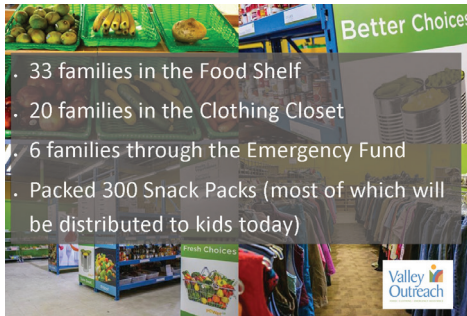


VALLEY OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS

Homelessness Prevention Efforts. In early October, we began working with a new county grant program to prevent homelessness. We are off to a good start and the need is great. Within nine business days, we had 42 referrals from partner agencies. This work is not new to us, but the rigor involved, the volume of calls, and the high stakes of the need require us to work in a new way. The homelessness prevention grant is funding the program for two years. It's work we hope to continue to fund going forward.


Growing the Team. We are hiring a new case manager and intake program assistant to support the work of homelessness prevention and the greater numbers of people we are serving. Once these individuals start, we'll have a team of 20 full- and part-time staff!





- 33 families in the Food Shelf
- 20 families in the Clothing Closet
- 6 families through the Emergency Fund
- Packed 300 Snack Packs (most of which will be distributed to kids today)

Flashback to 2015. This was a social media post from a busy week for Valley Outreach in 2015. This year, we serve an average of 800 households per week across all our programs—food, clothing, and client support services. Our ability to support more people is directly connected to the generosity of donors. Thank you!

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DRIVE-UP DONATIONS HOURS

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

SERVICE HOURS

Appointment Only

Monday: 9:30 to 12:30 p.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.



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VALLEY OUTREACH IMPACT UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2023

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

CHANTELLE MCROBERTS & DOROTHY CHISLETT

MEMORIAL GIFT IN HONOR OF A HUSBAND, FATHER, AND SON



Wayne, daughter Dorothy and Chantelle with pups Scooter and Archie

In the spring of 2018, the Chislett and McRoberts families, and friends, gathered to say farewell to Wayne D. Chislett. Wayne died at age 51, after a long and debilitating illness. Declining health forced him to step back from a lengthy and rewarding career

at 3M, yet never took away his enthusiasm for staying engaged and doing good in his community. From the obituary—*“He was an amazing father and husband, an avid woodworker, and car enthusiast. Even in his illness, Wayne was a devoted volunteer at Valley Outreach food shelf...”* Wayne volunteered weekly, sometimes more, until he no longer could physically do so. He made a deliberate choice to be present for families in need despite his own timeline becoming shorter. Wayne’s volunteerism created multiple, positive ripples that extended far beyond him. His calm, efficient and friendly dynamic was a joy to be around, and staff and fellow volunteers valued the time spent alongside him.

Five years later, Chantelle McRoberts, his widow, and his daughter, Dorothy Chislett, committed to a \$100,000 gift to the Vibrant Future Fund. They wanted to honor the man who was a selfless volunteer and wanted to recognize that we all have gifts to share—time, money, intention, and generosity. This long-term commitment designates Valley Outreach as the beneficiary of an IRA, one of many means of giving available to donors. Chantelle said, “I told his family about it today and they are thrilled about the donation and the fact he will be recognized. Not bad for a military kid from very modest means...”

Valley Outreach is also thrilled—and incredibly grateful—to be selected as one of the ways Wayne is remembered. We know he would be pleased with the generosity of his family.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR ELIGIBLE ANDERSEN SHAREHOLDERS

Andersen Corporation, in partnership with the St. Croix Valley Foundation, is offering a unique way for eligible shareholders to utilize appreciated stock and contribute to the Vibrant Future Fund.

To make charitable donations of Andersen shares convenient and cost-effective for their shareholders, Andersen has established a relationship with the St. Croix Valley Foundation (SCVF). Under this program, shareholders can make unrestricted gifts of their shares to the SCVF. They can then set up a Donor Advised Fund and designate Valley Outreach as the recipient.

Eligible Andersen shareholders should have received a letter from the Andersen Corporation outlining the program. The St. Croix Valley Foundation is also available to assist in your gifting.



If you have any questions or need assistance with this program or the Vibrant Future Fund, please do not hesitate to **contact Ed Nelsen at 651-342-5564** or email Ed with questions at ed.nelsen@valleyoutreachmn.org.

VIBRANT: A VALLEY OUTREACH EVENT



A SUCCESSFUL AND FUN NIGHT We had an amazing time celebrating our 40 years of service in the community. Thank you to all the donors who contributed to make Vibrant 2023 a great success! We raised nearly \$200,000 to support our mission and programs. See you at next year’s event—November 1, 2024.