



Winona Volunteer Services, Inc.

Clothes Shop • Emergency Food Shelf • Supplemental Food Shelf
Holiday Projects • Home Delivered Meals • Emergency Services

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Mission Statement: Winona Volunteer Services, Inc. is a non-profit service provider and advocate in Winona County. Our mission is to secure and distribute food, clothing, shelter and emergency assistance in a respectful and dignified manner to people in need. Through a caring network of dedicated volunteers and partners we work to improve the quality of life for our clients and community. Our services include the following:

Sustaining Food Shelf (SFS)

Over 267,000 pounds of food was distributed to individuals in 2007 to help people stretch their food dollars. Applicants must show proof of residency & declare their household income before getting a 12 month punch card. Eligible households have incomes up to 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. On average, 597 households used the food shelf each month in 2007.

The Home Delivered Meals

Weekly volunteers deliver prepared lunches to the elderly, homebound or convalescing. 25,592 meals were delivered Monday through Friday in 2007 to an average of 122 clients throughout Winona and Goodview. Clients either pay for the meals themselves or are covered through a County Waiver Program.

Emergency Services

Through our Coordinated Emergency Services Program, vouchers are issued to individuals who lack funds for basic items such as gasoline, transportation, shelter, meals, and non-food items such as diapers based on some unforeseen emergency. Prepackaged emergency food boxes are given to anyone who says they need food. We enlist the cooperation of Winona Health and Law Enforcement to issue vouchers after hours, on weekends and on holidays according to our guidelines. Email alerts regarding non-emergency clients and duplicate requests are sent to area human service personnel and churches via the Poverty Roundtable listserv.

Clothes Shop

The Clothes Shop provides a source of revenue for the agency. Donated clothing is sold to the public at very low prices to ensure all shoppers have access to good quality, gently used clothing.

Client Education

We coordinate programming that provides nutrition education and money management skills to WVS clients and to the general public. Our goal is to help people improve their health and economic status by offering workshops that help them acquire the skills and knowledge needed to make healthier life style choices and to be better managers of their money.

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