

Valley Outreach Highlights

We're Going Solar! Valley Outreach is excited to move forward with a Board of Directors-approved solar panel project that will pay for itself over time while generating long-term savings. These savings can be redirected to support food access, housing stability, and personalized services for those in need. By reducing operating costs, the project helps protect our core programs and ensures we remain responsive and reliable, even as external challenges arise. Every dollar saved on utilities is a dollar that goes directly to the community, reflecting our commitment to both people and sustainable resources.

You can support this project at valleyoutreach.info/solar.

StyleXchange Clearance Section StyleXchange officially launched a new clearance section, offering shoppers an exciting way to discover quality clothing at 50–75% off. These pieces are given a second life and every purchase directly supports Valley Outreach programs. With so many unique finds waiting, the clearance section is a perfect place to refresh your wardrobe, save big, and make a meaningful impact. StyleXchange is open Mondays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.



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Donor Spotlight

Giving With Purpose Through a Donor-Advised Fund

When Steve and Kristin Schoenborn decided it was time to give more intentionally, they didn't just write a check—they made a plan. Today, the Schoenborns are among a growing group of donors who give monthly through a donor-advised fund (DAF). It's a simple shift that's creating a lasting impact right here in the community.

"It's important for us to give locally," Steve says. "Giving monthly through a donor-advised fund allows us to meet our financial goals while supporting causes that matter to us."

A donor-advised fund allows donors to make a meaningful, lasting impact while also making the most of their resources. Often described as a charitable investment account, a DAF allows individuals to contribute assets, receive an immediate tax benefit, and recommend grants to nonprofits over time. It's a flexible and increasingly popular approach that empowers donors to support the causes they care about in a way that aligns with both their financial goals and personal values.

Monthly giving through DAFs provides something incredibly valuable: consistency. As the Schoenborns explain, "We prefer consistent giving throughout the year rather than one large gift in December. A donor-advised fund makes that simple." This approach not only works well for their financial planning, but also benefits Valley Outreach. Consistent funding strengthens our stability and allows us to make long-term commitments such as launching new programs, retaining skilled staff, and responding to urgent community needs.

In addition to their impact, donor-advised funds also offer financial advantages. Contributions are tax-deductible in the year they're made, even if the grants go out over time. Many donors contribute appreciated assets like stocks, avoiding capital gains taxes and stretching the impact of every dollar. For the Schoenborns, it meant their giving went further and their financial plan stayed intact.

Valley Outreach is deeply grateful to Steve and Kristin for their generosity and for showing us what committed, values-driven giving looks like in practice. If their story resonates with you, we'd love to help you explore whether a donor-advised fund might be the right fit for your giving goals. There's no single right way to make a difference, but there may be a smarter, more meaningful way to make your difference.

Interested in giving through your donor-advised fund? Contact your financial advisor and recommend a gift to:
Valley Outreach | Federal ID #: 41-1452973

Questions? Contact **Debbie Kanda**
at **Debbie.kanda@valleyoutreachmn.org** or **651-342-5569**.

You're Invited!

Valley Outreach Summer Celebration – June 24 | 5-7:00 p.m.

Summer is almost here, and we're throwing a party! Join us at 1911 Curve Crest Blvd. W. in Stillwater for an evening of celebration, community, and fun. Enjoy sweet treats from Nelson's Ice Cream, a delicious food truck, exciting raffles, activities for kids, a StyleXchange Sidewalk Sale, guided tours of our programs, and so much more. Bring the whole family and make it a night to remember!

It's free to attend—everyone is welcome!

2026 Annual Sponsors

We are excited to officially announce our **2026 Annual Sponsors!** Their generous support plays a crucial role in helping us deliver vital services. With their commitment, we continue to strengthen our programs and ensure people receive the support they need. We are grateful for these partnerships and proud to celebrate the organizations and individuals who make this work possible.

Interested in making a lasting impact? Join us as an Annual Sponsor and help power our work all year long.

Head to **valleyoutreach.info/2026sponsors** to learn more and view our full list of sponsors.