



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

*Strengthening Families and
Building a Strong Community*

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A letter from our Leadership

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

For many years, the Pine River–Backus Family Center has been a place where neighbors come when they need support, connection, or simply someone to listen. Every day, we see the strength and resilience of the families and individuals who walk through our doors, and we are reminded that strong communities are built when people care for one another.

This past year has been a meaningful one for the Family Center. We have seen both growing needs and incredible generosity throughout our community. Families have reached out for help with basic necessities, guidance, and stability, and volunteers, partners, and donors have responded with compassion and commitment. Together, we continue to make sure that help is available close to home.

The work of the Family Center is only possible because of the people who stand behind it. We are deeply grateful for our volunteers who give their time, our partners who strengthen our programs, and the donors and grant funders who invest in this work. Your support makes a lasting difference in the lives of neighbors across Pine River and Backus.

As this year also marks a leadership transition, we want to express our appreciation for the many years of faithful service that have shaped the Family Center into what it is today. The mission remains strong, and the commitment to serving this community continues with the same spirit of care and dedication.

Looking ahead, the Pine River–Backus Family Center remains committed to being a welcoming place where families and individuals can find support, resources, and encouragement. We are grateful for the trust this community places in us and look forward to continuing this work together.

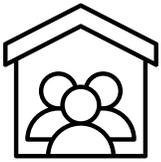
Sincerely,

Leslie Bouchonville
Executive Director

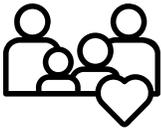
Helen Richardson
Incoming Executive Director

Serving the *community*

2025



2,214 NEIGHBORS ASSISTED



29 FAMILIES SUPPORTED



116,982 LBS FOOD DISTRIBUTED



19,897 MEALS SERVED



4,341 HOURS VOLUNTEERED



16 PROGRAMS & SERVICES



Nourishing Our Community

The Pine River Area Food Shelf and Community Meals programs provide steady support for neighbors facing food insecurity. As household costs continue to rise, more families are turning to the Family Center for help, many for the first time.

Through the Food Shelf, families can select groceries in a welcoming environment that promotes healthy choices and dignity. Strong partnerships with regional food suppliers and local growers allow us to offer both essential staples and fresh, nutritious options.

Community Meals extends this support by providing warm, prepared meals each week for neighbors across Pine River and Backus. Together, these programs ensure that individuals and families have reliable access to healthy food close to home.

403

Households Served

116,982

Pounds of Food Shelf Food
Distributed

2,208

Volunteer Hours
Supporting Food Shelf

385

Senior Food Program
Boxes Provided

19,897

Community Meals
Served

2,133

Volunteer Hours Supporting
Community Meals



Strengthening Families

The Family Center walks alongside families working toward stability and long-term growth through our Healthy Families home visiting program and ParentChild+, offered in partnership with the Northland Family Center. Through personalized visits, families receive encouragement, practical guidance, and support in building healthy routines and accessing community resources.

From pregnancy and early childhood through the preschool years, these programs help parents support their children's development while working toward their own family goals. Together, Healthy Families and ParentChild+ strengthen parent-child relationships and help prepare young children for success in school and beyond.

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Families Served Through Home Visiting

379

Healthy Families Home Visits Completed

72%

Fathers Participated in at Least Half of Home Visits

15

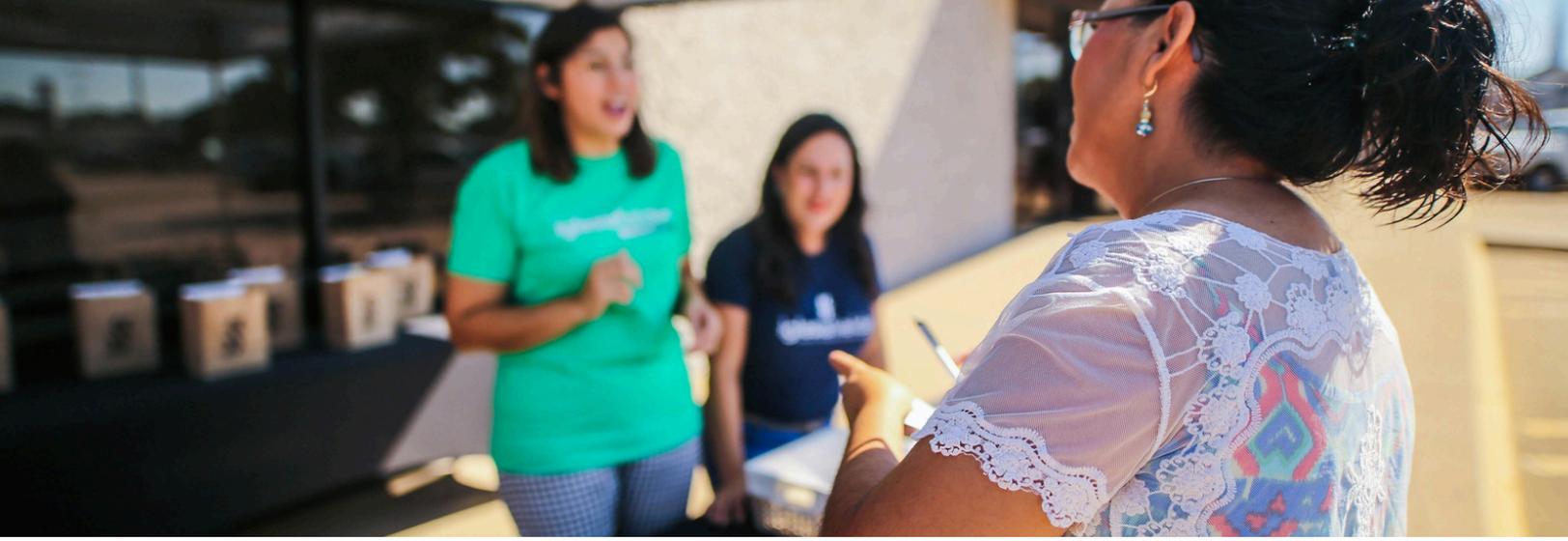
Families Served Through PC+

950

ParentChild+ Visits Completed

11

Children Graduated from PC+



Expanding Access to Support

As a trusted community hub, the Family Center helps neighbors access essential services close to home. Staff assist with Salvation Army vouchers, MNsure health insurance enrollment, printing, faxing, completing forms, and connecting families to local resources. The Christmas for Kids program also helps local children experience a brighter holiday season through community-supported gifts.

Partner agencies regularly provide services on-site, including employment support from the Concentrated Employment Program (CEP), as well as access to legal guidance through Legal Aid kiosks and visiting legal resources. Monthly Child and Teen Checkups and WIC clinics bring preventive health services directly to local families.

The Family Center also serves as a host site for a Regional Prevention Coordinator through Minnesota's Prevention Support System, supporting local efforts to address the root causes of substance misuse and strengthen families across the region.

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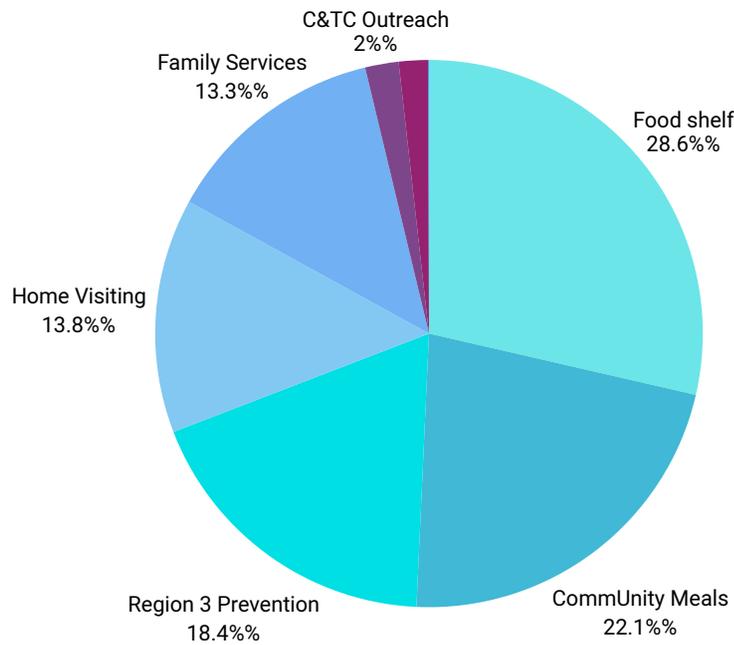
Neighbors Provided Resource
Assistance

194

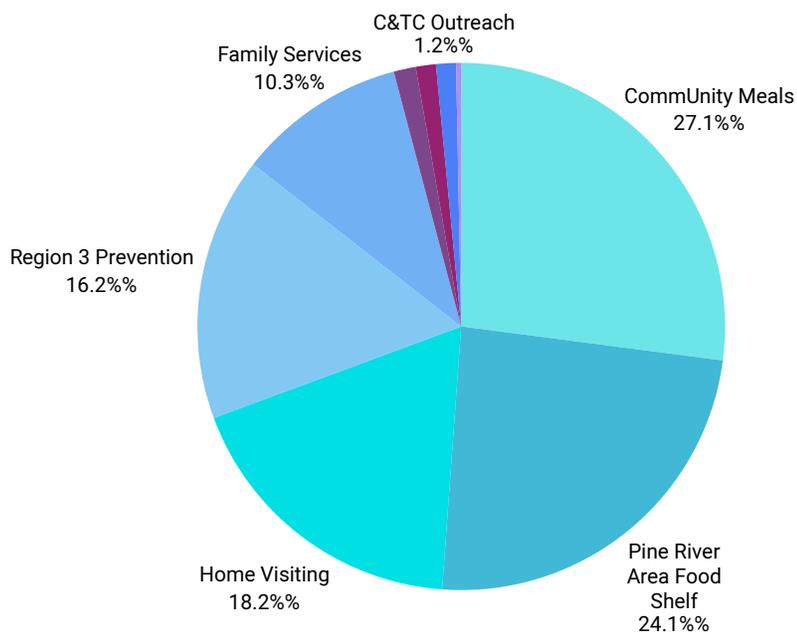
Children Served Through
Christmas for Kids

Financial Stewardship

Income



Expenses



Stronger Together



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