

## VALLEY OUTREACH HIGHLIGHT

**A focus on Homelessness Prevention.** Every year we help hundreds of families at risk of losing their housing. As noted in Matthew Desmond's book, *Poverty, By America*, "Over the past 20 years, rents have soared while incomes have fallen for renters." Assistance with housing is a top request from people participating in our Client Support Services program. This fall, we'll add another Licensed Social Worker to our team to support the Family Homelessness Prevention Assistance Program (FHPAP), a state program to keep families in their homes. We anticipate that we'll be able to double the number of people we assist with housing in the coming year.




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# COMMUNITY-POWERED FOR 40 YEARS



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### DRIVE-UP DONATIONS HOURS

Monday: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday/Thursday: 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.

### SERVICE HOURS

*Appointment Only*

Monday: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday: 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday: 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**We are closed Wednesday.**



## VALLEY OUTREACH IMPACT UPDATE AUGUST 2023

# DONOR SPOTLIGHT

## CARNELIAN CARES

A 'CONCERT'ED COMMUNITY GIVING EFFORT

In 2016, the residents on Big Carnelian Lake launched their first Carnelian Cares Lake Concert. Over the years, Carnelian Cares has donated more than \$71,000 to local non-profits. The concert, attended primarily by Carnelian Lake families and friends, features well-known local musicians and has recently drawn attendance beyond the lake community. Valley Outreach has been fortunate to be a recipient of this annual event. This year alone, Carnelian Cares donated more than \$30,000 to Valley Outreach!

“The mission of Valley Outreach aligns well with our caring and generous community,” said Chris Clark, one of the organizers of this grassroots event. “We believe it strengthens our entire community—bringing folks together in a fun way, while raising funds for our friends and families in need of food, clothing, and other resources.”

Thank you to Carnelian Cares for your ongoing commitment to Valley Outreach! We've been community-powered for 40 years thanks to big-hearted and creative supporters.

For more information about this inspiring community event, visit [www.carneliancares.com](http://www.carneliancares.com) and follow them on social media @carneliancares.



## WELCOME ED NELSEN, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Greetings! My name is Ed Nelsen, and I'm the new Director of Development at Valley Outreach. I'm excited and honored to join this extraordinary organization. In my short time here, I've been so inspired by the level of commitment and generosity of our supporters. As a resident of Stillwater, it's a joy to work in my own backyard serving the community.



There have been times in my life when I needed a helping hand and people were there for me. I would venture to say that most of us have needed assistance at one time or another. Being a part of Valley Outreach allows us to extend our hand to others. There is a quote by Fred Rogers that is a driving force for me and seems so appropriate to this work. He said “All of us, at some time or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connect us as neighbors - in our way, each one of us is a giver and a receiver.”

I look forward to getting to know you and your “why” for supporting Valley Outreach. If you would like to set up a time to chat, please email [ed.nelsen@valleyoutreachmn.org](mailto:ed.nelsen@valleyoutreachmn.org) or call 651-342-5564.



## SEE YOU AT VIBRANT: A VALLEY OUTREACH EVENT

This year's **Vibrant: A Valley Outreach Event** is Friday, October 13, 2023. Save the date to join us as we raise money to support Valley Outreach's programs. Our fun and mission-focused night is a can't-miss experience!



Buy tickets online today:  
[one.bidpal.net/  
vibrant2023/welcome](https://one.bidpal.net/vibrant2023/welcome)