



COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



2025 Annual Ministry Report

We at CAP were privileged to again provide help and hope to our neighbors needing assistance, and we are very grateful for all the supporters who trust us to care on their behalf!

Most of our programs remained consistent in both processes and number of people helped. The two exceptions were Thanksgiving Baskets and Crisis Assistance. The Thanksgiving Basket program was originally designed for families only, to provide all the ingredients to prepare a meal. It was not intended for singles and couples because it's difficult to size the quantity of food correctly for them, and at the time, there were other options available for the smaller households. However, in the last few years, the other options for a Thanksgiving meal have disappeared, and we have received a lot of requests from that segment of our community for assistance. This year we were able to arrange with the IGA deli to prepare 145 individual take-out meals for us. The households of one and two people that received these meals were grateful to get an already-prepared Thanksgiving dinner. This option worked very well, and we hope to continue providing this service in the years ahead.

The Crisis Assistance program did have a slight increase in need requests. About one-third of these requests were for services, such as rent and housing assistance, that we are not able to help with. In these cases, we provide referrals to other agencies. The highest need remains help with utility shutoff avoidance. We were able to meet the needs in 2025; however, we have some concerns going forward. Last June, due to depletion of their funds, the Salvation Army discontinued the monthly funding that we have administered for them in our area. As of January 2026, that funding has been restored, which will be extremely helpful in meeting this growing need. Another difficulty has been that the funds from the City of Blaine and Birch Bay Water and Sewer District utility assistance donation option on their bills have dropped off significantly. This means that we will be drawing on our reserves to keep helping at our current levels. In the new year, we will likely be encouraging neighbors to donate to us directly for utility assistance.

We were happy to be able to give the Community Toy Story proceeds again to three other community non-profits, and we were thankful to be able to give a little to the east county flood response. We are also very pleased to see the Blaine-Birch Bay Parks and Recreation District resurrect the Community Dinners, and we plan on promoting them and assisting however we can. With continued support from our community, we look forward to blessing many people in the year ahead.

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



567 PEOPLE IN 149 HOUSEHOLDS HELPED

112 utilities, 14 gasoline, 4 groceries, 22 other (prescriptions, tires, ID cards, camping passes); 67 referrals to other agencies

CLOTHING ASSISTANCE



21,494 ITEMS

 given out at the Clothing Bank

628 adults and 592 children served

395 COATS DISTRIBUTED TO 134 FAMILIES

in Coat Drive, along with 226 pairs of socks, 239 hats, 279 pairs of gloves, and 53 scarves

CHAPLAIN MINISTRY



43 HOUSEHOLDS SERVED

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

THE FOOD CONNECTION



50 FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH WEEKLY FOOD

100 adults and 93 children served

10,525 POUNDS

 of food collected from local businesses

THANKSGIVING BASKETS



301 FAMILIES SERVED

812 adults and 375 children received Thanksgiving dinners

COMMUNITY TOY STORE



119 FAMILIES SERVED

317 children received Christmas gifts

\$ 3,367

 in shopping proceeds was shared with the Blaine

Food Bank, The Bridge Community Hope Center's Emergency Assistance Fund, and Loads of Love Laundry Ministry

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

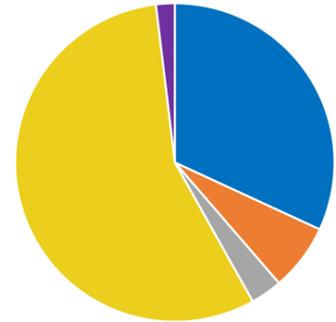
FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CLASSES: 9 adults and 2 teens

UNDERSTANDING POVERTY WORKSHOPS: 32 attendees



FINANCES

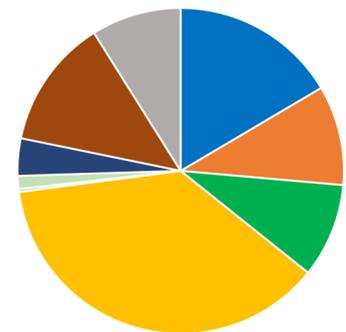
Sources of Funds



Total Contributions: \$176,801

- Individuals: \$56,400
- Churches: \$11,993
- Other: \$5,658
- In-Kind Donations: \$99,382
- Fundraising \$3,367

Total Uses of Funds



Total Program/Management and General Expenditures and Reductions From Designated and Reserves : \$176,801

- Community Toy Store: \$29,171
- Thanksgiving Baskets: \$17,494
- Crisis Assistance*: \$16,535
- Clothing Bank: \$65,748
- Birch Bay Water & Sewer District: \$500
- Food Connection: \$2,288
- Chaplaincy: \$6,553
- Management & General: \$22,749
- Reserve \$0
- Additions to (from) Designated and Reserves \$15,763

*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 \$2,964 and \$5,599, respectively were administered in 2025



VOLUNTEERS

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

TOTAL VOLUNTEERS/TOTAL HOURS

- CRISIS ASSISTANCE:** 9 volunteers; about 764 hours
- CHAPLAIN MINISTRY:** 4 volunteers; about 278 hours
- CLOTHING BANK:** 28 volunteers; about 1326 hours
- COAT DRIVE/DISTRIBUTION:** 18 volunteers; about 120 hours
- THE FOOD CONNECTION:** 17 volunteers; about 1300 hours
- THANKSGIVING BASKETS:** 55 volunteers; about 380 hours
- COMMUNITY TOY STORE:** 105 volunteers; about 745 hours
- BOARD/ADMINISTRATION:** 9 volunteers; about 765 hours
- FACILITY CLEANING/MAINTENANCE:** 25 volunteers: about 245 hours



CAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2025

- President: Dan DeMent
- Vice-President: Tyler Michel
- Secretary: Terre Shapiro
- Managing Director of Crisis and Chaplain Ministries: Nate Johnson
- Managing Director of Clothing Ministries: Rochelle Halldorson
- Managing Director of Food and Holiday Ministries/Publications & Publicity: Laura Vogee
- Facility Management: Steve Bender

CAP PROGRAM DIRECTORS FOR 2025

- Chaplain Ministry: Monique Wilhelms
- Clothing Bank: Jim Lang and Rochelle Halldorson
- Coat Drive/Distribution: Ameer Nelson
- The Food Connection: Laura Vogee
- Thanksgiving Baskets: Laura Vogee
- Community Toy Store: Laura Vogee

ADDITIONAL HAPPENINGS IN 2025

- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the CAP Center in September
- Christ the King Network did building and property maintenance work on the CAP Center in September
- CAP Board did analysis of client usage across all of CAP's programs
- CAP continued to host monthly Community Outreach Network meetings with other local service organizations

PRIORITIES FOR 2026

- Complete exterior repair and painting of the CAP Center
- Update CAP's bylaws and articles of incorporation
- Strengthen Salvation Army partnership
- Promote BBBPRD monthly Community Dinners
- Continue sponsoring Understanding Poverty Workshops in partnership with the Blaine Food Bank

CAP Center Location &

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