keays
Nora King from Suzanne & Derek Scammell
Geneva Kistner from Wilma Erickson
Amos Konop from Jeff & Alice Heinzen
Clara Gilenbach Krueger from Roger & Anita Klamm, Judith Schuch
Robert Labs from Mary Labs
Klover Lagerstrom from Tom & Judy Humphal
Ruth Ley from Marilyn Dehnert, Ellen Ochs, Kenneth & Margaret Stauss, Sarah Vakharia
Mary Ellen Lightle from Rebecca Baker
Beverly Link from Gerald Link
Richard Long from Sandra Long
Dick Lowery from Cheryl Lowery
Jerry Ludwig from Marilyn Dehnert, Christine Tschudy
Dick Lystrom from Connie Lystrom
In memory of continued:

Joyce Marine from Becky Marine
Wilmer & Irene Maves from Lynn Nehring
David Miller from Winnie Wolf
LaVern & Ida Miller from Winnie Wolf
Shirley Miller from Dave & Nancy Ponto
Dane Morey from Ruth Morey
Vernon & Myrene Moritz from Linda Roth
Ron Mrdutt from Mary Jo Mrdutt & Family
Jack Nagle from Mary Ann & Ted Harris
Tom Neverydahl from Lois Debee & Family
June & Tom Neverydahl from Helenmae & Chuck Debee
Dorothy Norton from Peggy Baskin
Bonita O’Meara from Patrick O’Meara
Bruce Pamperin from Ursula Berger
Lawrence & Cecilia Pechmiller from Jim & Arlene Pechmiller
Frank & Anita Pershern from Peter & Kay Pershern
Robert Peshaw from Ron & Lee Peshaw
Les & Ruth Peterson from Jim & Lu Weir
John & Ruth Pickering from Bob & Dixie Walter
Donna Pierisall from Duane & Marie Bauer
Jeanne & Harald Polasky from Joan Polasky
Neal Prichard from Alvin & Lorayne Baldus, Margaret Barnard, Alan & Deb Benoit, Dave & Joy Bergstrand, Maria Carpenter, Susan Dachenbach, James & Jeanette Daines, Philip & Margaret Diser, Toby & Marian Ellison, Michael & Paula Feigal, June & Bill Grambo, Susan & Pinckney Hall, Katie Hyndman, Terrance & Margaret Ingram, International Society for Antiviral Research Earl Kern, Judith Kirk, David & Mary Lambert, Cheryl Lowery, Catherine Markovitz, Microbiotix Inc., Diane Morehouse, Arthur & Judith Muller, George & Yvonne Nelson, Martin & Eldora Ondrus, Joe Plouff & Lavonne Solem, Edward & Susan Roethke, Jack & Marlys Sampson, Mike & Sally Schendel, Helen & Timothy Speidel, Kenneth & Margaret Stauss, Leonard & Sharon Sterry, UAB Lab Staff & Faculty, John Vincent; Weld, Riley, Prenn, & Ricci; Marie Young
Elmer & Myrtle Prochnow from Dan & Linda Stoffel
Leonard Prochnow from Jim & Arlene Pechmiller
Wendell Ranney from Jim & Mary Ann Bilse, Elna Johnson
Vince Ray from Donna Senn
Loved Ones from Ann Rhead
Nira Richartz from Duane & Marie Bauer, Richard & Cheryl Beguhn, Margaret Chastan, Graydon Richartz, Marvin & Carol Saxton, Lois Sipple, Jeanne Stevenson, Debra Verdon
Ted Richartz from Graydon Richartz
Keshavan Sai from Shalini Jagadeesh
David Schaefer from Marvin & Carol Saxton
Janet Schaefer from Dennis & Carol Prochnow, Marshall Schaefer

In memory of continued:

Francis Schindler from Judy Schindler
Lauren Schluettman from Michael Gifford, Tom & Judy Humpal
Janice Schroeder from Jeanne Stevenson
Harold Schultz from Lois Schultz
Paul Schumacher from Barb Schumacher
Debra Schuh Schuster from Tom & Deb Sinz
Mona Smith from Ronald Smith
Eugene Sorg from Scott & Kimberly Leach
Al Sprader from Mary & Scott Howard
Ralph Stark from Alice Evenson, Keyes Chevrolet, Dave & Nancy Ponto
Leonard Stewart from Bremer Bank Employees
Debbie Swartz from Robert Marlette, Debra Micek, Tom & Deb Sinz
Schady & Frank Szalai from Virginia & Jan Szalai
Norman Tritz from Jerome & Ann Kirsling
Al Tschudy from Marilyn Dehnert
Loved Ones from John & Teresa Wagner
George & Edna Walter from Bob & Dixie Walter
Kelly Watkins from David & Irma Jean Maves, Tom & Deb Sinz
Delma Rose Weber from Charles & Kathleen Weber
Mamie Weber from Jeff & Diane Gasteyer
Wendy Weber from Leann Thomas
Mildred Welk from Marvin & Carol Saxton
Rod Wiehe from Toby & Marian Ellison
Mickey Wiese from Estelle & Walter Furtak, Peter & Emilie Wiese
Robert Wilson from Dave & Irma Jean Maves, Gladys Waller
Gerald Wolf from Louise Wolf
Windy Wolf from Winnie Wolf
Jason Wyss from Jerry & Ardie Coomer

Neal Prichard Memorials

Thank you so much to the family of Neal Prichard for designating Stepping Stones as one of the places for memorials. Neal and his wife, Pat, were longtime volunteers at the Food Pantry and saw firsthand on a weekly basis how great the needs are. Pat said they decided to honor Neal’s memory in this way because they know how important the pantry is to low income residents in Dunn Co. and wanted to help.

Correction from the last newsletter: Gifts for the Winter Haven Shelter were received in memory of Les Peterson from Friends & Family.
Gifts to Stepping Stones

Since the last newsletter contributions were received in honor of:

Their Parents from Kathryn Baumgardner & Robert Kistner
Their Clients from Bremer Bank
Children of Dunn County from Ronald & Monica Duncan, Margaret McKanna
Jordan, Megan, Mackenzie, & Camryn from Greg & Jane Corning
Their Grandchildren from Elmer & Diana Bentz
Maxwell & Gracie Bloom from Barry & Julie Bloom
William, Kelley, Brienna, Elisa, & Bill from Jacalyn Broughton
Jeff, Lori, Donna & Families from Lois Debee
Marilyn Dehnert from Kenneth & Margaret Stauss
Their Grandchildren & Great Grandson from Richard & Jeri Ann Ernst
Casper Haas from Ralph & Ria Haas
David Hackbarth from Laurie Hittman
Harold Hafin from George & Yvonne Nelson
Her Grandchildren from Beth Jacobs
Orville & Louise Jeske's 60th Anniversary from Winnifred Wolf
Fr. James Kurzynski from Nadine Schlough
Stanley & Joan Labs from Sarah Kinnard
Family & Friends from Melissa & Brad Larson
Dr. Al & Carol Leipnitz's 50th Anniversary from Leipnitz Dental Clinic
Rob MacDougall from David Cook
Dawn McDonald from Suzanne Gaines
Diane Mercil's Retirement from her Bremer Bank Co-workers
Family & Friends from John & Muriel Mikkelson
Carrie Nelson from Linda Ely
George Nelson's 80th Birthday from Marvin & Janice Kufahl
New Hope Lutheran Church Employees from New Hope Lutheran Church W/ELCA
Their Grandchildren from Allen & Sherry Otto
Maria Poepping from Aaron Hyde
Kim & Jerry Porter from Ronald Smith
The Pounding Fathers from David Fly
Cassie Salter from Carrie Nelson
Becca Sheahan’s 21st Birthday from Lisa Sheahan
Their Grandchildren from Harry & Barb Stai
Margi Stauss, for those who have & are serving, from Marilyn Dehnert
Martha Stewart from Steve & Anita Hakes
Trinity Lutheran Church from Neighbors of Dunn County
David Uher from Marion Wolfe
David Uher & Nina Koch from Debora Hitz
Tim & Gloria Worthington from Dick & Pat Edwards

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

3M Women's Leadership Network
AgStar Financial Services
All States Ag Parts
American Edge Real Estate
The Birthday Club
Bolen Vale Cheese
Carpet City - Wausau
Cedar Falls Heating & Air Conditioning
Cedar River Potato Co.
JA Counter & Associates, Inc.
County of Dunn Register of Deeds Office
John Dotseth Trucking
Downsville School
Dunn County Area Retired Educators Association
Dunn County HCE
Dunn County Judges & Clerk of Courts Offices
Eau Claire Insulation
Erb Chiropractic
Fairmount Minerals
FFA Corn Drive
Fleet Farm
H & H Plumbing
Heritage Builders
Hoof & Paw Clinic
Jackie Hunt Insurance Agency
Keyes Chevrolet
Mainstreet Health & Fitness - Turkey Trot
Menomonie Firefighter’s Association
Menomonie Golf & Country Club-Memorial Golf Tournament
Menomonie Housing Authority Board of Commissioners
Menomonie Market - Hill ‘O Beans Program
Menomonie Moose Lodge #1584
Milestones Early Educational Community
Monarch Paving
National Mutual Benefit Branch 927
Pallet Service Corporation
Peoples State Bank-Boyceville
Preston Chiropractic Office
Quality Liquid Feeds
Quilling Electric
Rassbach Realty
Red Cedar Steel Erectors
River Heights-Fuel Up to Play 60 Club
Rosendahl Properties & Construction
Royal Neighbors of America #3341
Sackett Rentals
Phillip M. Steans, S.C.
Taco John's
Talen Charitable Trust
Thrivent Choice Dollars
UW-Stout Academic Honor Society
UW-Stout Council on Family Relations
Vets Plus
WESTconsin Credit Union
Women of the Moose #682
XI Kappa Sorority
S.H. Young & Associates

Correction from the last newsletter: A gift was received in honor of Jeanette Breckner from Kenneth Breckner.
**Gifts to Stepping Stones**

Since the last newsletter contributions were received from the following churches and church groups:

- Barum WELCA
- Big Elk Creek Lutheran Church Women
- Branches Church
- Cedarbrook Church
- Chippewa District UMW
- Christ Lutheran Church
- Faith Lutheran Church Women
- Hay River Lutheran Church Hope Circle
- Hay River WELCA
- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church - Ladies Guild
- Knights of Columbus Council #2055
- Liberty Christian Center
- Little Elk Creek Lutheran Church
- Little Elk Creek Lutheran Church Women
- Menomonie Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Menomonie United Methodist Church
- Menomonie United Methodist Women
- New Hope Lutheran Church
- New Hope Lutheran WELCA
- New Life Lutheran Church
- Our Savior’s Lutheran Church
- Our Savior’s Women
- Peace Lutheran Church
- Peace Lutheran Church Women
- Rock Creek Lutheran Church
- St. Joseph School - 6th grade
- St. Luke’s Parish - St. Jessica’s Circle
- St. Paul’s Lutheran Church
- Tainter United Methodist Women
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- Trinity WELCA

Contributions were received as Christmas gifts for:

- The Clark Family of Boyceville
- Bobbie Hedlund from Bill & Julie Fisher
- John Laatsch from Barbara Laatsch
- Jan Pesek-Herriges from Patrick Pesek-Herriges
- Their Family from Jane & Scott Werner
- Their Family in Menomonie from Kathryn Zimmerman & Steve Richter

Thank you so much to all who chose to honor and remember friends, family, colleagues, and loved ones by gifts to Stepping Stones as well as those who gave special gifts during the holiday season.

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

BELieve THERE is GOOD in the world.

A huge and heartfelt THANK YOU to all of Stepping Stones supporters for BEing THERE GOOD in the world!

Non-Money Gifts

- **Christmas Trees for Pantry Clients** from Little Elk Creek Church & Pleasant Valley
- **Hats, Mittens, Scarves, and/or Blankets** from Anderson Logistics, Dunn Co. Jail, Dunn Co. Judges & Clerk of Courts offices, Knapp Elementary, Oaklawn, People’s State Bank, WESTconsin
- **Holiday Hams or Turkeys** from 3M, Cardinal Glass, Family Video
- **Shelter Items** from St. Joseph Catholic Parish and Peace Lutheran

**Other Food Donations will be listed in the next newsletter.**

Food for the Soul

The following places collected and then donated and/or helped wrap almost 6,000 books for pantry clients.

- Cedarbrook Church
- Christ Lutheran
- Dunn County Homemakers
- Grace Episcopal
- Little Elk Creek Church
- New Hope in Downsville
- Peace Lutheran
- Our Savior’s Lutheran
- Our Savior’s Women, Confirmation Students, & Cub Scouts
- PEO Chapter AN
- Trinity Lutheran
- UW-Stout Campus Ministry
- Walmart

Special thanks to Kathy Hirsch who organized it all!
What do ‘Aldo Leopold benches’ and the work of Stepping Stones have to do with each other? Because I wanted to write about both these things in this newsletter I thought I’d better come up with an answer!

First you might wonder, what is an Aldo Leopold bench? Aldo Leopold was a forester, educator, writer, and outdoor enthusiast who spent much of his career in Wisconsin. Since the 1949 publication of A Sand County Almanac Leopold has come to be regarded as one of the most influential conservation thinkers of the 20th century.

When Leopold wanted a place to sit down, he built himself a simple bench. According to the magazine Organic Life, the design “blends in and exists peacefully among gardens, representing Leopold’s view of how humans should interact with nature. His life reminds us to sit quietly, observe our surroundings, and recognize we are all a part of the land.”

I’m telling you about these benches because five of them, lovingly created by a group of community members, are being auctioned as part of this year’s Stepping Stones’ Garden Tour which is our primary fundraiser. See p. 2 for all the info.

When I thought about sitting quietly on a bench I thought of resting. We rest because we’re tired, fatigued. Ah, there’s my link to Stepping Stones... because sometimes we experience that here! The people we serve certainly get exhausted by their daily struggles to make ends meet. Staff, volunteers and donors can also get weary. Thinking of this brought to mind the expression ‘compassion fatigue.’

I thought compassion fatigue was just a nice way of describing the feeling, “I wish people would leave me alone.” Turns out it’s a diagnosable condition with symptoms, consequences, and treatments—as I learned from Google research. Anyone in a helping profession has probably experienced at least mild compassion fatigue now and then. But also anyone who cares a lot

and wants to help make the world a better place. I assume that would be anyone reading a Stepping Stones newsletter!

There are so many things to care about—people who are hungry or homeless, poverty, the violence in our culture, the environment, endangered species, the economy, etc., etc. It’s a very long list.

In order to address these issues, ethical people try to do ‘the right thing.’ Aldo Leopold said: “A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise.” He defined community broadly to include all living things. He also said, “Ethical behavior is doing the right thing when no one else is watching—even when doing the wrong thing is legal.” He was likely thinking of some of the environmental concerns his work helped bring to light such as unsustainable agricultural practices. We might also think of things such as 16% of the world’s population consuming 80% of its resources—which has a lot to do with hunger and poverty.

But this probably isn’t helping your compassion fatigue level! So what’s a person to do when just watching the news or reading the paper could contribute to compassion fatigue? How to prevent and/or treat it? Assuming it’s a mild case, my advice is: Sit on a bench. Smell the flowers. Take a rest.

Aldo Leopold knew the necessity of this and spoke to it in his writings, but my favorite version of this sentiment is in a poem by Wendell Berry which reads in part:

When despair of the world grows in me...
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in its beauty in the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things...
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

There will be many benches on which to rest on the Stepping Stones Garden Tour and much natural beauty to revive your soul. Hope to see you there!

~ Katherine Dutton, Executive Director

A few of the Aldo Leopold bench designs.
Raffle info. is on p. 3.
You’re invited to the

2016 Stepping Stones’ Garden Tour!

Saturday, June 25th, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

This year’s gardens:

- Howard & Charlotte Lee, 455th St.—Woodland Terrace
- Betsy & John Wolbert, 479th Ave.—Woodland Terrace
- Sheila & Thomas Berger, County Rd. C
- Gary & Dixie Myers, State Rd. 25
- Don Salisbury & Mari Forbush, 350th Ave.—Feature & Reunion Garden

Advanced Tickets—$13, available at:
- Bobolink Nursery
- Bookends on Main
- Dick’s Fresh Market
- Kyle’s IGA Market, Colfax
- Lakeview Floral & Gifts
- La dee dah
- Season’s Harvest Greenhouse
- Stepping Stones’ Office

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

Tickets may also be purchased on-line at www.steppingstonesdc.org

And a Silent Auction!

Several gardens will have silent auction items to bid on including lawn ornaments, a copper trellis, artwork, rain barrels, compost, tree trimming, a gardener’s pendant necklace, quilts, a Samsung tablet, smoked meat, a movie basket, and more!

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 and click on the Garden Tour link.

2016 Garden Tour sponsors are listed on the back of the newsletter insert and on the website. 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 Shelters, and the Community Connections Program.

Also visit the GARDEN MARKET

at Stepping Stones
1602 Stout Rd., Menomonie
(outside by the picnic table & bike rack)

Thurs.-Fri. prior to the tour, June 23-24, 10 am—4 pm
And the day of the tour, Sat., June 25, 9 am—2 pm

Potted plants (like many you’ll see on the tour), garden items, t-shirts, and more!
Welcome Mike

Mike Donnelly, who was one of regular pantry volunteers, is our new part-time warehouse and maintenance person following Dave Bergstrand who recently retired. Mike’s background is psychology. He also does some consulting work and has previously taught at both Stout and UW-Eau Claire. Mike enjoys “getting out of his head” but we think he puts his psychology knowledge to good use on all the warehouse volunteers. You know who you are! :)

Stepping Stones’ Night at the Barrel Room

Wednesday, July 20th, 5 - 8 p.m. — Save the Date!

Come enjoy a glass of wine or other beverage at the Barrel Room, 320 Main St. E., Menomonie. It will be a ‘guest server night’ and all tips will go to Stepping Stones. Servers will include Stepping Stones board members and local “celebrities”. Bring your friends or colleagues for Happy Hour! Enjoy some music and conversation. The Barrel Room also has tasty appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages.

Things to Save for Stepping Stones

- Soaps & shampoos from your travels
- Used computer cartridges which we recycle for cash (ink jet only)
- Grocery bags (cloth, paper or plastic)
- Plastic ice cream buckets w/ lids

- Plastic plant containers (gallon size ONLY please)
- Box Tops for Education to help support Project SAM (found on many food packages, Kleenex, etc.)
- Egg cartons
  Drop them off anytime. Thank you!

Stamp Out Hunger

Thanks so much to all the hard-working postal employees and the great volunteers who collected and sorted over 9,000 pounds of food from the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive in May. Thanks also to all those of you who put bags of food out at your mailbox and/or donated to the Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts who collected ~ 1,600 lbs. in April. Good job guys! The average distribution of food through the pantry is about 50 lbs. per family per visit. These donations will feed over 200 families!

Aldo Leopold Garden Benches Raffle

Benches are currently on display at the following locations:

- Acoustic Café, Bobolink Nursery, Raw Deal, Seasons Harvest, and Stepping Stones

All locations are selling raffle tickets except Seasons Harvest: $5 each or 5 for $20.

The day of the Garden Tour benches will be on display and tickets for sale at the gardens. Raffle tickets will continue to be sold at Stepping Stones through June 28. The drawing will be held June 29 and winners contacted.

For more info. about the creation of the benches watch for articles in the Dunn Co. News and EC Leader or visit Stepping Stones website: www.steppingstonesdc.org.

Acts of creation are ordinarily reserved for gods and poets but to plant a tree…one need only own a good shovel.

— Aldo Leopold

Other bench designs are pictured elsewhere in the newsletter.
Thank you for your support of Stepping Stones.

See page 2 for details.

Garden Tour
Stepping Stones' beautiful gardens on Saturday, June 25th, 9 am—2 pm

See these and other...
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Nancy & James Berger’s 50th Anniversary
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Dunn Co. Libraries’ Staff from David & Karen Williams
Their Grandchildren & Great-grandson from Richard & Jeri Ann Ernst
Their Grandchildren from Dale & Carol Seppa
Susan & Pinckney Hall from Gerald Talen
Bob & Jane Hoyt from Gerald Talen
Rebecca Johnson from Margaret Parker
Barbara Krause’s Birthday from Winnie Wolf
Arnold Mork’s 90th Birthday from Violet Eiseth
Family of Bruce Nevin from Sue Foxwell
Dan & Mary Riordan from Jane Riordan
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Marie Schwartz’s HS Graduation from Bill & Bonnie DeHoff
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David Uher from the Unitarian Society of Menomonie
Veterans who have served & are currently serving from VFW Post 1039
Volunteers from Lynn Weir
Earl & Craig Wildenberg from C & E Employees
Marya Wilson from Margaret Parker
Winter Haven from Neal Schroeder

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:

AgStar Financial Services
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Bremer Bank
Christ Church
Christ Lutheran Church
Christ Lutheran Church—Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday
ConAgra Bake Sale
The Core—Sock Hop
Dunn County Area Retired Educators Association
Dunn County Homemakers
Erb Chiropractic
First Congregational Church
First Congregational Church—Women’s Fellowship
Hoof & Paw Clinic
Liberty Christian Center
Little Elk Creek Lutheran Church Women
Marshfield Clinic
Menomonie Lions Club
Menomonie Sunrise RotaryFest Quilt Raffle
Menomonie United Methodist Church
Menomonie Women’s Group
The Neighbors of Dunn County
New Hope Lutheran Church
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church
Our Savior’s Women
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Peace Lutheran Church
Popple Creek HCE
River Heights
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Thrivent Financial Choice Dollars Program
Trinity Lutheran Church
UW-Stout Holly Events Committee
UW-Stout NRHH
UW-Stout Staff of the Child & Family Center
Weber Valley HCE
Wines for Humanity

Correction:

Christmas Trees were donated by Big Elk Creek Church (mistakenly listed as Little Elk Creek Church in the spring newsletter)
Gifts to Stepping Stones

Gifts of Food continued:

- Dunn County 4-H
- Dunn Co. Fish & Game & Area Hunters
- Dunn County Health Care Center
- Dunn County Homemakers
- Dunn County Jail Garden
- Fairmont Minerals
- Faith Lutheran Church
- Family Video
- First Congregational Church
- Frigo Chiropractic
- Gama Sigma Sigma
- Get it Dunn Run
- Girl Scouts
- Girl Scouts Troop 3390
- Grace Episcopal Church
- Hay River Lutheran Church
- Hmong Alliance Church
- Homemakers Club of Menomonie
- Human Services
- Humane Society
- Kappa Lambda Beta
- Kwik Trip
- Little Elk Creek 4-H Club
- Log Jam
- Mabel Tainter
- Marketplace Foods
- Menomonie Alliance Church
- Menomonie Market
- Menomonie Middle School
- Menomonie Noon & Sunrise Rotaries – Kids Against Hunger Meals
- Menomonie School District
- Menomonie Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Menomonie Women’s Club
- Midwest Dental
- New Hope Lutheran Church
- Northtown Ford
- Oaklawn Elementary
- Oakridge Lutheran Church
- Our Savior’s Lutheran Church

Gifts of Food continued:

- Our Savior’s - Wheeler
- Peace Lutheran Church
- Phillips Medisize
- Positive Alternatives
- Preceptor ETA Sorority
- REA Breakfast COOP
- Red Cedar Clinic Staff
- Red Cedar Cookie Co.
- Red Cedar Service Area
- River Heights
- Ruby’s Pantry
- Smucker Co.
- Specialty Pallet
- Straight Forward
- St. Henry’s
- St. Joe’s Youth
- St. Joseph’s Catholic Church
- St. Joseph School – 6th grade
- St. Paul’s Lutheran Church
- St. Paul’s School
- Tainter United Methodist Church
- Tri-Mart
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- UW Stout Academic Honor Society
- UW Stout Council Family Relations
- UW Stout Dorms
- UW Stout Food Service
- UW Stout SVRI
- Wakanda
- Walmart
- Walmart Distribution Center
- Waterfront Bar & Grill
- WESTconsin Credit Union
- Wiggen Hall Events Committee
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Grant Support

(since the last listing)

- 3M Foundation
- The Hugh J. Andersen Foundation
- The City of Menomonie
- The Community Foundation of Dunn County
- Dunn County
- Dunn Energy – Operation Round Up
- Fairmont Santrol Foundation
- Our Savior’s Mission Endowment Fund
- Realtors Assoc. of NW Wisconsin
- Western Wisc. Energy Charitable Fund, a fund of the Community Foundation of Dunn County
Thank You to these Sponsors of the Stepping Stones’ 2016 Garden Tour!

Iris Level
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Bremer Bank
Dennis & Antoinette Ciesielski
Jane & Greg Corning
Expert Tree Services and Science
Marilyn Fanetti / Checker Flag Farms
Janet Harvey
Hybben Photography
Lisa & Ted Ludwig
Mayo Clinic Health System
Northern Wisconsin Hosta Society
PI Math Tutoring
Jerry & Kim Porter
Ron & Luanne Prochnow
Jane Redig & John Williams
Bill, Jennie, and Tori Stewart in Memory of Shirley K. Stewart
Charles & Kathleen Weber
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Lakeview Floral & Gifts
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MJ Barn Quilts
Ruth Morey in Memory of Dane Morey
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David & Karen Williams
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Sandy Haesly
Heritage Builders Professional
Handyman Services
Diane Morehouse
Lynn & Dick Nehring in Memory of Ramona Britton
Skinner Law Firm, LLC
State Farm - Jackie Hunt Agency
Dave & Amy Whelan
Alice Lives Here

Alice and her family live in a small two bedroom apartment in Menomonie. She and her husband have two young children. Alice works part-time at a fast food restaurant for minimum wage. She would work more but child care per hour costs more than she earns.

Alice’s husband does work full-time and makes $15/hour. This puts them somewhat above poverty level but still well below recommended federal limits for food pantry use. Thank goodness because Alice’s family would have an even harder time managing if they couldn’t use the pantry.

Alice and her husband really struggle with their monthly budget. They sometimes have to choose between paying the electric bill, filling a prescription, buying food, or getting gas. They haven’t been able to afford car insurance in a while much less the new tires they really need before winter. In another few years both kids will be in school full time and then Alice can work more. Maybe then things will get better.

Have you met Alice? I bet you have although you might know her by another name, because ALICE is actually an acronym standing for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. 29% of households in Dunn County are ALICE households.

The national United Way just released a major study about the face of hardship in Wisconsin and put a name to that face to make it more personal. ALICE families have an income above poverty level but below a basic cost-of-living threshold which means they have difficulty affording even basic necessities.

According to the report, Alice represents the thousands of “men and women of all ages and races who get up each day to go to work, but who aren’t sure if they’ll be able to put dinner on the table each night. Alice is your child care worker, home health aide, store clerk, and office assistant. ... Alice provides vital services to our community but can’t make ends meet on the income that these jobs provide.”

ALICE households range from young families with children to senior citizens. They face challenges ranging from low-wage jobs located far from their homes to having few or no assets in case of an unexpected health or other emergency.

How many Dunn County households are struggling?

Combined that’s 43% of Dunn Co. households below the Alice threshold which is about $4,500 per month for a family of 4. Here are the combined numbers for some local communities:

Boyceville 53%
Colfax 52%
Elk Mound 43%
Knapp 58%
Menomonie 57%
Ridgeland 53%
Wheeler 70%

Alice lives here. She’s your next door neighbor or a member of your church. She cuts your hair or helps you in the check-out line. You see her kids playing in the park. You don’t want to think of them being hungry or cold this winter.

Visit UnitedWayALICE.org/Wisconsin to see the full report. Its message is that Alice needs our help. We all have a vested interest in improving conditions for those whose everyday struggles reach beyond personal trials to impact the wider community. Without public and nonprofit assistance, such as that which Stepping Stones provides, Alice households would face even greater hardships.

Together we can make a difference. As Margaret Mead said: “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful and committed citizens can change the world.”
Stepping Stones News

30th Anniversary Food & Funds Drive
Lots of fun things are happening around the community as part of Stepping Stones special 30th Anniversary Food & Funds Drive. Everything from children exercising with cans of food in Phys. Ed. classes at Oaklawn Elementary to hospital administrators possibly kissing farm animals if employees at Mayo-Red Cedar reach their collection goals! Check out our Facebook posts and website [www.steppingstonesdc.org](http://www.steppingstonesdc.org) to see for yourself! Participating places are listed on the newsletter insert. Winners in this friendly competition will be announced at our Open House, Thurs., Oct. 20th, 4 – 6 p.m.

Mini-Pantries Starting
Not everyone who needs food assistance can get to the food pantry so Stepping Stones is working to bring the food to them. Dunn County is one of the poorest counties in Wisconsin and seniors living on fixed incomes are especially at risk of hunger. We’ve recently begun two ‘mini-pantries’ in rural Dunn Co. communities in housing units for seniors and people who are disabled, and we plan to start several more. Volunteers bring food from Stepping Stones to stock the pantries each week in a common area of the apartments and residents are able to help themselves as needed.

Tons of Thanks for Tons of Produce!
We greatly appreciate all the gardeners who donated produce to the pantry this summer and fall. Special thanks to Kevin Hintzman who grew acres of corn specially for the food pantry, as well as to the Jail Garden, UW-Stout and the Farmer’s Market vendors. These donors all grew and contributed thousands of pounds of produce!

Welcome Cyndi
Thanks to a grant from the Otto Bremer Trust, Cyndi Greening recently joined the Stepping Stones staff as a part-time Development & Communications Specialist. Cyndi will be doing social media things such as our website and Facebook, helping with other agency communications like the newsletter, and assisting with fundraising efforts such as grant writing and special events. Originally from Chippewa Falls, Cyndi is a graduate of UW-Eau Claire. She comes to us via L.A. where she worked for a large non-profit that provides housing for people who are homeless. After many years ‘out west’, Cyndi has been planning a move back home for some time. We look forward to the ways Stepping Stones can grow and do more for people in need in the community as a result of Cyndi’s communications know-how!

CROP Walk, Rock & Roll
Thanks to all walkers, rockers, bikers, volunteers, and sponsors who participated in this year’s CROP Walk on October 9th. CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. 25% of proceeds from the walk supports the Stepping Stones Food Pantry and the remainder helps address hunger needs around the world.
Winter Haven — Ways to Help

VOLUNTEER & SPREAD THE WORD!!

Winter Haven season will be here soon and we need your help! The shelter can sleep up to 10 people per night. There are 2 volunteer shifts per night and 2 volunteers are needed for each shift—7:30 pm - 1:30 am & 1:30 am - 7:30 am. Duties include: checking guests in, serving coffee & snacks, ensuring everyone is settled for the night and awakened in the morning, setting out breakfast foods, and tidying up.

Training Session Options for NEW Volunteers
Tues., Nov. 1st, 7-8 pm, Thurs., Nov. 3rd, 6-7 pm
Sat., Nov. 5th, 9-10 am, Thurs., Nov. 10th, 7-8 pm

Update Session for RETURNING Volunteers:
Thurs., Oct. 27th, 7 - 8 pm

Please contact Stepping Stones Shelter Coordinator Heidi Hooten to register and indicate which session you’ll attend: 715.235.2920, x7, shelter@steppingstonesdc.org.

We also need help spreading the word about the need for volunteers. Tell your friends, family, colleagues, church groups, civic organizations, etc.! If there are no volunteers to take a shift the shelter must close and we don’t want that! Volunteers must be 18 or older.

Q is for Quilts and a Quiet night’s sleep for shelter guests.

All trainings are held at Winter Haven at 1518 Stout Rd. next to Stepping Stones.

Stepping Stones Discount Cards — Only $10

Most discounts are 10% off all purchases so the card quickly pays for itself & it’s reusable!

Stop by the Stepping Stones’ office to purchase or order using the form here and the enclosed envelope.

Great for thank you or birthday gifts & stocking stuffers! Cards are good through August 2017.

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

DONATE

$10 gas cards
Dunn County Transit bus passes
$10 Burger King or Culvers gift cards
Coffee makers (12 cup)
Coffee & basket filters
Silverware
Kitchen towels, dish cloths, hot pads
Paper towels, zip-lock bags (all sizes)
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Maxwell Bloom’s 5th Birthday & Gracie Bloom’s 3rd Birthday from Barry & Julie Bloom
Jim & Sharon Boyce’s 50th Anniversary from Dick & Pat Edwards
Bobby Brandt from Marion & Warren Lang
Delores Brezina’s 90th Birthday from Janet Modahl
Katherine Dutton from Lindsay Good
Robin Edwards from Dave & Amy Whelan
Jane & Betsy Good from Jeanne Foley & Katherine Dutton
Her Grandchildren, Anna, Nora, Drew, Ben, & Alex from Jan Pejsa
Their Grandchildren and Great-grandson from Richard & Jeri Ann Ernst
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Jean O’ Neill’s 100th Birthday from Adrianne Harmston, Dave & Irma Jean Maves
Brad Peterson’s 40th Birthday from Connie Lystrom, Margaret Parker
Service Men & Women from Marilyn Dehnert
Bill Shepard & Carol Heyde’s Marriage from Tom & Joan Bisson- Harris
Jim Tennessen from Paul & Jeanne Kilde
Volunteers from Neal Schroeder
James Walker from Mayo Clinic Health System
Jim & Karen Worthley’s 50th Anniversary from Dave & Irma Jean Maves

...we should be remembered for the things we do... the most important things of all. That's why your deeds are like monuments. Built with memories instead of with stone.”
— R.J. Palacio

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.)
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Marketplace Foods
Menomonie Lion’s Club
Menomonie Market Food Co-op
Menomonie Noon & Sunrise Rotaries—Kids Against Hunger Meals
Menomonie United Methodist Church
Origins
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church
Peace Lutheran Church
Phillips Medisize
Plum City Food Pantry
Positive Alternatives
Red Cedar Speedway

Food continued

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Yum & Thank You!
The waffles were yummy as always at the Co-op Breakfast held at Dunn Energy on Oct. 1st. Over 1,000 lbs. of food was collected for the pantry as well as almost $1,000. Thanks to all the co-ops and their members for this tremendous effort, and to all who attended!

In addition to those acknowledged in the last newsletter, Garden Tour sponsors include:

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The Andersen Corporate Foundation for general operating support.
The AnneMarie Foundation for food to be distributed through the pantry.
The Otto Bremer Trust for operating support and a new staff position funding.
The Community Foundation of Dunn County for rent or security deposit assistance for shelter families.
Mayo Hometown Health for Project SAM (Share A Meal) weekend kids’ meal program.
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church Mission Endowment for Broadway Shelter window replacement.
The Realtors Association of NW Wisconsin Foundation for home repair supplies for a family in need. The home repair was completed by the ‘Pounding Fathers’ volunteers.
The United Way of Dunn County for general operating support.