Waunakee Neighborhood Connection

The heart of our community!

2025 Annual Report

In 2025 we unveiled our new mission statement: Waunakee Neighborhood Connection builds a strong community by empowering people through programming, engagement, and resources based on evolving needs.

To support this mission, we launched several new programs. Our Student Care Closet invited students to shop for free kid-friendly snacks and toiletries in a welcoming environment. Our Cafecito workshops educated community members on topics such as tenant rights, starting a small business, and opening bank accounts. With the community's generous support, we have been able to offer expanded personalized care for our Waunakee neighbors!

Community Impact

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

$9,968 in financial assistance was distributed through the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Emergency Assistance Program

DONATE

Last year, the Waunakee community donated close to **9 tons** of household goods, clothing and daily essentials.

HOLIDAY WISHES

108 families - **398 people** - were successfully matched with donors for Holiday Wishes gifts

COAT DRIVE

188 coats, **54** pairs of boots, **106** cold weather accessories were distrbuted in 2025

VOLUNTEERS

42 registered volunteers contributed over **3,100 hours**

BUILD-A-BED

Through a grant from the Steve Stricker American Family Insurance Foundation, we provided **7 beds** and 20 pillows.

WNC supported **232** households (627 individuals) in 2025.

Roughly **1 in 5** Waunakee area households struggle to afford basic living expenses.

Annual ALICE* income for Waunakee

$34,800	Adult (18-64)
$38,916	Adult (65+)
$100,644	Family (2 adults, 2 kids under 5)

*Asset-limited, income-constrained, employed, 2025 United Way ALICE report

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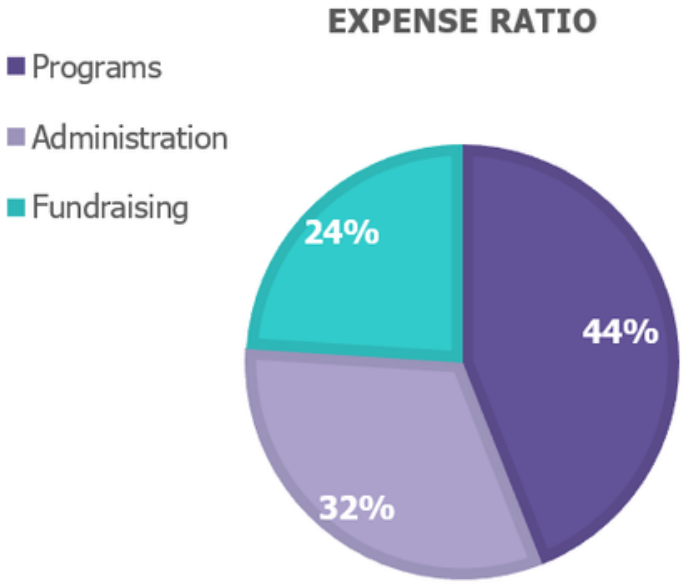
Financial Overview

January 1 - December 31, 2025

Income		
Individual Contributions	$	121,922
Business Contributions	$	32,518
Non-Government Grants	$	52,500
Government Grants	$	9,500
Contracted Services	$	13,600
Investments	$	12,200
Special Events & Programs	$	49,710
Total Income	$	291,950

Expenses		
Neighbor-to-Neighbor Grants	$	9,969
Scholarships	$	1,500
Salaries & Related Expenses	$	260,213
Contracted Services	$	9,534
Operational Expenses	$	15,788
Facility & Equipment	$	17,613
Program & Event Expenses	$	8,433
Other Expenses	$	8,434
Total Expenses	$	331,484
Net Operating Income	$	(39,534)



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