



OUR MISSION
*“To assist people and strengthen
community through collaborative
programs and connections to
resources.”*

2016 Annual Report

ResourceWest is a non-profit community agency that serves low-income families and individuals living in the west metro community. We help people become more connected, more resourceful, and more hopeful about their future. From crisis, to action, to hope: the services of ResourceWest stabilize families and ultimately help build healthier communities one neighbor at a time.

ResourceWest assists families by addressing immediate needs and working toward long-term stability and self-sufficiency. We build a healthier and stronger local community both through direct services and a vast array of collaborations.



Who we serve

More Than

1 IN 3

students in the Hopkins school district qualifies for free or reduced lunch

35.4%
12.4%

percentages of households in Hopkins and Minnetonka, respectively, below the federal poverty income level

46

languages spoken by families in the Hopkins school district

\$1,000-
\$1,500

is the median monthly income for households who participated in the Children and Youth Programs in 2016

REACH

Our core programs serve people of all ages and socio-economic backgrounds with a deep impact in the western suburbs. Our children's programs reach the cities of Minnetonka, Hopkins, Excelsior, Shorewood, Deephaven, Woodland, and Greenwood. We are especially needed by individuals and families who do not meet eligibility criteria for state and county assistance programs or other nonprofit agencies.

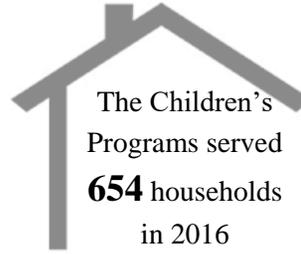
BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITIES

To create healthy and vibrant communities, residents need to be able to access pathways out of poverty. Our program model provides access to resources that promote foundational

"We all do better,
when we all do better"

-Paul Wellstone

stability in addition to empowering individuals and families to move towards self-sufficiency. As a well-known entity in the community, we have the relationships to meet emerging needs.



PROGRAMS

FINANCES

Children and Youth Programs

Provide free school supplies, winter gear and gifts for the holidays for any family that attends the Hopkins and Minnetonka School Districts.

Case Management

ResourceWest's case managers help families stabilize their situation, and continue to work with them to move to greater stability.

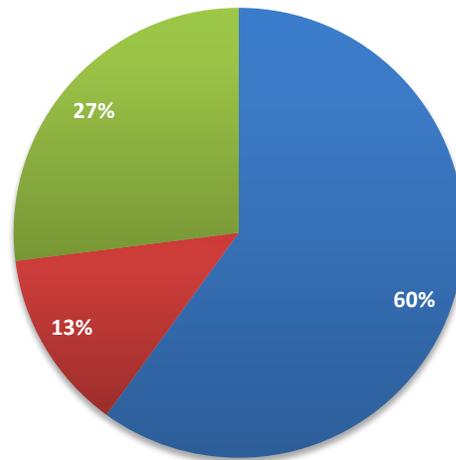
Emergency Bridge Assistance

These one-time emergency grants are most often related to transportation challenges (e.g. gas cards, bus fare cards, car repairs, etc) and healthcare (e.g. prescriptions).

Information and Referral Service

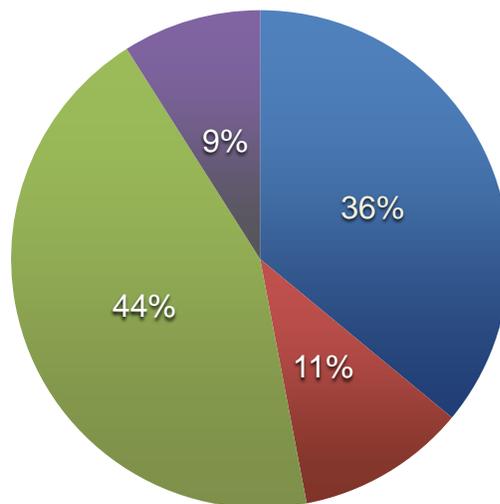
Staff answers questions and offers referrals to other agencies that assist with food, clothing, shelter, healthcare, etc. ResourceWest hosts several outside agencies onsite in recognition of the challenge of limited and costly public transportation in the western suburbs.

Income



- Individual Donations
- Business, Civic and Faith Organizations
- City, School and Private Grants

Expenses



- Children and Youth Programs
- Social Services
- Collaborative Programs
- Administrative

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am profoundly impacted by the people I meet every day. The participants are working through such complexity, that the resilience required is so important. As a community resource, we are committed to welcoming and coming alongside all people.

The donors and volunteers give of their resources so generously. ResourceWest has been locally supported for over 23 years – our partnerships with individuals, businesses, faith communities, the Hopkins and Minnetonka Schools, partnering organizations – only increases our capacity to reach the needs of the entire community.

The staff's knowledge and empathy is critical to supporting participants as they put one foot in front of another. . It is critical, to continually learn together, because with learning, comes understanding, which leads to greater compassion.



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