SToughton Area Resource Team, Inc. (START)
2018 Annual Report

The Stoughton Area Resource Team (START) provides a safety net for those in crisis. It links Stoughton residents under age of 55 with community resources, offers advocacy and provides case management support in housing, utilities, transportation, education, health and employment.

Thank you for your support!

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The Stoughton Area Resource Team Board of Directors and Community Ambassadors thank you for your support!
The successes of Stoughton area individuals and families are possible only through partnerships including financial and in-kind support from service organizations, churches, grants, foundations, businesses and individuals in the Stoughton area and Dane County.
Our ***2018 Annual Report*** highlights our accomplishments and acknowledges our partners and donors who make it all possible.

2018 START Board of Directors and Community Ambassadors

Initiatives and Accomplishments

Support to Neighbors in Need

In 2018 Cindy Thompson, MSW, CAPSW, Program Director served those in need with community resources, advocacy, and support in housing, utilities, transportation, health, employment and more.

START responded to 337 new contacts from Stoughton area residents in crisis.

In total, the program provided face-to-face assistance to 353 households.

419 office or home visits were completed by the Program Director.

231 households were provided with case management services *(multiple visits with the Program Director addressing multiple barriers.)*

48 new households were supported with case management services.

173 households received financial assistance totaling $58,916.

111 households received housing related support in areas such as mortgage, rent, or security deposit subsidies to prevent eviction or foreclosure or emergency assistance such as motel vouchers.

27 households received utility assistance to prevent electricity, water or gas disconnection, or to assist with LP fills.

36 households received transportation assistance.

15 households received support for health care costs.

7 households received support for telephone assistance.

9 households received support for their basic needs .

2 households received employment support.

START's *Values*

Beliefs that guide us in our daily behavior and decision making.

We respect the inherent worth, dignity and privacy of every individual.

All people, regardless of gender, religion, class, ethnicity, race, age, level of ability, or sexual orientation will have equal access to services. (We do not discriminate by age but only provide case management and financial support to those under the age of 55. The Stoughton Area Senior Center provides support and case management to individuals aged 55 and older).

We value the mind, spirit and body of those we serve. Collaboration and partnerships strengthen safety nets for support.

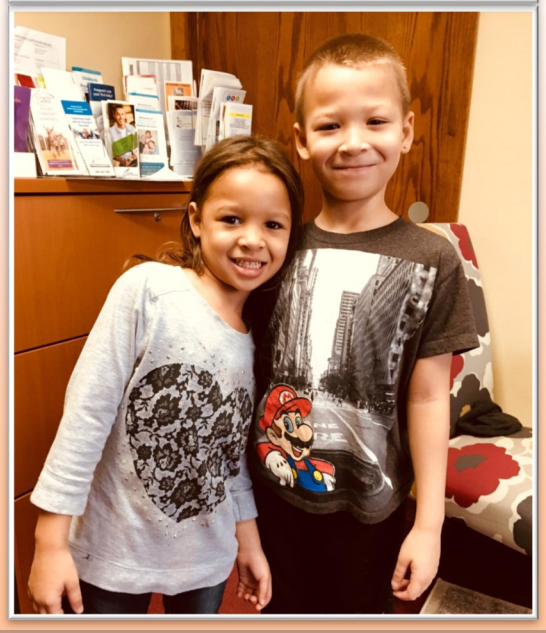
Caring for each other

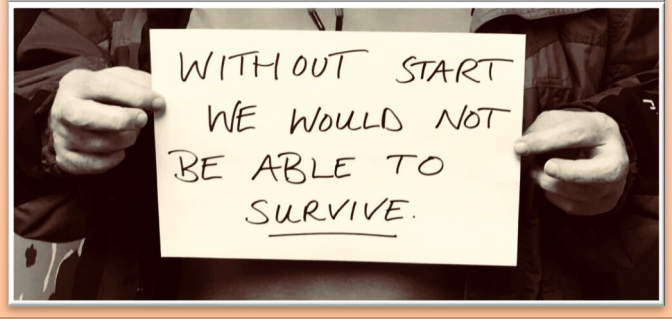
"START means a lot to me, sometimes it feels like no-one else listens to me the way that START does. The program is amazing, helps and supports wherever they can and I am grateful to be able to give back through volunteering".
– START Participant 2018

Reflection from Cindy Thompson, MSW, CAPSW
START Program Director

START provides a safety net for families and individuals in crisis who are often in need of short and long term housing related case management services. In addition START helps with utility, employment, health, education, transportation and basic need financial assistance when appropriate to help stabilize these individuals and families in crisis. We have a successful impact on the households we serve and see between 80-90 percent eviction prevention rates for those served with case management long-term. START continues to grow with the services being provided and our goal is to continue to be able to provide this support throughout the Stoughton community. Stoughton currently does not have emergency shelters, regular public transportation to and from Madison, or temporary and permanent supportive housing programs. This creates many barriers for those homeless or at risk of homelessness in our community, which is why START focuses heavily on eviction prevention and case management to serve as an intervention and support before literal homelessness occurs. Over the past 10 years, the number of economically disadvantaged children in the Stoughton schools has more than doubled, resulting in an increase of the number of households who are homeless. The total number of reported homeless children during the 2017-2018 school year was 71 children in 37 families. The total number of reported homeless households that START provided assistance to in 2018 was 36, which is a decrease from 2017 of 49. START provided eviction prevention, mortgage assistance, security deposit assistance and hotel stay to a total of 111 households in 2018 in order to divert from literal homelessness or shelter stay and remain or obtain housing. Homelessness looks much different in Stoughton compared to inner cities or Madison as many of these households are living in cars, parks, campgrounds, storage units, tents/RV's or temporarily staying with friends and family. START is grateful to be a resource available in hopes to end cycle's of poverty.

Caring for each other





2018 GIFTS

We thank each individual, business, service club, church and foundation for the financial and in-kind support that makes it possible to provide a safety net for individuals and families in crisis.

Individuals

Aiken, Kathy
Albright, Richard & Susan
Arneson, John & Darlene
Asleson, Richard & Jean
Bierman, Marlene
Bingham, Rose
Breuchel, Gary & Kathy
Budnar, Randy
Cabibbo, Joseph & Ruby
Christman, Cathy
Cieslak, Todd
Coon, Bob
Dalsoren, Rene
Davis, Kay & Buzz
Degroot, Daniel
Dickman, Eileen
Dirks, Scott
Duranczyk, Denise
Dvorak, Robert & Elizabeth
Eastabrooks, Brenton
Elvekrog, John & Nancy
Engelberger, Michael
Fendrick, Richard & Mary Lou
Finney, Jack & Jan
Gander, Cory
Gassen, Rosemary
Gonstead, Jonas
Goodman, Julie
Gunderson, Pete
Hanson, Jodi & Dan
Hennessy, Thomas
Hermundstad, Orin
Janssen, Marla & Georg
Johnson, Karla
Johnson, Kathleen
Juderjahn, Charles
Kazda, Cara
Ketterer, Amy & Anton
Kitzman, Mary & Steve
Kluge, Robert
Knutson, Mary & Kent
Knutson, Jessica
Komes, Robert
Marsh, Darren & Dawn
Mason-Boersma, Sharon & Sid
Mays, Laura
McGinnis, Tom
McVey, Todd
Moe, Elizabeth
Morgan, John & Ellen
Muller, Linda & Steven
Niedfeldt, Terry
Niedfeldt, Tammy
Obrecht, James & Tricia
Olson, Donna & Randy
Pharo, Jessica
Plumley, Teresa
Point, Michael
Quale, Sharon & Richard
Quam, Sandy
Rod, Oldenburg
Roevan, Laura
Schmidt, Brooke
Schuh, Pam & Ken
Schollmeyer, Judy
Schulz, Lana
Schulz, Mary
Shaw, Karla
Shivakumar, Ramakrishnan
Smet, Verna
Smith, Timothy & Pamela
Smith, Nate
Stevens , Eileen
Stout, Carmen
Strobel, Steve
Suess, Tricia
Swadley, Tim & Lori
Trotter, Laura
Vaughn, Kathryn
Veek, Meg & Bob
Vike, Kim
Vodak, Penny
Weeden, Kay
Wegner, Jacque
Weiss, Mark & Sara
Willger, Jennifer
Young, Lanny
Zarth, Jeff & Brenda
Ziemba, Christopher & Kathleen

Businesses

All Through the House
Anytime Fitness of Stoughton
Aselsons True Value Hardware
Associated Bank
Autumn Pearl Salon
B&G Foods Inc.
Blackhawk Community Credit Union
Century 21
Cheesers
Coachman's Golf Resort
Conant Automotive
Cress Funeral & Cremation Service
Culvers
Cummins
Dane County Credit Union
Diamonds Select
Edward Jones
Famous Yeti's Pizza
Fosdal Home Bakery
Gunderson Funeral Home
Hanson Electronics/Radio Shack
Heideman Gallery
Home Savings Bank
Kafe Latte
Kwik Trip
Malabar Coast Coffee & Tea
McFarland State Bank
McGlynn Pharmacy
Messy Bed Miniatures
Moyers Landscape Services
Nelson Global Products Inc.
On Track Communications Inc.
Papa Murphy's Pizza
Relax Massage Therapy Services
Salon X
Sandhill Elementary School
Stori Anne Co.
Stoughton Floral
Stoughton Garden Center
Stoughton Hospital
Stoughton Opera House
Stoughton Parks and Recreation

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Stoughton Utilities
Studio 184
Summit Credit Union
The Network For Good
The Virtual Foundry
Wendigo
Woodland Studios/Gallery

Foundations and Grants

Alliant Energy Foundation
Amazon Smile Foundation
Edwin E. & Janet L. Bryant Foundation
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Siemer Institute for Family Stability
Stoughton Area Community Foundation
Stoughton Hospital Foundation
Thrivent Choice
United Way of Dane County
Wahlin Foundation

Churches

Christ Lutheran Church
Covenant Lutheran Church
East Koshkonong Lutheran Church
Ezra Church
First Lutheran Church
Good Shepherd by the Lake Lutheran Church
Lakeview Church
United Methodist Church
West Koshkonong Church

Service Clubs

Blue Stocking Club
Five (5) Friends
Kiwanis Club of Stoughton
Socktober & Glovember Drive Fired Up Nutrition
South Beloit Lions Club
Stoughton Lioness Club
Stoughton Rotary Club
Squats for Tots Drive

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Stoughton Area Resource Team Partnerships

Partners work with START and START clients to provide needed resources.

Dane County

Access Community Health Services
Alliant Energy, CA+ Program
Care Wisconsin
Community Action Coalition of South Central WI
Dane County Housing Authority, WI Management
Dane County Department of Health & Human Services (DCDHS)
DCDHS Joining Forces for Families
Dane County Job Center
Dane County Parent Council, Inc.
Days Inn of Stoughton
Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS)
Energy Services
Housing Help Desk
Journey Mental Health
Legal Action of Wisconsin
Porchlight/DIGGS Program
Recovery Dane
The Road Home
St Vincent De Paul Food Pantry
The Salvation Army
Tenant Resource Center
VA Homeless Program
VITA Tax Assistance
United Way of Dane County, 211 Call Center
UW Extension Financial Education Center
WI Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
YWCA Second Chance Apt. Project

Stoughton

City of Stoughton
Dean Clinic
Early Head Start
Folks Wagons, Inc.
Head Start
Host-A-Family
McGlynn Pharmacy
Oceanhawk Counseling Alternatives
Personal Essentials Pantry PEP
Saint Vincent de Paul Society- Stoughton Conference
Shalom Holistic Health Center
Stoughton area banks
Stoughton area property managers and owners
Stoughton Area School District
Stoughton Area Senior Center
Stoughton Area Youth Center- (SAYC)
Stoughton Food Pantry
Stoughton Hospital
Stoughton Hospital Foundation
Stoughton Holiday Fund
Stoughton Police Department
Stoughton United Ministries (SUM)- Affordable Transportation
Stoughton United Methodist Food Pantry
Stoughton Utilities

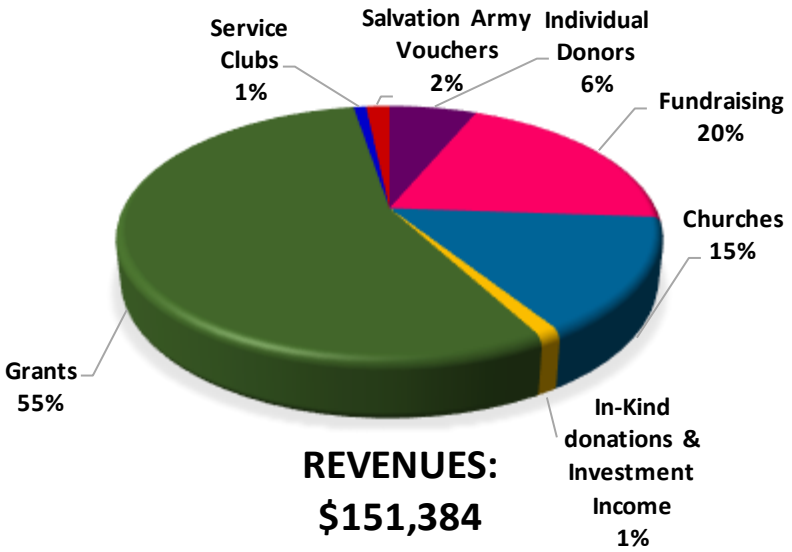
Churches

Christ Lutheran Church
Covenant Lutheran Church
East Koshkonong Lutheran Church
Ezra Church
First Lutheran Church
Good Shepherd by the Lake Lutheran Church
Lakeview Church
St. Ann's Catholic Church
United Methodist Church of Stoughton
West Koshkonong Lutheran Church

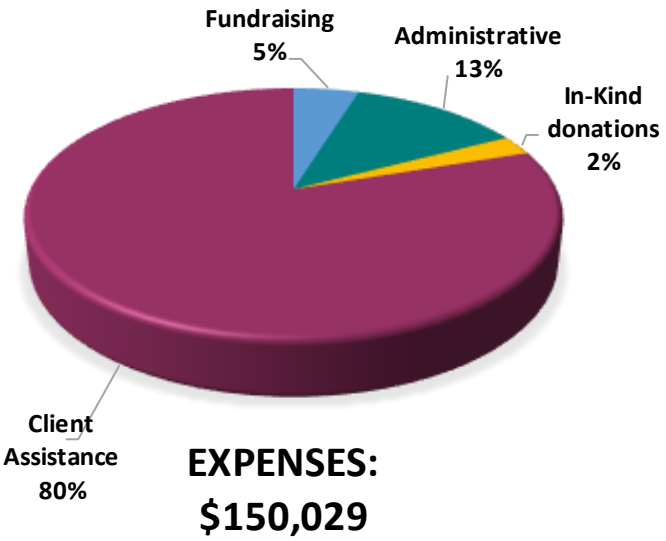
Caring for each other

"Thank you for all the blessings and good fortune that is provided towards all people, especially my family. Thank you for your kindness & support, I don't have the words to express my true appreciation. Thank you for having such a kind heart and helping my family the way you have. I know there are many others who need your help and I am hoping to gain employment and an opportunity to work in order to take care of my myself so that I can in return help others, as you have helped us."
-START Participant 2018

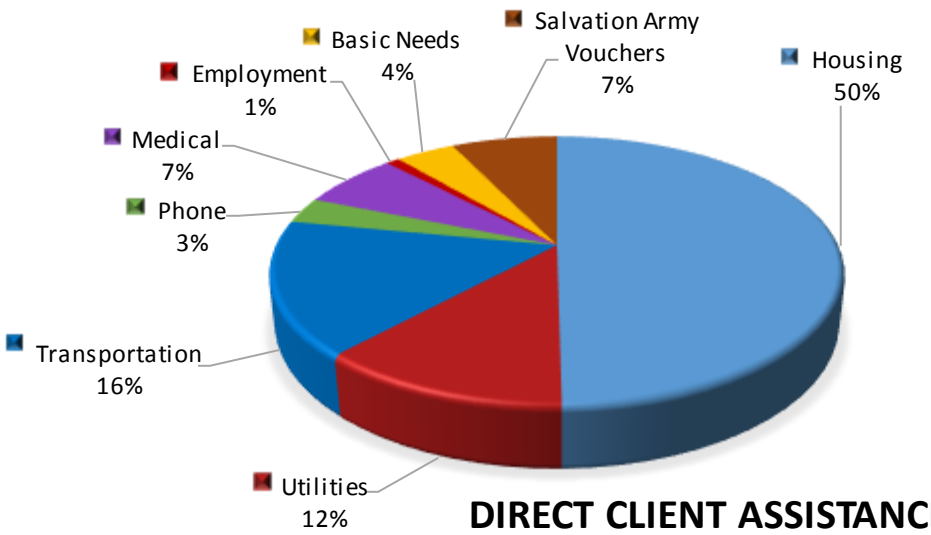
2018 Financial Highlights



REVENUES: $151,384

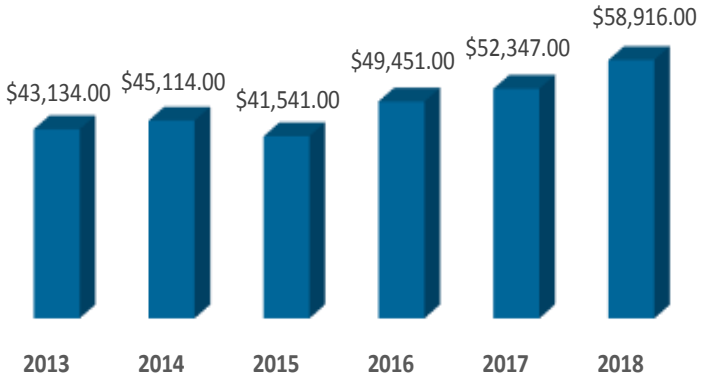


EXPENSES: $150,029



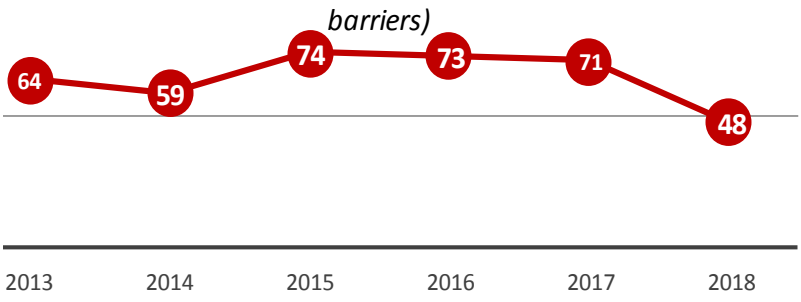
DIRECT CLIENT ASSISTANCE

Direct Client Financial Assistance Trend



New housholds that were supported with case management services

(Multiple visits with the Program Director addressing multiple barriers)



** Client assistance includes direct financial assistance and case management support by the START Program Director.*

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United Way of Dane County

SIEMER Institute For Family Stability

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Annual Celebration Event & Gala

Thursday May 30, 2019
5:00 - 9:00 pm
Located at The Fields Reserve
2479 Glenn Drive Stoughton, WI 53589

Featuring DB Orchestra & Kay Weeden
Silver Sponsor: Cummins
Presenting Sponsors: Wahlin Foundation & Kunes Country Auto Group
Visit our website: STARTstoughton.org for reservations/tickets & more info!