

# **Community Resources in Service to People - CRISP**

## **2022 Annual Report**

Calendar Year January through December 2022

Over the past year Amy Nolan, our director, had been battling cancer and worked mainly from home assisting the CRISP board and staff with advice and training. In November 2022, Amy entered Hospice Care and on January 25th, 2023 sadly passed away. We are grateful for Amy and for her commitment to always helping people in their time of need. She has been an inspiration and friend in our lives. Her generous and compassionate heart has influenced countless community members.

In February 2022, we brought on Kathleen Rush to join Carol Liechty as an additional CRISP assistant. After the March 5 tornado, we reached out to families who lost property and loved ones by partnering with the New Bridge Church and other resources to get them assistance. Tom Leners of the Greater Madison County Community Foundation asked for CRISP's assistance in coordinating the distribution of Disaster Relief Fund grants to families affected by the tornado. Thus far we have been able to write checks for 70 grants to help families cover expenses from this disaster.

Kathleen and Carol worked together, along with the much appreciated help from Natalie Montross, to coordinate programs throughout the year. This included School Supplies for Kids and Christmas for Kids. Kathleen was promoted to the Program Director position in December 2022.

### **Message from Kathleen:**

Let me introduce myself. My name is Kathleen Rush. My family and I have been living in Winterset for the past 8 years. I am married to my college sweetheart, Charlie, and we have 2 children attending Winterset Schools. Emma is in 6th grade and Eleanor is in 1st grade this year. I attended Clarke College in Dubuque Iowa and earned my Bachelor's degree in Social Work.

After college I worked in Des Moines in the social work field. I have experience working with children, adults and seniors. The majority of my professional career has been as a Service Coordinator for HUD housing in downtown Des Moines. However, just prior to COVID, I became a stay at home mom for our youngest and was able to continue that during the height of COVID. When our youngest started Kindergarten I started volunteering and also subbing as an associate at the Elementary school. This year, along with working in the CRISP office, I have also been working part time for Winterset Schools as a preschool associate in the afternoons.

I am excited to be working at CRISP where I can help build a strong, positive Winterset community!

The CRISP Board, Carol, and I would like to thank Amy for her years of dedication and service as the director of CRISP. She has been a valuable resource for me, teaching me the management part of the CRISP office. We would have meetings over the phone, at her house, and a few in the office. My heart goes out to Amy's family at this time. Please keep them in your thoughts. She has been a blessing to many and she will be greatly missed.

Over the past year CRISP continued to connect with families in the community, providing much needed services. 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. We greatly appreciate the additional assistance from our board of directors and dedicated volunteers in helping to get things done in 2022!

## **CRISP Board of Directors in 2022**

Kate Allen - President

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Ron Berdine

Erin Hardisty

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*Exiting Board Members in 2022 - Dio Ayala, Catherine Simon*

## **CRISP Programs**

**School Supplies4Kids** went very well as we scheduled appointments for backpack pickup, which was started during 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 150 backpacks this year. We encouraged our clients to reuse the previous year's backpacks, if they were still in good condition, in an effort to stretch our donors' dollars. Thank you to the many caring citizens and businesses who made monetary donations for the purchase of the school supplies!

**WinterWear4Kids** kept us busy as well. We provided 211 winter wear items to Madison County children. This included 62 coats, 61 pairs of boots, 50 snow pants, 38 hats/gloves thus

far. 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. 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** teamed up with MATURA's **Operation Santa Claus** program this year to help serve the Madison County Community with gifts AND a food box with a grocery store gift card! Community organizations, businesses, churches, families and individuals stepped up to make Christmas a little brighter for over 250 Madison County youth (up from 200 last year). Operation Santa Claus coordinated over 80 food boxes that were distributed the week before Christmas. The generous donation from the water board allowed us to purchase food cards to include in each box as well. Many of our donor "Santas" have helped with Christmases through the years. However there were also several new contributors! Some of our sponsors shopped and fulfilled the Christmas wish lists for the children of our CRISP clients. Others gave monetary gifts specifically to help with the purchase of gifts. We had volunteer "shoppers" helping use those donated monies to purchase gifts for some of our client families. The Optimist Club dropped off their "Toys for Tots" collections at the CRISP office and we used those gifts for many families as well. I would like to send a huge thank you to the multiple volunteers who helped sort and organize gifts as they came into the office. It was a fun, exciting and busy time here getting all of our clients gifts picked up or delivered to them. We greatly appreciated all of the help and support from the community. You have made CRISP's Christmas4Kids program a huge success.

## **Generous Donors**

We have many generous kind-hearted donors here in Madison County. It is beautiful to see the support given to the children and families here.

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! We also receive donations from generous individuals in the community. Some of these donations come through United Way funds dedicated to CRISP, and other employers/employees of Principal, Athene, EveryStep and Sammons Financial Group. Local service and social clubs continue to make a big difference through their support as well as community churches, and businesses. We truly could not do the great work that we do without the support of so many.

Let us not forget to thank our dedicated volunteers who donate their precious time. They have all helped the CRISP office run smoothly this year. There were volunteers at Christmas sorting and organizing gifts. Volunteers who come in on a regular basis to help organize incoming donations and keep the office tidy. They also assist with inventory of winter gear and school supplies. There have even been a few High School Students who were earning volunteer hours towards their Silver Cord!

## **FUNdraisers**

- Fareway held a Round-up for CRISP allowing shoppers to round-up to the nearest dollar (or beyond), with the extra change going to CRISP.
- AmazonSmile Foundation for those making AmazonSmile purchases that have designated CRISP as the recipient.
- Big Rack Brewery hosted a Run for Beer with CRISP being the recipient of funds raised.
- Winterset Cidery fundraised for CRISP through a “tip” jar at the cidery during the season.
- RE/MAX Precision organized a Duke it out Chili Cookoff which was a successful fundraiser as well.
- CRISP’s Annual Nuts and Candy sales this year were down a bit from last year, however we still made over \$2000 profit! I would like to send a huge THANK YOU to Marcia Jones who helps organize and coordinate the nuts and candy fundraiser each year.

Thank you so much for those of you in the community thinking of CRISP as you are organizing a fundraiser and thank you to the community for supporting all of these organizations and fundraisers throughout the year.

## **Needs Served**

The number of clients we are currently serving has increased from last year. We are currently serving 132 Madison County families through CRISP. In those families there are 318 children, 49 under age 5 and 269 aged 5 and up. Additional children are served directly through the schools and are not included in our family numbers. At the time of this writing, there are 25 students considered homeless in the Winterset School District.

Specific Aid Included:

- Helped pay rent amounting to over \$6,433
- Helped pay utilities amounting to over \$5,974
- Distributed 35 gas cards, totaling over \$1,030
- Distributed 15 food cards, totaling over \$1,180 (not including the cards given at Christmas to all clients receiving a food box)

- Helped with over \$2,283 in car repairs/towing
- Over 211 winter wear items
- Childcare Expenses: \$290
- Paid \$906 in phone/Mediacom bills for clients
- Student fees totaling \$185.75
- Birth Certificate Records : \$43.75
- Shoes: \$204
- Feel Good Funds:
  - Golf: \$55
  - Sports camps: \$60
  - Winterset Stage: \$35
  - Pool passes: \$100

In addition to the above needs served by CRISP, we also made 226 referrals to 23 different agencies, community organizations, and churches. We assisted clients in applying for Section 8 and also SNAP benefits. We provided 5 families with a “Birthday in a bag.” 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** to provide an additional food source for families in the community. We have accepted over \$19,000 in donations for the pantry in 2022! These donations came from The Women’s Giving Circle as well as generous donors in the community. Paw Pantry is consistently serving 85-90 families every other week. This is up from around 70 every other week last year at this time. 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.

**During the school year the CRISP office hours are 8am to 11am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Summer hours are 9-noon Monday - Thursday. By appointment, as needed. We are located in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church at 210 W. Green Street in Winterset. Please call before stopping by, 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.**

*Thank you to ALL our supporters, for supporting CRISP’s mission! We really can impact lives and make a difference. 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.*

**The CRISP Staff and Board of Directors 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 2022.**

**If we have left you off, please let us know so we can make the correction.**

2B Farms Inc.	Bryan, Kathi
Agrivision	Burk, Ken
Albers, Rebecca & Rafe	Burkett, Josie & State 4 H Council
Aldridge, Jessica	Burrack, Mary
Allsup, Dennis and Kathy	Bush, Shari and Dan
Amazon Smile	Bussanmas, Maxine
American Legion Auxiliary	Caffrey, Pamela
American State Bank	Cain, Kelly and Paul
Anderson, Lisa	Callison, JoAnne
Anderson, Nicole	Caudle, Doreen or Mike
Anonymous Donations	Central Iowa Auto Club
Armstrong, Linda	Chamberlin, Donald & Joycelyn
B. Shannon Designs, Inc.	Chrisman, Billy & Patricia
Baker, Karolyn	Chubb
Banks, Allen and Elizabeth	Clark, Gordon & Molly
Banks, Connie	Clark, Kathryn and Richard
Barber, Teresa	Clause, Mary
Barrett, Jon and Megan	Clemens, Wayne & Bona
Bartelt, Ann & Dean	Collins, Mary
Bass, Greg and Vickie	Cone, Kayla of Verizon
Baur, James & Peggy	Conrad, Becky
Beem, Jeri	Cook, Patrick or Raye Delynne
Bellamy, Bruce & Georgine	Corbin, Norine Katie
Bellamy, Stephanie	Corkrean, James & Nancy
Berry, Elizabeth & Thomas	Corkrean, Jana
Berry, JoAnn	Corkrean, Larry & Debby
Berry, Stephany	Corkrean, Patricia
Berry, Stephen and Cheryl	Corkrean, Patrick & Nancy
Bertelson, Laura & Chris	Corkrean, Peter & Jolynn
Big Rack Brewery	Cortum, Steven or Joyce
Bindel, Heidi & Trevor	Coughenower, Sheri
Blankers, Gaylene	Cox, Ester Mae & Gary
Bosch, Jean	Cox, Kyla & Bret
Bowen, Courtney (Winterset Middle School)	Cox, Marvin
Boyd, Cynthia	Crouse, Michelle
Boyle, Kevin & Rose	Crowdes, Susan Jean & Michael
Bradbury, Naomi	Dakins, Shane & Rachel
Bradley, Marcy	Darby, Mark & Lisa
Bradley, Sarah & Corey	Darling, Donald & Linda
Brakhane, Sue	Darling, Nicole
Brenner, Vicky	Darnell, Douglas & Carol
Bridges Financial	Davidson, Grace
Bring Love Ministries	Davies-Smoot, Dalene

Dawson, Jerrie  
Dearborn, Samantha  
Deichmann, Craig & Pamela  
de Regnier, Kevin & Rae  
DeVore, Jodi  
Dickerson, Mike & Pat  
Downing, Karen  
Downs, LuAnn  
Drysdale Family Living Trust  
Drysdale, Mike & Rita  
Duff, Linda & Robert  
Dyer, Pam  
Eaton, Cindy  
Edwards, Kristi  
Eichner, Peggy  
Eivins, Marvin & Lillian  
Elliott DDS, James  
Epperson, Ann or Bob  
Esser, Michael & Dawn  
Fareway  
Farmers & Merchants State Bank  
Fick, Michelle  
Fifo, Kevin and Jean  
First Christian Church Winterset  
First United Presbyterian Church  
Fogler, Marjorie  
Fons, Marianne  
Ford, Audra  
Forrest, Nancy  
Forsyth, Lacey (Winterset High School)  
Forsyth, Michael & Bonnie  
Foster, Rochelle  
Foursquare Gospel Church Winterset  
Frank, Jessica  
Frees, Holli & Rodney  
Friday Morning Coffee Club  
Fulcher, Lori  
Fundraising Events of Iowa  
Garrison, Tami  
Gibbons, Barbara & Dennis  
Gibbons, Jessica  
Giles, Jo Ellen  
Gillespie, Chadwick and Rebekah  
Goematt, Janelle  
Grauer, Cheri  
Greater Madison County Community Foundation  
Griffith, Joan  
Gross, Justin & Mel  
Hackett, Gina

Haglan-Lynch, Colleen  
Ham, Stacy  
Hansen, Elizabeth  
Hanson, Nancy & Shawn  
Hanson, Valery  
Hardisty, Erin & Ryan  
Harman, Erin  
Harper, MR and Mrs. John Wayne  
Hawkins, Kayla Sue  
Heckmann, Pamela  
Hendricks, Gregory and Marcia  
Hinrichs, Jodi  
Hill, Cathy  
Hirschman, Kristie  
Hitchcock, Christine  
Hobart, Sara  
Hoenig, Rick & Sandi  
Holder, Karin  
Hollingsworth, Evan or Samantha  
Hollingsworth, Mark or Brenda  
Homefront Real Estate  
Honkomp, Heather  
Honnold, Penny  
Hooper, Kim  
Howard, Terry or Jackie  
Huff, Larry  
Huffine, Amara  
Hulbert, Kimberlee  
Hunter, Nickie  
Huston, Barb  
Hy Vee  
Jackson, Fran  
Jackson, Jennifer  
Jackson, Mary  
Jackson, Shawna  
Jacobson, Jeanne  
Jacobson, Jon  
Jensen, Sandra  
Jensen, Tiffany and Bill  
Johnson, Daryle L.  
Jacobsen, Kris  
Johnson, Eric & Kenna  
Johnson, Mazie ( Girl Scout Troop 5234)  
Jones Creek Apparel  
Jones, Marcia & Ray  
Jordan, Irma  
Jordan, Martha  
JP&D Farms Inc  
Kaldenberg, Michael & Debra

Kathi Bryan  
Kems, Nicole & Jason  
Kennedy, Carol Lynn  
Kennedy, Jack & Roberta  
Kiernan, Carol  
Kincade, Jerry or Rebecca  
Kinney, Don and Terra  
Kinsey, Angela  
Kirk, Ann  
Kirk, J. Larry & Micki  
Klisaris, Mikayla (Beans & Beignets)  
Kneller, Deborah and William  
Knights of Columbus  
Knobloch, John & Cindy  
Koch, Diane or Jeffrey  
Kooker, Joyce  
Koster, Cathay & Leo  
Kovac, Shannon & Mark  
Krings, Brooklyn  
Kuhns, Evan or Jayci  
LaGrange, Barb (Wee Learners Preschool)  
Lantz, Maureen and Larry  
Lauterbach, Lance or Sherry  
Lee, James  
Leeper, Sally  
Leib, Audrie  
Leners, Tom  
Lepp, Janet or Daniel  
Lewis, Tammi  
Liechty, Jim and Carol  
Lira, Sara  
Loiler, Darlene  
Loiler, Pete  
Longman, Jeffrey  
MacDougall, Robert & Cynthia  
Macumber, Michelle  
Madison County Abstract  
Madison County Agricultural Extension  
Madison County Association for Special People  
Madison County Auxiliary Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Madison County Emergency Management  
Madison County Evening Rotary Club  
Madison County Health Care System  
Madison County Women's Giving Circle Madison,  
Chris & Dan  
Madren, Mike  
Manny, Jeff or Connie  
Marean, Stacy  
Marion School District

Marlowe, Danielle  
Martens, Debi  
Martens, Rita  
Maxwell, Jayne or Tony  
Maxwell, Steven & Carmen  
McBroom, Sherry  
McDonald, Beth  
McDonald, Jill  
McDonald, John & Kristine  
McDonald, Kris  
McDonald, Susan or Dave  
McNeley, Roger  
McVay, Abe & Barbara  
Means, Robert and Janis  
Mease, James & Sue  
Merritt, RaeJean  
Messer, Becky  
Messerschmitt, Doug & Whitney  
Midland National  
Minella, Bailey  
Miner, Lisa  
Mohs, Jacque & Tim  
Molln, Roland Dean  
Molln, Tiffany  
Montross, Natalie  
Mount, Marilyn  
Narland, Jerrold  
Neifert, Carl  
Nelson, Jim & Pat  
Nelson, Sandi or Duane  
New Bridge Church  
Newton, Robert  
Nicholson, Todd & Lisa  
Nigg, Shawn & Sarah  
Nolan, Amy & Jeff  
Nolte, Jean & Chris  
Null, Suzanne  
Nyguard, Beth (Grip-Tite)  
O'Brien, Darin & Jennifer  
Oak Grove Community Church  
Oliver, Betty  
Optimist Club  
Osborn, Ethel Lee  
Overton, Melanie  
Parkin, Jerry or Randall  
Pashek, Shane & Ann  
Paul, Robin  
Paullin, Robert or Loretta  
Paulsen, Nadine



Petek, Shellie	Steffens, Deanne
Pierson, Tonya	Stetzel, Jon & Catherine
Pletchette, Carol and John	Steve Simmons
Porter, Joy	Stewart, Sheila and Dave
Porter, Sandra	Strain, Timothy or Carmen
Progressive Study Club	Stryhar, Adonica (Spotlight Dance)
Redeemer Church	Sullivan, Johna and Justin
Reed, John B. Reed Trust	Sullivan, Patrick & Peggy
Reed, Marla	Sutphin, Brooke
Reed, Ruth	Swalve, Ryan & Kristin
Reels, Melody & Justin	Tadlock, Charles and Connie
Reinert, Beverly	Taylor, Ronald
Reynolds, Alysha (Madison Co. Hospital)	The Blackbaud Giving Fund
Rhoads, Jim & Rox Ann	The Drift
Riley, Heather and Patrick	The Verano Fund
Robinson, Gina	The Winterset Iowa Theater
Roghair, Randal & Carla	Thomas, Sally
Romine, Megan	Thompson, Fran
Rotary Club of Winterset	Thompson, Genelle & Richard
Rueber, Linda	Trask, Dave & Judy
Rush, Kathleen	Trindle, Delpha
Ryner, Lori or Daniel	Tryon, Scott & Laura
Sawhill, Joseph & Bobbi	Turner, Ben & Diann
Sawyer, Wendy & John	Union State Bank
Sawyers, Amy	United Way of Central Iowa
Schantz, Kathryn "Kit" and Dean	Vaughan, Donna
Schmitt, Kathryn L.	Vetter, Dawn & Gary
Schmitt, Kylon & Kathryn	Vickers, Ashley
Schwertfeger, Beth	Vogt, Barry & Lisa
Sears, Karla	Vossekuil, Lisa & Darrell
Seibert, Twila	Walker, Jean
Shahan, Melissa	Walton, Sara
Sharon, Tobi	Watts, Lawrence or Jody
Sheppard, Brenda	Weeks, Patty
Shindelar, Elyse	Weiler, Sharon
Shipman, Rocky & Susie	Westphal, Joyce
Shortt, Roger & Staci	Wetlaufer, Stephen & Patricia
Simmons, Steve	Wetzel, Rachel
Simon, Cathy & Randall	Wetzel, Tiffany
Simon, Jillian	Wiek, Anne and Jason
Sleeth, Donna	Wildin, Vin and Kathy
Smith, Cody	Willard, Eva
Smith, Linda & Jim	Williams, Doris
Smith, Marilyn E.	Williams, June & Russell
Smith, S. James	Williams, Susan
St. Joseph Church	Williams, Victoria L.
St. Paul Lutheran Church	Willis, Kristi
Stanley, Kay	Winterset Cidery
Stanley, Steven Don	Winterset Community Church

Winterset Community School District  
Winterset Community School Payroll Donations  
Winterset Elementary Preschool Classes  
Winterset Kiwanis Club  
Winterset Lions Club  
Winterset Municipal Utilities  
Winterset Optimist Club  
Winterset Women's Club  
Withers, Anna  
Witmer, Jody  
Women of Worthington  
Woodley, Phyllis  
Worthington Community Church  
Wulf, Dale  
Yaeger, Teddi  
Young, Maggie  
Young, Mary Jane or Robert  
Zivley, Pamela