

The Ripple Effect

2023 Annual Report



*Catholic Charities
Bureau
Diocese of Superior*

Dear Friends of Catholic Charities Bureau,

Grace and peace to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As I reflect upon the past year, I am filled with immense gratitude for the countless blessings and the profound impact of our collective efforts. It is with great joy and a heart full of hope that I present to you our Annual Report for 2023.

This year, I am drawn to the imagery of ripples in a pond to describe the work of Catholic Charities Bureau. Each one of us is like a drop in the waters of our communities, and as we faithfully live out our faith, we create ripples that touch the lives of many. The compassion that we share with one another and the world radiates outward, touching hearts, and bringing healing and transformation.

I have witnessed these ripples of love and grace in many forms. Every action, every act of kindness, creates a ripple effect that cannot be measured.

As we look ahead to the future, I am filled with hope for the continued growth and positive impact we make. Let us remember that even the smallest drop can create ripples that reach far beyond our initial vision. By working together, we can bring about positive change in our Diocese and the world.

I invite you to explore the attached Annual Report for a more detailed account of our activities and achievements in 2023. Please take a moment to reflect on the ripples you have created and the positive impact we have had on the lives of many.

May the Lord continue to guide and bless us as we move forward, creating ripples of hope that touch the hearts of all those we encounter.

As I remain yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "+ James P. Powers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the printed name.

Most Reverent James P. Powers
Bishop, Diocese of Superior





Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we present to you the 2023 Annual Report for Catholic Charities Bureau. This year, we find inspiration in the metaphor of ripples to describe the profound impact of our collective efforts. Just one drop creates a ripple that expands far beyond its initial point of contact.

The ripples of change and transformation initiated by our organization have touched countless lives. They are ripples of hope and progress that radiate outward and impact individuals, families, and entire communities.

In the pages of our Annual Report, you will find stories of those whose lives have been touched by our work. We invite you to explore the report to witness the tangible effects of Christ's love through your support and involvement.

Looking ahead, we are filled with hope for the future. The ripples we have created in 2023 are but the beginning of a journey toward greater impact and lasting change. With your continued support, we can amplify these ripples, making an even more significant difference in the lives of those we serve through our 128 programs in 60 communities and over 650 units of housing.

Together, we will continue to create ripples of change and make a lasting impact in the world. We look forward to the journey ahead and the many lives that will be touched by the work we do together.

Kyle Torvinen

Chairperson, Board of Directors

Alan Rock

Executive Director

Catholic Charities Bureau Membership

**Bishop James Powers
President (center)**

**Fr. James Tobolski
Vice President (right)**

**Alan Rock
Secretary Treasurer (left)**



Catholic Charities Bureau Board of Directors



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Catholic Charities Bureau Cabinet Staff



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Emeritus

Clarence Lodge
Director of Housing

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Black River Industries



Joe Wacek,
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Barron County
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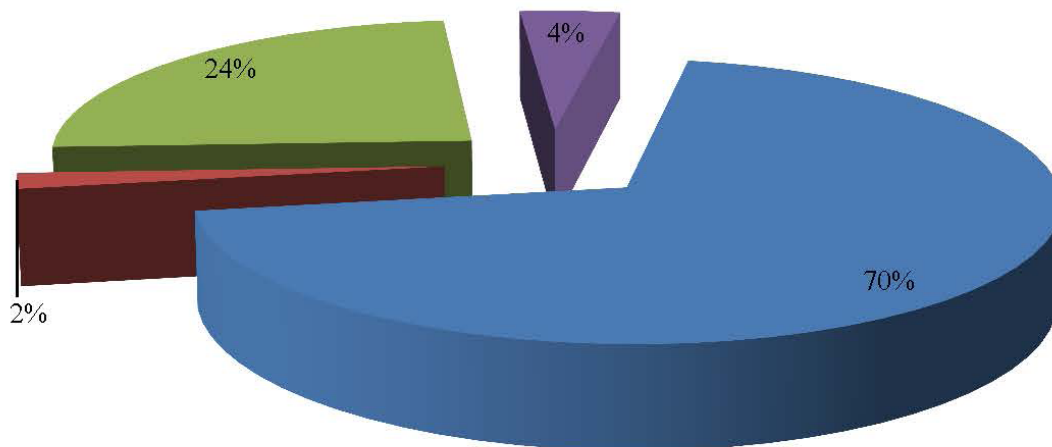
Judy Brekke,
Director
Hudson Community
Children's Center

Catholic Charities Bureau

2023 projected operations by element

\$39,634,150/ 663 Employed

■ Comm Rehab ■ Child Srvs ■ Housing ■ Health/Therapy



Mission Statement of Catholic Charities Bureau

under the pastoral leadership of our Diocesan Bishop:

To carry on the redeeming work of our Lord by reflecting gospel values and the moral teaching of the Church.

To meet the critical needs and issues of our society through the use of our gifts and resources by mobilizing the Christian community in partnership with private and public enterprise.

To collaborate with all people of goodwill to alleviate human suffering by sponsoring direct service programs for the poor, the disadvantaged, the disabled, the elderly and children with special needs.

To create an environment of human dignity based on justice, mutual respect, understanding and trust. We profess the dignity of each person as a creation of God. This truth becomes the foundation of our great respect and love of each individual.

To translate our mission and vision into goals, commitments and action.

Clarence Lodge Appointed as Director of Housing

The appointment of Clarence Lodge as new Director of Housing for Catholic Charities Bureau, Inc., Superior was announced by Alan Rock, Executive Director of Catholic Charities Bureau. Mr. Lodge Previously resided in Milwaukee, WI.

Mr. Lodge assumed his responsibilities at Catholic Charities Bureau in late July. Mr. Lodge has an extensive background in housing management working for several Housing Authority's in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Information Systems from Grambling State University. Mr. Lodge holds many certifications in Property, Housing, and Management.



"I'm excited to help the people we serve live better lives."



Catholic Charities Bureau Housing

Creating homes by bringing safe, affordable housing opportunities to seniors, families, and persons with disabilities

Clarence Lodge, Director of Housing

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Left: St. Mary's Hall in Superior which has 26 units for seniors and individuals with disabilities.



BCDSI

Barron County Developmental Services, Inc.
OPPORTUNITIES by CHOICE

175 N Lake Street

Barron, WI 54812

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www.barroncountydsl.org

It all started in a meeting with Barron County UW-Extension where a group from the community were meeting to discuss the development of a “Community Garden.” They were looking for a location, so BCDSI offered the group to look at a spot on the BCDSI property. It soon became one of three potential locations and ultimately was chosen for the site of the Barron Community Garden.

From the small group of volunteers who came together to build it, to the Master Gardeners who help maintain it, the relationships continue to grow. One of the people we serve, Mike, was in the first group to plant and maintain them until harvesting occurred. Each year, he looks forward to working in the dirt, talking to the other gardeners, and most of all picking the ripe produce.

Once the first harvest was in, donations from the two open plots used to grow produce for the Barron County Nutrition Program, proved to provide more produce than they could handle. This led to connecting with four area food shelves who were very happy to get these donations. Now, an ADRC volunteer driver picks up the produce twice per week during the season and delivers the produce to the various food shelves. Mike volunteers at the Food Shelf weekly, and hand delivers the fresh produce.

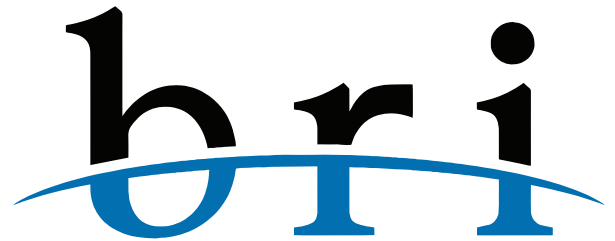
Today, the garden has become a place where people plant and gather, as this year, it was one of the “Make Music Day” sites, hosting two performers. The garden donated almost two tons of produce through harvesting by BCDSI and Garden Volunteers this year. The garden has brought the community to BCDSI and in return, our efforts help feed the residents of Barron County.



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BRIDGING RESOURCES FOR INDEPENDENCE

Build. Respect. Inspire.



“You never know what your role is going to be the next time you come in our door”, is a saying we use at BRI to remind each person to provide services in the best way possible. At BRI, we work very hard to ensure that each person in our community receives needed services in a way that is respectful and unique to them.

Several years ago, a family reached out requesting 24 hour services. Their son had been in a car accident years before that now impacts each day of his life. He needed this high level of care as he is now unable to communicate reliably, has limited memory, requires a wheel chair for mobility, and has limited movement. He desired independence and a girlfriend. We worked with the family to set up the first 24 hour apartment in our county. This has allowed him to be himself in his home and live as independently as possible. It has also expanded our services to offer more hours to other people in need in the area. This service from BRI has also allowed his family to enjoy him as a family member. The family has utilized their time to enjoy trips with him and family gatherings. They also pay it forward by volunteering for Special Olympics and helping other families.

Providing service to this family has created a ripple effect for others in our area to receive needed services and for families to enjoy one another while making a difference in the community. Although we have not found him a girlfriend, we have given him his independence so that so many people in our community get to know him and understand that BRI is here to support everyone that needs to come through our door!

CHALLENGE CENTER

Serving Superior, Wisconsin and Surrounding Communities

39 N 25th Street East, Superior, WI 54880 715-394-2771

www.challenge-center.org

Joe has been coming to the Challenge Center since 2013. Joe resides in the Challenge Centers Harborview home. Joe has always expressed a desire to work in the community. He loves his job at UWS in the Chartwell's kitchen. But Joe did not start out working in the community. Joe spent his first few years in the Challenge Center Prevocational Program and working at Bay Produce. Here, he gained the skills required to be successful in the workplace. Joe applies the skills he's learned to become an important member of the Chartwell's staff. What may seem basic to most of us can become a serious roadblock to the daily functions of holding down steady employment. From providing daily transportation, clean work attire and encouragement, the Challenge Center Staff are there to lend a hand as Joe strives to live and work as independently as possible. Joe also has ongoing support from the Challenge Center in the form of a Job Coach.



The long ranging ripple effects of supporting Joe in his desire to work are many. The simple fact that Joe is able to go to work each day and earn a paycheck gives him the pride we all feel in holding down a steady job. The feeling Joe's family gets as they see him earn his own money and make his own choices gives them the assurance that he will be able to pursue the things that make him happy into the future. Chartwell's on the UWS campus gains a quality long term employee that brings a positive attitude to work each day.

The Challenge Center also assists Joe in his desire to have some fun each day. As a resident of the Harborview House, Joe has daily opportunities to not only interact with his housemates and staff, he is also supported in his desire to explore his interests and his community. In the time Joe has lived in Superior and the Harborview house in particular he has been encouraged to try new experiences and pursue the things in life that make him happy.

The ripple effects of Joe receiving services from the Challenge Center are definitely felt by his direct family members. Coming from a large family with six siblings across the country, the support and wellbeing of Joe is of paramount concern. Joe's mother is able to go to work each day confident in the knowledge that her son is able to pursue his goals.

It's difficult to highlight all the different effects the Challenge Center can have on a person like Joe. Perhaps the easiest way is to think of all the ways an active member of a community can affect that community. It's in the joy Joe brings to his co-workers and customers at work each day. It's in the excitement on his face when he tells his mother about how proud he is to go to work. It's in the fun and friendship he shares with others. It's in his interactions with neighbors and others as he goes through each day. The Challenge Center has been there to support Joe as he has developed into that active member of our community and will be there to support him into the future.

DSI

Diversified Services Inc.

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www.dsisiren.com

Recently, DSI expanded its services to include Community Day and Community Prevocational services. We received a call from a mother who had heard of the new programs DSI was offering. She contacted DSI to receive Community Day Services for her son Alan who had extremely limited mobility. A plan was quickly developed to serve him.

At the time we did not have a wheelchair accessible vehicle, so we contacted one of our sister agencies, Black River Industries an affiliate of Catholic Charities Bureau, who was able to loan us one of their busses. Modifications were made to the building including adding lifts and ramps to assist with his accessibility. Alan initially started in our program part time to see how it would go, but after a short period, he began participating in the program full time.

Alan's mother was a member of a volunteer group in Burnett County called "Mom's for Kids." We began partnering with that group at various events in the community. This led to the DSI Day program participating in the Mom's for Kids enrichment activities held at the Crooked Lake Park through the summer. This partnership continues to strengthen every year.

DSI is now awaiting the delivery of a new accessible bus, which will expand our ability to serve individuals in wheelchairs. Alan's family is very pleased with the services provided, especially seeing how much more Alan is able to participate in volunteering, community outings and building new friendships along the way.





Headwaters, Inc.

Empowering Lives

1441 E Timber Drive
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Carol Anne has been coming to Headwaters, Inc. for 21 years. When we met her in 2002, she lived in a group home and wanted to live in her own apartment. We had the pleasure of assisting Carol Anne to live independently in her own apartment. Headwaters began the process by providing support to her and a roommate 24/7. Through her self-determination, hard work, and advocacy skills, Carol Anne has proven herself to be very successful and independent. She now lives



independently in her own apartment and continues to utilize a supported living coach weekly to support her with shopping, appointments, running errands, and daily living. Carol Anne participates in our Work Services program 3 days a week, where she is dependable, helpful, and sets a good example for her coworkers. Her favorite jobs are sorting, counting, and packaging feathers, chips, and soda on our production floor. She is working on skills to meet her personal goal of getting a job in the community. Carol Anne works with a Headwaters Employment Specialist towards her goal. To date, they have completed a job development plan, a resume, a cover letter, and have started the process of applying and interviewing for stocking positions in the local community.

Carol Anne says, “it’s great” living in her own apartment”. She knows she does not need staff all the time and is able to make her own meals, take her daily medications, and do her laundry (even though she doesn’t like to do it). She is active in her local community and a firm believer in giving back. She attends weekly Zumba classes at the YMCA and enjoys shopping at the Dollar Tree. Carol Anne is active in her church and volunteers in the nursery. She enjoys helping in the community and at Headwaters, Inc. for special events and holidays. Most recently, she donated candy and prizes for the YMCA Halloween party and helped the kids ‘trick or treat’ at the church party. Carol Anne is a yearly volunteer at the Headwaters Foundation Golf Tournament, where she chooses winners for gift baskets! Carol Anne is appreciative of the support she receives and loves to help others.

We are so happy to work with Carol Anne on her goals to live and work in the community. She shares her joy and success with her family, the Headwaters community, and the local community she lives in! She exemplifies courage, determination, hard work, advocacy, and the spirit of giving back.

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Hudson Community Children's Center has been in the same neighborhood for the last 50 years. We started at the corner of 4th and Orange in St. Paul's church basement. Five years later we moved a half block down the street and in 2007, HCCC moved once again to the other corner of 4th and Orange Street again. Although we have moved 3 times – it has all been within a half a block of our original location.



Being part of this neighborhood is in the DNA of this organization. We have always served families in this community. Through the years we have been close enough that a third of our population can walk to the Center. We have, at times, had a whole neighborhood in driving distance attend with as many as five families all living only a few blocks from each other. The children were friends or very familiar both at daycare and at home. This level of commitment to our enrolled families allows us to provide a feeling of safety in this neighborhood and causes a slow wave of connection with each other. We also have families that are so comfortable with our teachers and educational assistants that they request childcare outside of HCCC for their personal wellbeing.

At times Hudson Community Children's Center has been such a part of a family's life that we have had three generations receive care from us over the course of 50 years. Not only is this obligation true for our families but at the present time it is true for our staff as well. We have two generations working here with the third generation welcomed in our 4K classroom – our Cook and Ed. Assistant work here and the daughter of our Ed. Assistant is enrolled at HCCC. Over the years the Center has had many moms and children working and growing together, right now our 4K teacher and her daughter are a great example.

One last ripple effect of the caring nature of HCCC is the number of groups of parents that are willing to share their time and their talents with our students. This enriches not only our learners but also our staff and other families. As most parents will gladly tell you, Hudson Community Children's Center feels like home.

Catholic Charities Bureau Assumes Ownership of Two Apartment Complexes



Centennial Apartments consists of six 2-story brick buildings each with eight 2-bedroom apartments for seniors and individuals with disabilities. The buildings are arranged around a large green commons, graced by a beautiful hand built gazebo. Catholic Charities Bureau has managed Centennial Apartments since 2009 and has since turned this complex into the place to be in Medford.

Centennial Apartments in Medford, WI

Turtle Lake Apartments in Turtle Lake, WI

Turtle Lake Apartments offers 20 HUD rent-assisted units for seniors. Catholic Charities Bureau accepted the transfer of the property in 2023. This acquisition has allowed Catholic Charities Bureau to expand services to a community that we had not previously served.



Central Administration Superior 715-394-6617

SERVICES TO FAMILIES

Eastwood Apartments Medford 715-748-6962
Lead Free Douglas County 2010 Superior 715-394-6617

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

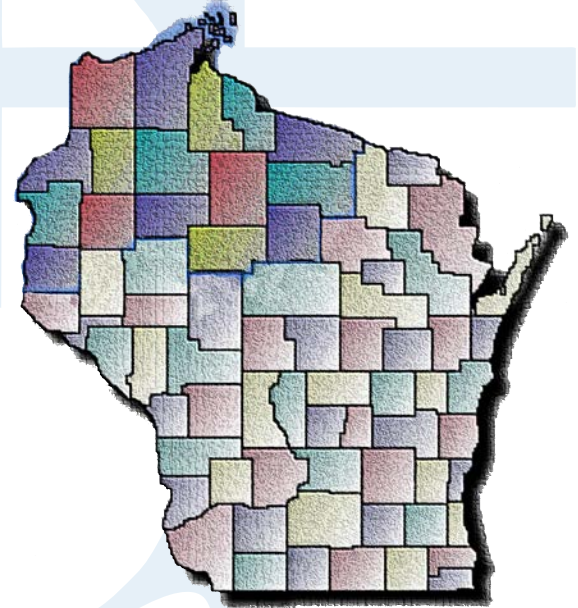
Hudson Community Hudson 715-386-5912
Children's Center

SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Acorn Apartments Wisconsin Rapids 715-421-0080
Apple River Apartments Amery 715-925-2015
Barc Lane Apartments Chetek 715-925-2015
Barron County Developmental Services Barron 715-537-5341
Bashara Apartments Solon Springs 715-392-3447
Billings Park Group Home Superior 715-394-2771
Black River Industries Medford 715-748-2950
Blue Valley Apartments Rice Lake 715-236-2366
Cedar Park Estates Minocqua 715-369-2550
Challenge Center Superior 715-394-2771
Co-op Apartments Group Home Superior 715-394-2771
Cypress Group Home Superior 715-394-2771
Deerhaven Group Home Superior 715-394-2771
Diversified Services Siren 715-349-5724
East End Group Home Superior 715-394-2771
Elmwood Apartments Superior 715-392-3447
Evergreen Apartments Rhineland 715-369-2550
Evergreen Apartments Siren 715-925-2015
Gateway Pines Apartments Land O'Lakes 715-369-2550
Harborview Group Home Superior 715-394-2771
Headwaters Rhineland 715-369-1337
Maywood Apartments Medford 715-748-6962
McKenzie Manor Superior 715-394-2771
Missouri Garden Apartments Superior 715-394-2771
Mountain View Group Home Superior 715-394-2771
Northfield Apartments Duluth 715-392-3447
Northwoods Village Phelps 715-369-2550
Oakwood Apartments Superior 715-392-3447
Phoenix Villa of Hayward Hayward 715-236-2366
Phoenix Villa North Rice Lake 715-236-2366
Sumac Trail Apartments Rhineland 715-369-2550
Westbay Apartments Superior 715-392-3447
Woodview Group Home Superior 715-394-2771

SENIOR HOUSING

Acorn Apartments Crandon 715-369-2550
Acorn Apartments Minong 715-236-2366
Bashara Apartments Solon Springs 715-392-3447
Brule Valley Apartments Brule 715-392-3447
Cedar Park Estates Minocqua 715-369-2550
Centennial Apartments Medford 715-748-6962
Evergreen Apartments Chetek 715-925-2015
Evergreen Apartments Shell Lake 715-236-2366
Gateway Pines Apartments Land O'Lakes 715-369-2550
Lilac Grove Apartments Siren 715-925-2015
Main Creek Villa Conrath 715-748-6962
Maywood Apartments Plover 715-421-0080
Northwoods village Phelps 715-369-2550
Phoenix Villa Superior 715-392-3447
Phoenix Villa of Iron River Iron River 715-392-3447
Phoenix Villa of Lake Nebagamon Lake Nebagamon 715-392-3447
Phoenix Villa of Rhineland Rhineland 715-369-2550
Turtle Lake Apartments Turtle Lake 715-925-2015
Winterhaven Apartments Winter 715-236-2366
Wood Court Apartments Woodruff 715-369-2550



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