

# CORE COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### PROGRAMS & SERVICES







#### BACKGROUND

CORE Community Resources is a nonprofit with a mission to 'improve quality of life for seniors and reduce hunger for all in northern Bayfield County. It was founded in 2006 by a local philanthropist, Mary H. Rice, to address the needs of area seniors and identify programs and services that would make aging in a small, rural town easier. CORE's first program, Friends in Deed, focused on meeting senior's social needs and then expanded to include services that supported senior's desire to age in place – friendly visits, household help, snow shoveling/lawn care, meal prep, etc. In 2020, CORE took over the management of the Bayfield Food Pantry and expanded its service area to include all of northern Bayfield County, including the Red Cliff Tribal community.

#### CURRENT SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

- Operates the only weekly food pantry in northern Bayfield County
- Operates Bayfield's first community center with monthly community potlucks and bi-monthly spirit-free dinners
- Provides over 100 meals a week to seniors through its Weekly Home-Delivered Meal program
- Provides services and programs for area seniors like friendly visits, technology help, Friday Friends luncheons, help with shopping or errands, and handdelivered birthday cupcakes;
- Operates the Encore Resale Store that provides low-cost good quality clothing and household goods
- Administers the Bayfield-Back-To-School program at Encore, which provides each student in Bayfield with a bag to fill with back to school supplies, was launched in August 2021 and resulted in over 80 families receiving nearly \$4,200 worth of supplies
- Administers the Community-Care-Cards program that are distributed by community partners. The cards provide a way for service agencies to direct people in need to Encore for goods when they are in transition. The cards offer a free bag of product to the holder and 42 community members received nearly \$3,200 in clothing and household goods in 2022
- Operates a durable medical equipment closet -- free of charge
- Undertaking a caregiver cooperative feasability study with the ICA Group, UW-Extension, and community members

## **CORE'S PROGRAMS & SERVICES**



### SENIOR CONNECTIONS

CORE offered the following services and programs for adults 55+: running errands, friendly visits & phone conversations, pet care, technology assistance, and monthly luncheons.

### COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers and community partners are at the heart of CORE's mission. Volunteers provide important opportunities for community investment through our organization.





### WEEKLY HOME MEALS

CORE's Weekly Home Meals deliver one nutritious, from-scratch meal to seniors in Northern Bayfield County, free of charge. Each meal is delivered by a friendly CORE volunteer.



#### ENCORE RESALE STORE

The Encore Resale Store provides gently-used, quality clothing and household goods for the community, as well as operating support for CORE's programs and services. They adminster the Bayfield Back to School and Community Care programs.

### CORE FOOD PANTRY

CORE's food pantry is open on Thursdays between 10 AM and 1 PM. We serve communities in northern Bayfield County -- from Washburn to Port Wing, including Red Cliff.



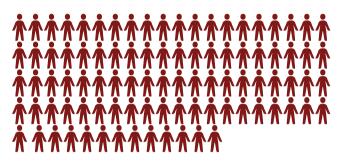
### COMMUNITY CENTER

CORE's community center is open Mondays and Fridays between 9 AM and 2 PM. We host educational programs, flu shot clinics, a durable medical equipment lending closet, community dinners, and open drop-in hours.



# VOLUNTEER IMPACT

# 93 volunteers



Friendly visits, dropping off meals, growing food for the food pantry, walking dogs, sorting and pricing donations, and running errands -- just some of the services CORE's volunteers did in northern Bayfield County in 2022.



We want to thank you and everyone there helping for your time and what you all do for the community. Its very much appreciated! Ashley





# SHARING FOOD

2022 saw continued growth in food pantry visits. The pantry distributed an average of 297 shares of food each month, a 16% increase from 2021. 179 seniors, 307 younger adults, and 182 children visited the pantry in 2022. In addition to our drive-up food weekly food pantry, CORE volunteers delivered 422 food shares to area seniors. CORE's Share the Harvest - a program that distributes local produce grown by CORE staff at Good Earth Gardens, community members and farmers to food pantry recepients - expanded to include produce in CORE's Weekly Home-Delivered Meal program for seniors.

### CORE FOOD PANTRY



259 Households



101,763 Meals \*



122,116 Pounds



668 Individuals







3,562 Visits

### SHARE THE HARVEST



1,319 Pounds of Produce Donated



771 Pounds Grown by CORE



15 Gardeners and Farms

\* Based on U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines, a meal is equal to 1.2 pounds of food and grocery product.

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

In June 2022, CORE opened Bayfield's first community center at our new location on Manypenny Avenue where we have weekly drop-in hours, host community meals, vaccination clinics, senior meals, intergenerational events, and support groups. We launched four new or updated programs in 2022: a free-of-charge medical lending closet, Superior Lifelong Learning, Weekly Home Delivered Meals for seniors, and a birthday cupcake program for seniors who receive our services.





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