



# COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



## 2023 Annual Ministry Report

All of the CAP year round programs have seen increases in demand for services in 2023. The Food Connection is currently providing 36 families each week with food boxes, with additional families on the waitlist. Our Clothing Bank use increased 20% over last year, with nearly 2000 items per month being claimed for reuse. A donation of safety vests to the Clothing Bank inspired us to provide them to clients that have a need to walk or bike at night. Our chaplains assisted many experiencing financial stress and health challenges.

CAP's three seasonal programs - the Winter Coat Drive/Distribution, Thanksgiving Baskets, and Community Toy Store – helped many local families this fall. Also, with the assistance of Monte's Just a Bite, we were able to provide a hot Thanksgiving meal to 15 of our local unhoused neighbors.

The CAP Board places a high priority on community education, partnering with The Whatcom Dream to provide Understanding Poverty workshops and Financial Empowerment classes throughout the year. We were especially excited about the Teen Financial Empowerment class held in the summer that was attended by 13 students. We plan to continue these classes in 2024.

CAP has been coordinating and hosting a monthly Community Outreach Network meeting. This brings together representatives from a dozen or more local organizations that serve lower income families, allowing us to learn about and support each other's work and find ways that we can more effectively serve our neighbors. Many positive connections and collaborations have resulted, including Bridge2Services bringing a mobile shower unit to Blaine once a week in the new year, providing a much-needed service for our unhoused neighbors. Also, Bridge2Services now has its outreach truck at each of the Loads of Love events at the local laundromat, providing additional support services for the increasing number of those that utilize this program.

Thanks to all of our faithful donors, our financial support was solid in 2023, making it possible for us to run all of our programs well. Several large, unexpected donations that were received will allow us to look for opportunities to help other underserved areas of the community.

None of what CAP does would be possible without our amazing volunteers and donors! CAP is a unique neighbor-helping-neighbor community effort, and we are so grateful for all of you that care about your neighbors through CAP!

Dan DeMent, CAP Board President



## MINISTRY AT A GLANCE

### AN OUTREACH OF BLAINE AREA CHURCHES

Serving the people of Blaine, Birch Bay, Custer, Pt. Roberts

#### CRISIS ASSISTANCE



### 316 NEIGHBORS HELPED

145 utilities, 20 pressed logs, 37 gasoline, 2 lodging, 25 food, 1 prescription; 86 additional referrals to other agencies

#### CLOTHING ASSISTANCE



### 19,080 ITEMS

 given out at the Clothing Bank

530 adults and 521 children served

### 351 COATS DISTRIBUTED TO 128 FAMILIES

in Coat Drive, along with 300 pairs of socks, 205 hats, 160 pairs of gloves, and 52 scarves

#### CHAPLAIN MINISTRY



### 37 FAMILIES SERVED

practical, emotional, and spiritual support provided through crisis, mental/physical health challenges, life transitions, domestic violence, addiction, and more

#### THE FOOD CONNECTION



### 48 FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH WEEKLY FOOD

98 adults and 85 children served

### 8,468 POUNDS

 of food collected from local businesses

#### THANKSGIVING BASKETS



### 271 FAMILIES SERVED

813 adults and 400 children received Thanksgiving dinners

#### COMMUNITY TOY STORE



### 122 FAMILIES SERVED

325 children received Christmas gifts

### \$3,734

 in shopping proceeds was shared with

The Bridge Community Hope Center Mercy Fund and Food Bank, Valley Church Essentials, and Loads of Love

#### COMMUNITY EDUCATION

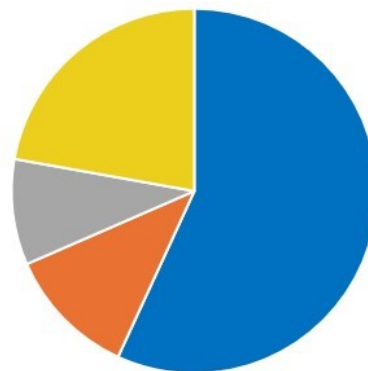
**FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CLASSES:** 12 adults & 13 teens

**UNDERSTANDING POVERTY WORKSHOP:** 19 attendees



## FINANCES

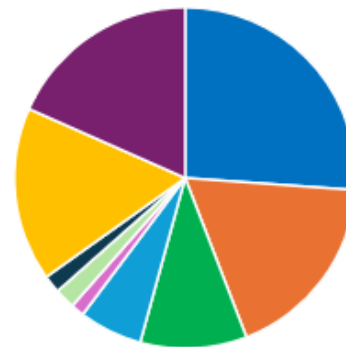
### Sources of Funds



**Total Contributions: \$112,740**

- Individuals: \$64,101
- Churches: \$13,070
- Other: \$10,563
- In-Kind Donations: \$25,006

### Total Uses of Funds



**Total Program/Management and General Expenditures and Additions to Designated and Reserves : \$112,740**

- Community Toy Store: \$29,458
- Thanksgiving Baskets: \$20,323
- Crisis Assistance\*: \$11,378
- Clothing Bank: \$6,761
- Birch Bay Water & Sewer District: \$1,432
- Food Connection: \$2,191
- Chaplaincy: \$1,902
- Management & General: \$18,593
- Additions to Designated and Reserves: \$20,703

\*In addition, Community Assistance Program administers a voucher program with both the City of Blaine and the Salvation Army. Client assistance in the amount of \$7,564 and \$9,372, respectively were administered in 2023



## VOLUNTEERS

*Offering opportunities for individuals, churches, and other organizations to serve people in their communities.*

### TOTAL VOLUNTEERS/TOTAL HOURS

- CRISIS ASSISTANCE:** 9 volunteers; about 1375 hours
- CHAPLAIN MINISTRY:** 10 volunteers; about 1170 hours
- CLOTHING BANK:** 22 volunteers; about 1180 hours
- COAT DRIVE:** 12 volunteers; about 109 hours
- THE FOOD CONNECTION:** 20 volunteers; about 930 hours
- THANKSGIVING BASKETS:** 30 volunteers; about 500 hours
- COMMUNITY TOY STORE:** 216 volunteers; about 1100 hours
- BOARD/ADMINISTRATION:** 12 volunteers; about 1076 hours
- FACILITY CLEANING/MAINTENANCE:** 6 volunteers; about 160 hours



### CAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2023

- President/Secretary: Dan DeMent
- Vice-President: Tyler Michel
- Publications: Laura Vogee
- Facility Management: Steve Bender
- Members-at-Large: Doug Dahl, Ameer Nelson

### CAP PROGRAM DIRECTORS FOR 2023

- Managing Director of Clothing Ministries: Rochelle Halldorson
- Managing Director of Food and Holiday Ministries: Laura Vogee
- Managing Director of Crisis Assistance: Aja Morris/Vrina England
- Chaplain Ministry: Monique Wilhelms
- Clothing Bank: Jim Lang and Rochelle Halldorson
- Coat Drive/Distribution: Ameer Nelson
- The Food Connection: Laura Vogee
- Thanksgiving Baskets: Shirley Tobian
- Community Toy Store: Laura Vogee

### ADDITIONAL HAPPENINGS IN 2023

- Hosted Community Open House at the CAP Center in March
- Held Volunteer Appreciation Picnic in September at Home Farm
- Shirley Tobian completed 20 years of service with the Thanksgiving Basket program and retired from her role as director.
- CAP Center utilized for three weekly prayer meetings, weekly Bible and book studies, several community worship & prayer gatherings, and as an Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection site

### PRIORITIES FOR 2024

- Leadership transitions in several programs/positions
- Expand chaplain ministry
- Exterior building maintenance
- Host several Understanding Poverty Workshops
- Identify other critical assistance needs

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