



Winona Volunteer Services, Inc.

Coordinated Emergency Assistance • Emergency Food • Holiday Projects
Home Delivered Meals • Supplemental Food Shelf • The Clothes Shop

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Mission Statement: Winona Volunteer Services, Inc. is a non-profit service provider and advocate working to improve the quality of life in our community. With a caring network of dedicated volunteers and partners, we secure and distribute food, clothing, information, referrals and emergency assistance in a respectful and dignified manner to people in need.

Our services include the following:

Sustaining Food Shelf (SFS)

This food program offers eligible residents with limited resources a way to receive free food once a month helping 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, 938 households used the food shelf each month in 2010.

The Home Delivered Meals

Weekly volunteers deliver prepared lunches to the elderly, homebound or convalescing. 24,199 meals were delivered Monday through Friday in 2010 to an average of 121 daily 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.

The Clothes Shop

The Clothes Shop provides a source of undesignated 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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