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Connecting Employees to Information & Inspiration

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Creating Energy and Inspiration

*From the desk of Lisa Mears,
Chief Executive Officer*

Dozens of community leaders from across the spectrum of poverty—including human services, housing, transportation, aging, and public safety—are joining Family Pathways for Community Dialogue 2019

designed to unravel the question, “If the economy is thriving, then why are there members of our community who are still struggling?”

Six gatherings across East Central Minnesota and Western Wisconsin are being hosted by Family Pathways in January and February to

Despite snowy weather and frigid temps, over 35 community leaders participated in the first Community Dialogue in Hinckley in January.

address complex issues affecting our local communities. “We’re excited about opportunities to strengthen current partnerships, build new alliances and create a blueprint for moving forward,” said Lisa Mears, Family Pathways’ CEO, “with the goal to improve community vitality and the well-being of all our neighbors.”

These community dialogues were sponsored by a grant from Initiative Foundation.



Plans are underway to promote our March Food & Fund Drive

As the abundance of donations from the holidays dwindle, the need in our community continues. The largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state, the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign brings together community organizations, businesses, and faith communities to help restock food shelves statewide. The more we raise, MN FoodShare provides a financial incentive.

During March, Thrift Stores customers will have the chance to support us by ‘Rounding Up’ at the register. Food shelves will be receiving food drive deliveries and if you have a chance please take a photo or two when you thank them. Direct those hosting a Food & Fund Drive to our website FamilyPathways.org to register and download materials. Please follow along on Facebook and help spread the word!

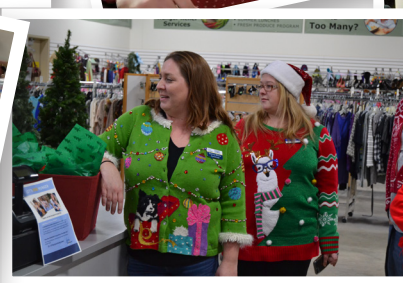
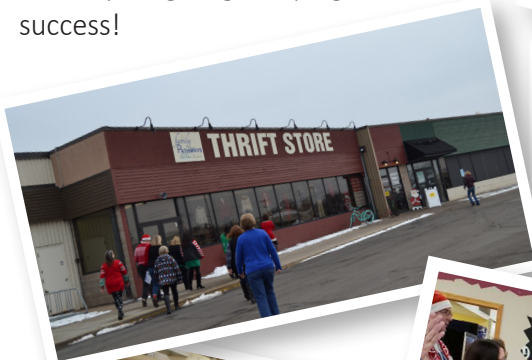


Guiding Principles in Action

Learning, laughing, being inspired

The first annual "Inspire Bus Tour" kicked off with Family Pathways leadership team donning their favorite ugly sweaters. They jumped on the Maguire Agency shuttle bus to visit each location celebrating and thanking staff and volunteers. Thrift store managers, food shelf coordinators, visitation managers, advocates, and teen center coordinators all gave insight to their daily successes and challenges. Thank you to our staff and volunteers who helped to make our By Your Side end of year giving campaign such a success!

diversity **COLLABORATION** authentic listen values ideation
COMMUNICATION empower
courage equitable teamwork
INTEGRITY reliable honesty **RESPECT** non-judgmental
perspectives **POSITIVITY** challenge community transparency values
CREATIVITY



family
PATHWAYS

End of Year Giving Campaign

By your side

40 YEARS OF BEING THERE

BY THE NUMBERS

**Thank you staff and
volunteers for your
teamwork, patience, and
spirit!**

\$272,919 raised in Nov/Dec



Over \$25K increase over 2017

1,450 donors

180 new donors gave **over \$30,000**

10 new registered food and fund drives

18,000 lbs of food donations received