



Partnering in Goodhue County

History

Three Rivers Community Action is a nonprofit human service organization incorporated in 1966. Created by community leaders to provide citizens and communities in southern Minnesota with anti-poverty strategies, the Three Rivers mission is “to work with community partners to address basic human needs of people in our service area, thereby improving the quality of life of the individual, family and community.”

For over 50 years, Three Rivers has responded to the needs of the community and today operates over 40 programs in Goodhue County in the areas of Housing, Community Development, Early Childhood, Transportation, and Older Adult Services.

Zumbrota Office

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Housing Development

New Construction & Preservation - Working with community partners to plan and develop new affordable housing projects that meet local needs, and to rehabilitate existing rental and ownership housing stock.

Client Services

Homeless Assistance and Prevention Programs - Assistance and support to individuals and families who are experiencing or nearing homelessness.

Older Adult Services and Caregiver Coaching - Classes and individual advocacy for older adults, their families and their caregivers to help older adults remain independent and in their own homes longer.

Meals on Wheels - Meals delivered by volunteers to people over 60 or with a disability who are home bound and have difficulty preparing their own nutritious meals.

Energy Assistance Program - Helps pay home heating costs and provides emergency furnace repairs for income-qualified households.

Weatherization - Provides home energy upgrades to income-eligible owners and renters to save energy and improve health and safety in the home.

Homeownership - Classes, coaching, counseling, and downpayment assistance to help households prepare for and succeed in their homeownership dreams.

SNAP Outreach & Assistance - Sharing information about the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and assisting households to complete applications for food assistance.

Early Childhood

Head Start - Pre-school education focused on the growth and development of children and parents, and assisting families to achieve self-reliance.

Early Head Start - Home visiting program for children ages 0-3 and their parents, providing comprehensive child development and family services.

Transportation

Hiawathaland Public Transit - County-wide bus service that includes route service in Red Wing and dial-a-ride service throughout the county.

HART Volunteer Transportation Program - Volunteer drivers transport older adults, people with disabilities and residents who are unable to utilize public transportation.

Community Collaboration

Homeless Response Team - Coordination of inter-agency team to identify and address the needs of people experiencing homelessness in Goodhue County.

Three Rivers works with community partners to provide warmth, transportation, food, housing, advocacy, and education to individuals and families across southeastern Minnesota.
Our offices are located in Zumbrota, Rochester, Wabasha, Faribault, Plainview, Northfield & Red Wing.



People-focused, community-driven

2022 Results

Goodhue County

People Served in Goodhue County, 2022

1,325 households served
⇒ 46% at or below the poverty line
⇒ 45% homeowners
⇒ 51% renters
⇒ \$17,020 median annual income*

2,841 individuals
⇒ 37% children
⇒ 30% older adults
⇒ 19% persons of color
⇒ 10% Hispanic or Latinx
⇒ 22% have a disability
⇒ 87% have health insurance

*Of households reporting income

Knollwood Apartments, Pine Island

Three Rivers Community Action acquired Knollwood Apartments in Pine Island and completed a much needed renovation while preserving the affordability of the 24 units. Rehabilitation included accessibility upgrades, mechanical systems, energy efficiency updates, insulation, floor coverings, kitchen and bathroom upgrades, and new parking lot and landscaping.

The project preserves an essential source of affordable housing, including rental assistance to households with low incomes.

Thanks to our funding partners: USDA Rural Development, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, and Midwest Housing Equity Group.

Housing Development

- Owned and operated 153 units of affordable multi-family housing in Red Wing, Pine Island, and Cannon Falls.

Community Development Services

- Prevented 16 households who were facing eviction from becoming homeless and re-housed 13 households experiencing homelessness into affordable housing.
- Volunteers delivered 9,141 meals to residents in Cannon Falls, Goodhue, Kenyon (where service was added this year), Pine Island, Wanamingo and Zumbrota.
- Supported 155 older adults and their caregivers by providing information, resources, and service referrals.
- Provided 1,210 with over \$1,032,399 to help meet their energy needs as well as an additional \$304,552 in crisis funding and \$70,882 in water crisis assistance.
- Hired local contractors to repair or replace 25 furnaces and to weatherize 25 energy inefficient homes.

Early Childhood

- Provided Head Start classroom education and family support services to 59 preschool students and their families in Zumbrota and Red Wing.
- Partnered with Red Wing School District on an inclusion classroom to provide district services to Head Start students.
- Supported 19 parents, their children ages 0-3, and their families through the Early Head Start program.

Transportation

- Operated route and Dial-A-Ride bus services that run 7 days a week in Red Wing and weekdays throughout the county.
- Provided 58,244 rides on public transportation bus services in Red Wing and another 21,498 rides in Cannon Falls, Zumbrota, Pine Island, Kenyon and Wanamingo.
- Volunteer drivers provided 1,119 rides to older adults and persons with disabilities in Goodhue County.

We recently helped an older, mobility-impaired client. It was a newer home that had been custom-designed and built by her late husband, but he hadn't put much effort into energy efficiency. Though lovely, the house – with its huge unfinished attic space and cathedral ceilings – was very “leaky”. Our contractors were able to tighten it up substantially – by about 60%. We addressed many leak points, including recessed “can” lights in the ceiling that acted as unintended chimneys, venting heated air uselessly into the attic. The house is now more effective at retaining heat, helping this client save money while enjoying greater comfort in her house.