

VALLEY OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS

Increase Your Impact with Our \$150,000 Challenge Match


We are thrilled to announce a \$150,000 Challenge Match this year, thanks to some anonymous donors. This means every dollar you give will have an even bigger impact through the end of the year. We're hoping to triple this match, so every gift helps us get closer to that goal. Interested in donating? Visit valleyoutreach.info/donate to give.





Annual Inventory Complete

Valley Outreach recently completed our annual inventory, a critical process that ensures accountability, transparency, and effective use of every donation. This detailed audit, reflected in our annual 990 form for the IRS, allows us to track resources, identify trends, prevent shortages, and plan for the future so our programs remain strong and reliable. We're proud to be excellent stewards of all the gifts we receive. You can learn more in our latest 990 on our website.

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT

TIME WELL SPENT

CSOS and the Power of Volunteering

At Valley Outreach, we're fortunate to be surrounded by people and groups who deeply care about their neighbors. One inspiring example is Community Support of Our Students (CSOS), a local giving group that has become a vital partner in our work, especially through their incredible commitment to volunteering.

Formed in early 2021 during the height of the pandemic, CSOS began



CSOS group volunteering with Valley Outreach.

with about 50 Washington County residents who recognized the urgent needs facing local students and families. Their initial mission was focused on K-12 students experiencing family crises or personal challenges, to support education and improve outcomes through advocacy, volunteering, and

direct support. Over time, that mission expanded to include college students at Century College.

Today, CSOS continues to give back in many ways—through financial contributions, food and clothing donations, and perhaps most importantly, their time. On nearly any given day, you'll find one of them greeting clients at the door, offering a welcoming smile, assisting with food shelf visits, or working behind the scenes to sort donations and stock shelves. Their presence not only keeps our operations running smoothly but also creates the warm, dignified experience that clients deserve. As one CSOS member, Kava Zabawa, reflected, "We let our members know when Valley Outreach needs help, and many of us volunteer regularly. It's easy to see that we make a difference and we love getting together to do that."

Their story highlights a powerful truth: while donations of food, clothing, and dollars matter deeply, the gift of time is just as essential. Volunteers are at the heart of Valley Outreach, as they help us deliver services with compassion and care.

If you feel inspired by CSOS's story, we invite you to consider how volunteering may fit into your life. Whether you can commit once a week, once a month, or occasionally, there's a role for you. Opportunities range from helping in our food shelf as a donation attendant, warehouse assistant, or food rescue driver, to supporting our StyleXchange clothing program by sorting donations or assisting in the store.

It's easy to get started as a volunteer with Valley Outreach. Complete the Valley Outreach Volunteer Application here: **valleyoutreach.info/Application**. A member of the team will follow up shortly with next steps. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, contact our Volunteer Manager, **Kenny McCoy**, at **volunteer@valleyoutreachmn.org** or **651-430-2739**. Your time, like CSOS's, truly makes a meaningful difference.

*A FUN WAY
TO MAKE A
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SEASON*

Valley Outreach is excited to introduce a fun new way to support our mission: Community Hosted Fundraisers!

A community-hosted fundraising event is when a business, organization, community group, school, or individual plans and hosts a fundraiser with proceeds benefiting

Valley Outreach. These events are intimate, fun, and highly effective at raising money.

You're the host, so your fundraiser can look any way you want! It can even be an event you already have planned. Host a family gathering, Friendsgiving, bonfire, a cocktail party, or any creative event you can imagine. Invite friends, neighbors, and family, and share the story of Valley Outreach while raising funds to support our work.

For more information, check out our Community Hosted Fundraisers toolkit at **valleyoutreach.info/CHF**. Contact **Debbie Kanda** at **debbie.kanda@valleyoutreachmn.org** or **651-342-5569** with any questions.