



A Note from the Director

As we head into the fall and winter seasons, Sharing Center families are in need of additional support and assistance. Keeping warm is a top priority. Basic items like heavy coats and sturdy shoes and boots are a necessity to endure the Wisconsin winter. Waiting for the bus, walking to work, or even shoveling the driveway requires proper attire to stay safe and healthy. Children need snow gear to keep them warm for outdoor activities. Utility bills tend to soar during this season and many families are stretched beyond their means. Sometimes just trying to provide three meals a day becomes a daunting task.

In addition to daily/monthly expenses, sometimes families experience unforeseen circumstances. Take for instance the responsible mom who's son was suffering from pneumonia for the second time that winter. She turned up the heat to 70 degrees to help him heal quicker. A poorly insulated apartment resulted in a utility bill that doubled. Thanks to your generous support, her son's health was restored and she was able to pay the utility bill without falling behind or getting her gas turned off.

Last year your generous donations provided good shoes to hundreds of children in Western Kenosha County. Pet food distributions were made upwards of 280 times. Diapers and supplies were distributed to numerous families. Children in need were provided with food to eat during and after school as well as much needed school supplies. Our senior citizens had the opportunity to participate in senior dining, receive senior commodities, prescription vouchers, free bus passes and haircuts. This is just a snapshot of all that goes on at The Sharing Center.

The Sharing Center is deeply appreciative of all your support. We could not function without you. Every dollar that is donated goes to provide for the most basic of human needs for families in our community. You are the reason many families are able to sustain themselves. Please accept our heartfelt appreciation for all you do to assist the Sharing Center in its mission: Giving, Sharing, Helping Caring.

Happy Fall,
Sharon Pomaville
Executive Director

STAMP OUT HUNGER

Postal Carriers Food Drive

One of our biggest, busiest days of the year! Bristol and Salem carriers collected a whopping 10,689 pounds of food from our Salem, Bristol, Trevor, Camp Lake, Silver Lake, Wilmot, and Paddock Lake families. THANK YOU!



BACK TO SCHOOL SUCCESS

Each year we strive to give each child a backpack, Payless Shoe card, and the supplies they need for academic success.

With your help, 351 students went back to school secure in the knowing they had what they needed for a good start to a successful year.

More donors than ever supported our Back To School supply drive! Thank you to our [DONORS](#) (<click here for the complete list)!

FOSTER HOMES

There is a community need for Foster Homes in the Kenosha and Racine area. For more information: www.khds.org or [262-657-7188](tel:262-657-7188)

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WAYS TO HELP

Community Event Booth

The Center's presence at community events is an effective way to educate the community of both the needs of and the resources available to families. We are looking for individuals or groups who would be willing to man an



[Holiday Help](#)

event booth: handing out brochures, running raffles, and offering giveaways to children.

[Click HERE to sign up](#)

Upcoming Events:

10/22: PumpkinDaze

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Salem's 5th Annual PumpkinDaze Festival on Saturday, 8:30am - 4pm
RSVP director@thesharingcenter.net

6/24 - 6/26: 48th Annual Town of Wheatland Fireman's Festival

7/1 - 7/3: Libertyfest at Lance Park Twin Lakes

7/9 - 7/10: Bristol Progress Days

9/10: Paddock Lake Oktoberfest

[Click HERE to sign up](#)

Each year providing those much needed winter coats, boots, and snowpants is taken on by an ever growing group of angels: our [Christmas Sponsors](#). If you would like to adopt a child or children and supply basic needs and an educational gift, call [262.298.5535](tel:262.298.5535) or email jlord@thesharingcenter.net. We start early so you can too if you want to avoid the Christmas rush.

NEW EVENT COMMITTEE - Volunteers needed

Goals: To plan a Spring Fundraising Event for the Center

Email: jlord@thesharingcenter.net or spomaville@thesharingceter.net

[Join the Event Committee](#)

For Email Newsletters you can trust.

LEADERSHIP KENOSHA AND EAGLE SCOUT GARDEN PROJECT

Our thanks to the Leadership Kenosha Team and Eagle Scout John Dietz who doubled the size of our raised garden beds, and planted some rarely seen in our pantry veggies: asparagus, kalettes, yellow tomatoes, and herbs to name a few. Tree No. 1 was planted in our orchard area!



Bristol School Garden Club

This year our clients were treated to produce grown using Bristol Elementary School's Aeroponic's Tower. Bristol Kid's Club Garden Committee assembled and ran the school purchased system over the summer. The committee was made up of students

who budgeted, coordinated and executed gardening projects. Guidance was provided by a teacher/facilitator.

The students learned about aeroponics (a form of hydroponics in which the water nutrient solution is sprayed on to the plant roots at regular intervals). The system had a 22 gallon reservoir and pumped water up to the top of the tower where it cascaded six feet down, returning to the reservoir. The closed system used roughly 80% less water than traditional growing methods and grew 28 plants in approximately 3 square feet of space.

The aeroponics tower was assembled by students grades 2nd- 4th with only teacher supervision. Bristol Kids Club students then selected the plants to be grown, added the nutrients, programmed watering and lighting schedules, regularly checked PH levels of the water and unanimously voted to donate the harvested produce to the Sharing Center.

Questions about this project can be directed to tonyg242005@gmail.com

THANK YOU!



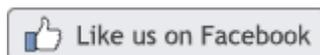
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