



Partnering in Wabasha 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 Wabasha County in the areas of Housing, Community

Wabasha Office

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Hiawathaland Transit

Dispatch and Training Facility

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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.

Community Development Services

Homeless Assistance and Prevention Programs - Assistance and support to households 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 public bus service that provides 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 Wabasha 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 in Wabasha County

People Served in Wabasha County, 2022

566 households served

- ⇒ 47% at or below the poverty line
- ⇒ 58% homeowners
- ⇒ 42% renters
- ⇒ \$17,634 median annual income*

1,228 individuals

- ⇒ 36% children
- ⇒ 31% older adults
- ⇒ 11% persons of color
- ⇒ 9% Hispanic or Latinx
- ⇒ 22% have a disability
- ⇒ 86% have health insurance

*Of households reporting income source

Coming Soon! Underwood Terrace, Lake City

Addressing the need for more affordable rental units in Wabasha County, Three Rivers Community Action has secured funding from City of Lake City, Greater Minnesota Housing Fund, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, Midwest Housing Equity Group and UMOS, Inc. to construct a new 32-unit affordable apartment complex in Lake City.

The project will include 8 supportive units for individuals with disabilities that are experiencing housing instability or homelessness, and 24 affordable family apartments.

Housing Development

- Owned and operated 20 units of affordable multi-family housing in Plainview.

Community Development Services

- Prevented 11 households who were facing eviction from becoming homeless and re-housed 2 households experiencing homelessness into affordable housing.
- Volunteers delivered 3,151 meals to residents in Wabasha and Mazeppa.
- Supported 32 older adults and their caregivers by providing information, resources, and service referrals.
- Provided 557 households with over \$528,883 to help meet their energy needs and an additional \$132,650 in crisis funding and \$20,230 in water crisis assistance.
- Hired local contractors to repair or replace 28 furnaces.

Early Childhood

- Provided Head Start classroom education and family support services to 20 preschool students and their families in Wabasha.
- Supported 24 parents, their children ages 0-3 and their families through Early Head Start.

Transportation

- Operated dial-a-ride bus service 6 days a week in Wabasha, Kellogg, and Lake City and weekdays throughout Wabasha County.
- Drove 21,047 miles in Elgin & Plainview, 20,137 miles in Lake City, and 23,211 miles in Wabasha.
- Volunteer drivers provided 756 rides to Wabasha County residents.

One of our Early Head Start families received an eviction notice over a code violation. The mother was pregnant with twins and the eviction date coincided with their arrival. We collaborated with the mother, the regional legal service agency and her property management company and were able to secure a year extension. She had been working, but a work restriction imposed due to complications with her pregnancy resulted in a loss of income. We were able to identify and help connect her with local resources to sustain the household. We helped her with filling out applications, making inquiry calls, all while encouraging and supporting her through this process. Currently she is doing well, working on renewing her CNA and learning how to advocate for herself.