

Community Resources in Service to People - CRISP

2021 Annual Report

Calendar Year January through December 2021

OVERVIEW

Who would have guessed we would still be dealing with a pandemic for a second full year! I certainly did not. While it has not been what any of us wanted, I am happy to report that Madison County residents really stepped up to the plate and helped local residents deal with the repercussions. Your generosity was great and allowed CRISP to continue to connect with families facing hardship. Our basic programs of School Supplies for Kids, Winter Wear for Kids and Christmas for Kids were in high demand and we were able to assist many families in crisis with utilities, rent, food and more.

The CRISP office hours were a little sporadic the last quarter of the year, but we hope to be back to our normal hours of 9:00-noon, Monday through Thursday (and by appointment if needed), in the very near future. We are still located in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church at 210 W. Green Street in Winterset. Please call before stopping by, just in case we are out of the office. If you call and don't reach us, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as we can. We greatly appreciate the additional assistance from our board of directors and dedicated volunteers in helping to get things done in 2021!

CRISP PROGRAMS

School Supplies4Kids went very well as we continued with scheduled appointments for backpack pickup, something we started the previous year due to the pandemic. We like that the appointments allow us some additional one on one time with our clients so we can update their files and assess their needs. We provided 159 backpacks this year, down just slightly from 2020. Many thanks to Kiwanis and Verizon for the backpacks. We encouraged our clients to reuse the previous year's backpacks, if they were still in good condition, in an effort to stretch our donor's dollars. Thanks also to the many caring citizens and businesses who make monetary donations for the purchase of the school supplies!

WinterWear4Kids kept us hopping. We started promoting Winter Wear during backpack pickup, encouraging our clients to have the coats, snow pants and boots BEFORE the first cold snap. We made several trips to the school to provide various winter wear items for students who were not properly prepared for our cold, Iowa winter! We received many donations of new and gently used coats, snow pants, boots, hats and gloves, which are greatly appreciated. CRISP takes donations of winter wear year round, so if you have items that you or your kids no longer use, please give us a call at 515-462-9400. If you happen to be out and about and see a great deal on snow pants or heavier ski gloves or mittens, consider picking them up as a donation to CRISP. These items are always in high demand.

Christmas4Kids - Community organizations, businesses, churches, families and individuals stepped up to make Christmas a little brighter for over 200 Madison County youth in 2021! While many of the “Santas” have helped with Christmases through the years, there were also several new contributors. Many of the sponsors shopped and filled the Christmas wish lists of children of CRISP clients. Others gave monetary gifts to help round out, fill in and even out packages, or to help with those last minute needs. Both are greatly appreciated and help to make CRISP’s Christmas4Kids program a huge success.

This year we had several advent boxes to distribute to families that might need a little extra help over the Christmas break with their children at home. The boxes were assembled by volunteers who placed one designated item per day in the box over 24 days. At the end of the 24 days, the boxes of good, staple food items were given to CRISP to distribute.

Generous Donors

The Verano Fund helped us out with a donation of \$8,000 this year! A group of Winterset teachers/staff and administrators continue to support CRISP through monthly payroll deductions! And speaking of payroll deduction, thanks to Madison County neighbors working for Principal, Athene USA, Eide Bailly LLP, EveryStep and Sammons Financial Group who designated their United Way contribution to CRISP! Local service and social clubs continue to make a big difference through their support. These phenomenal gifts go a long way in supporting CRISP programming and the many families we serve. And of course, we can’t forget our many donors who help us out on a daily basis - churches, community service clubs, businesses and individuals. We are so fortunate to live in such a caring community!

We received the Women’s Giving Circle third quarter grant last September to be used for non-traditional therapy for high school students. The therapy consists of a program/contract with Wildwood Ranch that transports students to and from the ranch once a week for 6 weeks. Some of the things they work on during therapy include recognizing emotions and moods, mind/body awareness, anger/anxiety issues, recognizing non-verbal cues, and using tone and voice to communicate with both horses and humans/family. We were also the recipient of additional year end spendable funds from the Giving Circle which were designated for our Feel Good Fund. This fund helps with all those little things that may not seem all that important, but are huge in the eyes of a child - new tennis shoes to replace the ones that are being held together with tape, paying off a school fine allowing a student to walk for graduation, additional supplies for a class, football cleats for the student who wanted to play football, or the remainder of funds needed to replace broken glasses - these are just a few of the things we used Feel Good Funds for this year.

FUNdraisers

COVID continued to make fundraising a challenge in 2021, so we got creative! We were the recipient of funds raised during a Run for Beer hosted by Big Rack Brewery. Both Hy-Vee and

Fareway held a round-up event for CRISP allowing shoppers to round-up to the nearest dollar (or beyond), with the extra change going to CRISP. That extra change added up to almost \$4,000 between the two stores! We had one Facebook Birthday fundraiser, which netted \$445 and we continue to receive funds from the Amazon Smile Foundation for those making AmazonSmile purchases that have designated CRISP as the recipient.

We raised over \$4,000 with our annual **Nuts and Candy Fundraiser!** Sales were almost even with last year, which was a record breaker, and all product was gone before year end! What a tasty way to raise funds!

Needs Served

We are currently serving 121 Madison County families through CRISP. This number includes 284 children - 40 under 5 and 244 aged 5 and up. Additional children are served directly through the schools and are not included in our family numbers.

Specific Aid Included:

- Helped pay rent amounting to over \$10,500
- Helped pay utilities amounting to over \$8,000
- Distributed gas cards to 8 families
- Distributed food cards to 25 families
- Helped with over \$1300 in car repairs/towing
- Over 100 winter wear items
- Provided Trolley passes to 4 families
- Helped with \$335 in emergency dental expenses
- Paid \$283 in phone bills for clients
- Bed bug eradication totaling \$856
- Assisted with emergency childcare totaling \$580
- Purchased lice kits
- Furnace repair of \$135
- Mental health service totaling over \$3800
- Student fees totaling \$265

In addition to the above needs served by CRISP, we also made 118 referrals to 20 different agencies and community organizations. One of the most important services CRISP provides is that first step in matching families to the right resource based on their current needs and unique situation.

We worked closely with the **Paw Pantry** again this year to provide additional food supplies and another food source. We have accepted over \$34,000 in donations for the pantry since March 2020! CRISP continues to take donations for the Paw Pantry. If you would like to donate,

please make check payable to CRISP and mail to 210 W. Green Street, Winterset, IA 50273. Be sure to designate Paw Pantry in the memo line.

A Word from the Program Manager

First of all, THANK YOU to all who really stepped up during my absence from the office in the last quarter of 2021! Staff, board members, volunteers and donors worked together to make sure the needs of local residents were met! I have said it before, and I will continue to say, I feel blessed to live in such a wonderful and caring community!



At the time of this writing, there are 20 students considered homeless in the Winterset School District and the Paw Pantry is consistently serving 70+ families every other week. The need is there! We have all felt the crunch of rising grocery, gas and utility prices. Add this to an already stressed household and you will see some real need!

Thanks to ALL our supporters, we really can impact lives and make a difference. I cannot thank everyone in the community enough for supporting CRISP's mission! Whether it was a financial donation, volunteer work, donation of winter wear, or

purchasing a box of candy, you helped make the difference in the life of a child.

Amy Nolan, Program Manager

“Children are likely to live up to what you believe in them.” Lady Bird Johnson

“Safety and security don’t just happen, they are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear.” Nelson Mandela

We would like to thank our donors for their support this past year! We have made every effort to include all those that made a monetary or in-kind donation in 2020. If we have left you off, please let us know so we can make the correction.

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