

Letter from the director

So many South County families faced so much challenge in 2021 – for some even greater strain than they faced in 2020 when COVID struck.

South County Community Services' core mission is to ensure struggling families don't fall through the cracks. We are driven to help them access food, affordable and safe housing, medication, and transportation to keep their families safe, maintain their employment, and safeguard their health.

It's no secret: across 2020 and 2021, there were so many more cracks for families to fall through than we've ever seen across nearly a half century of service. As we saw need explode, South County Community Services stepped up and leaned in, developing new services and programs and finding innovative and safe ways to provide them to those struggling the most. And the South County community—YOU—really stepped up. We have been blown away by the generosity, dedication, and understanding that our community has shown in their response to this pandemic and feel grateful to continue to partner with local residents to help our neighbors. We couldn't do it without you, and we are so thankful.

I also want to thank staff and volunteers, who juggled childcare, schedules, and shifting work protocols to double down, making sure there was always someone available to bring a hungry resident food, take a client to an appointment, or man the food pantry. South County Community Services needs people like you, and so does South County!




Supporters at our first annual Trees of Life campaign kickoff event in Climax. Stay tuned for next year's!

Our Key Supporters

Barb and Brad Addis	Margaret Buelke
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Lions Clubs of Vicksburg and Schoolcraft	... and hundreds of other generous community members!
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Senior Assistance

Senior Food

- 119 Prepared meals delivered
- 45 Pantry deliveries
- 351 Supplemental food box deliveries

Safe At Home

- 10 Local seniors had homes improved by the Safe At Home team
- \$1,084 Spent improving home safety for seniors

Senior Outreach

- 1,198 Contacts with local seniors
- 171 Scheduled calls to reduce isolation in seniors ("Care Calls")



Holidays

- 186 Households served
- 270 Toys distributed
- 495 Winter items distributed
- \$16,050 Holiday food assistance
- \$14,790 Holiday gift assistance



Transportation

- 637 Trips provided for seniors
- 97 Trips provided for people with disabilities
- 560 Volunteer hours

Financial Assistance



- 131 Disconnections prevented
- 15,408 Pounds food distributed
- 14 Evictions prevented

Transportation Assistance _____	\$8,804
Housing Assistance _____	\$4,437
Direct Financial Assistance for Utilities from SCCS _____	\$34,660
Leveraged State Aid for Utilities _____	\$26,302
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Total Emergency Financial Assistance for South County Families	\$74,863

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