

VALLEY OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS

Sustainability Commitment At Valley Outreach, we are committed to sustainability and reducing our environmental impact. One of our newest efforts is a plastic recycling partnership with Cub Foods and NexTrex. Through this program, eligible plastic materials from our operations and food rescue efforts are collected and dropped off at Cub Foods, where NexTrex handles the recycling process—simple, easy, and effective. In addition, any food that can't be rescued or donated is composted and picked up by local farmers, turning expired food into nutrient-rich soil for nearby farms. Together, these efforts reflect our dedication to protecting the environment while making a positive impact in the communities we serve.

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT

CREATIVE GIVING IN ACTION

How Valley Drug Supports Valley Outreach

At Valley Outreach, there are many ways to give—whether through financial contributions, food and clothing donations, volunteering your time, hosting a drive, or finding a creative way that aligns with your business and values.



Jim and Julie with their children, Emma and Lucas

Valley Drug, a family-owned independent pharmacy located within the Stillwater HealthPartners clinic, is a great example of doing just that. The team at Valley Drug is known for their welcoming, friendly, small-town experience that independent pharmacies offer. Owned and run by the Polucha/Kostroski family, Valley Drug is deeply committed to the Stillwater

area and takes pride in serving the community. As owner, Dr. Jim Polucha shared, “Valley Outreach is the perfect partner for us to share some of our blessings with this fantastic community. Our partnership has been a wonderful way to support people in need while being more connected to the deeper idea that we’re all in this life together. Let’s do what we can to make it better for each other.”

In addition to providing personalized care for their patients’ pharmacy needs, Valley Drug demonstrates its community commitment through a unique partnership with Valley Outreach. For every patient who transfers their prescriptions to Valley Drug, a \$50 donation is made to Valley Outreach. This effort is a great reminder that supporting your community can take many forms—and often starts with simple, everyday choices.

This initiative highlights how individuals and businesses alike can make a meaningful difference in a way that makes sense for them. To further support creative giving, we recently launched a new

peer-to-peer fundraising platform called JustGiving. With JustGiving, you can create your own fundraising page, set a goal, share it with your network, and raise funds to support Valley Outreach in a way that’s personal and impactful. Whether you’re celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or just want to spread some kindness, it’s a great opportunity to give back.

If you’re interested in creating your own fundraiser, you can get started here: **justgiving.com/ValleyOutreach**. We’ve also created an Online Fundraising Toolkit packed with tips and tricks: **valleyoutreach.info/Toolkit2025**. If you have any questions, please connect with **Tori Nelson at 651-342-5564** or **tori.nelson@valleyoutreachmn.org**.

YOU’RE INVITED!

Insights & Impact – August 20 | 8-8:30 a.m.

Interested in a quick update on what’s happening at Valley Outreach? Join us for a 30-minute Insights & Impact Zoom session to hear the latest news and get your questions answered.



Let us know if you can make it by scanning the QR code or visiting: **valleyoutreach.info/InsightsAugust2025**. **Only use the QR code to RSVP if you’re planning to attend.** We’ll send the Zoom invite the week of the call.

Monthly Tours of Valley Outreach

Every month, Valley Outreach hosts a tour open to anyone interested in learning more about our mission and the impact we make in the community. Come get a behind-the-scenes look at how we provide food, clothing, and personalized support to those in need.

Tours take place from 10-11 a.m. on the following dates:

August 20th • September 17th • October 15th

November 19th • December 17th



If you’re interested, please sign up by scanning the QR below or contact **Debbie Kanda at debbie.kanda@valleyoutreachmn.org or 651-342-5569**.