

2022 Annual Report

Letter from the director

2022 was another busy year for South County Community Services! As the year comes to a close and we look towards 2023, I am beyond grateful for all of the volunteer and donor support that we received in 2022. Because of that support, we were able to both continue the important work that we do on a year-to-year basis and adjust to community needs as they arose.

Many of the families we serve faced financial hardship in 2022 as inflation and rising rent costs outpaced wage growth. We responded by substantially increasing both our ability to assist families in preventing evictions and with extra transportation assistance to help with high gasoline prices. We also continued to help area families and seniors with their other basic needs: we distributed twice as much food out of our pantry in 2022 as in 2021, spent twice as much on household supplies and toiletries, and gave more rides, had contact with more seniors, and met with more families than we have for several years. We noticed that just like ongoing issues in the supply chain and elsewhere, there continue to be knock on effects from the pandemic in people's lives—particularly in the lives of those who are most vulnerable.

In 2023 we are looking forward to continuing to expand our reach—making sure that more people know about our services and understand how to access important programs like Medicaid/Medicare and food stamps. We are also looking forward to strengthening our partnerships with other organizations by hosting outreach days and working on shared initiatives.

Thank you to everyone who supported us this year. You are a part of something that is both incredibly important and incredibly unique. South County Community Services needs people like you, and so does South County!



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Highlights of 2022



Four kids who were EXTREMELY happy to pick out new backpacks for their first day of school!



Volunteers sorted thousands of pounds of food that came in from the Postal Food Drive — thank you for your generosity South County!

In 2022 we:

- Expanded transportation assistance to account for higher gas prices
- Applied for, received, and spent \$25,000 in funding from the federal government for use in preventing disconnections and evictions
- Worked with ChapNaz Clothes Closet to give away over 14,000 diapers to local families in need
- Continued to offer expanded COVID-19 Financial Assistance
- More than doubled the number of pantry serves from 2021
- Worked with Generous Hands to provide 250 children with backpacks and supplies for their first day of school
- Sponsored First Day Shoe Fund to provide students of Climax/Scotts elementary school with free shoes to start the school year
- Updated our 24-page resource guide and released a Spanish version with resources for families who do not speak English as a first language
- Worked with Generous Hands to place a “Blessing Box” stocked with food in Climax



Mackenzie's Bakery in Vicksburg kept us supplied with bread all year long!



SCCS Director Drew Johnson meeting with supporters at the Lawrence Memorial Library in Climax.



Senior Assistance

Senior Food

- 15 Prepared meals delivered
- 84 Pantry deliveries
- 358 Supplemental food box deliveries

Safe At Home

- 5 Local seniors had homes improved by the Safe At Home team
- \$2,014 Spent improving home safety for seniors

Senior Outreach

- 746 Contacts with local seniors
- 93 Scheduled calls to reduce isolation in seniors ("Care Calls")

Jeff stands in front of his new railing, installed by Mark Mitchell via SCCS's Safe At Home Program, which provides safety oriented home improvements for seniors.



All loaded up and ready to put out trees for our annual Trees of Life campaign!

Holidays

- 111 Households served
- 860 Toys distributed
- 318 Winter items distributed
- 109 Holiday food bags distributed



Transportation

- 748 Trips provided for seniors
- 154 Trips provided for people with disabilities
- 577 Volunteer hours



Emergency Assistance

- 180 Disconnections prevented
- 27 Evictions prevented
- 20,248 Pounds of food distributed
- 14,100 Diapers distributed to families in need

Transportation Assistance	\$21,604
Housing Assistance	\$18,057
Direct Financial Assistance for Utilities	\$35,250
Leveraged State Aid for Utilities	\$16,945
Total Emergency Financial Assistance	\$94,423

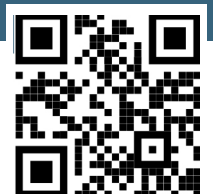
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Thank you to our 2022 Donors!

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