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Our Mission:

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Dear Friends,

ADVOCAP is pleased to present its 2018 Annual Report to the Community. ADVOCAP works to “Create Opportunities for People and Communities to Reduce Poverty and Increase Self Sufficiency.” In the pages that follow we provide a brief summary of the opportunities that we provided for individuals in our three county area. The year 2018 was characterized by increased need, and some increased services.

Most low income people in our area are working at least one job. During 2018, like 2017 the unemployment rate remained low, while at the same time more working households were unable to make ends meet. As a result the number of households with emergency needs increase.

During 2018, both the number of people volunteering and the total volunteer hours increased in our Head Start and Volunteer Programs. The number of people having success in our PASS coaching program more than doubled this past year.

During 2019, ADVOCAP will be performing its tri-annual needs assessment and strategic planning. This is a process where we survey the community to learn of low income issues in our area that may not have been addressed. We then attempt to address those needs through partnerships and programming.

ADVOCAP is a locally controlled, private not for profit corporation that seeks solutions to poverty at the local level in Fond du Lac, Winnebago and Green Lake Counties. We work here with you and partner organizations to achieve results. Our corporate decisions are made by a local board of directors with representatives from local government, local community leaders, and low income people who live here. We are your Community Action Agency.

We are grateful to our public funders, private donors, volunteers, and collaborative partners for supporting our efforts in providing solutions to poverty. With their help, we will continue to work toward reducing poverty and increasing self-sufficiency in the future.

Sincerely, on behalf of the ADVOCAP Board of Directors and Staff,

Michael Bonertz
Executive Director

Connie Anderson
President, Board of Directors

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SAFE, DECENT, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING:
542 households obtained or maintained safe and affordable housing
206 units were fully weatherized
7 families became homeowners

IMPROVED EMPLOYMENT:
193 individuals obtained employment
19 secured employment with benefits
911 new customers assisted with employment support through job centers

EDUCATION AND TRAINING:
144 adults received GED/HSED education assistance
50 adults improved at least two grade levels in adult basic education
12 adults secured their GED/HSED certificate
182 adults received tuition assistance for post secondary education

CHILD DEVELOPMENT:
463 three and four year old children received Head Start services
74% of Head Start children met or exceeded widely held expectations in key proficiencies.

FAMILY DEVELOPMENT:
550 households received coaching, and made progress toward self-sufficiency
151 young fathers improved parenting skills

TRANSPORTATION:
24 individuals purchased or repaired a vehicle to maintain employment
154,160 rides were provided to adults and children

FOOD AND NUTRITION:
126,288 meals were provided to 1,201 older adults
2,822,336 pounds of food were provided to families through 9 food pantries
85 families planted and harvested fruit from community gardens

EMERGENCY NEEDS:
290 households received rent assistance payments to prevent eviction or obtained housing
119 households received emergency replacement furnaces or furnace repairs
83 households received emergency fuel or utility assistance to prevent disconnection

COMMUNITY:
Over 100 organizations partnered with ADVOCAP to achieve the agency’s mission

BUSINESS STARTS AND EXPANSION:
31 low income entrepreneurs started or expanded their businesses
98 full time jobs were created
53 business loans were administered

HOUSING LOANS:
7 loans were provided to rehabilitate homes in need of repair
7 loans were made for down-payment and closing costs for new home buyers

SUSTAINED HOUSING:
99 units of ADVOCAP-owned housing was sustained in our communities

NEW HOUSING DEVELOPED:
2 Fresh Start Program houses were built and sold to low income families

VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORT FOR NON-PROFITS:
901 individuals volunteered
72,645 hours of service were provided by ADVOCAP volunteers throughout our communities
43 non profit organizations assisted by ADVOCAP volunteers

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AGE GROUPS SERVED

- **32%** 0 - 17
- **7%** 18 - 23
- **22%** 24 - 44
- **7%** 45 - 54
- **31%** 55 +

**FAMILY TYPES SERVED**

- **45%** One person household
- **22%** Single parent household
- **15%** Two parent household
- **15%** Two adults with no children
- **3%** Other

**EDUCATION LEVELS SERVED**

- **67%** 8th grade or less
- **10.7%** High school graduate
- **4.3%** High school graduate/GED
- **11.8%** Two or four yr. college graduate

**7,275** Total Unduplicated Individuals Served

*According to the US Census Bureau’s 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates, 30,350 individuals live at or below 100% of poverty in ADVOCAP’s three county area.
Having affordable housing provides stability to the lives of people everywhere. It is a key element of a healthy, strong & secure community. ADVOCAP is proud to provide multiple housing programs in Fond du Lac, Green Lake and Winnebago Counties.

HOMELESS SERVICES
Homeless Services works with homeless persons in developing a plan to address their barriers in finding and keeping housing. By providing assistance and connecting them to community resources, households are able to create a positive strategy to maintain stable housing.

RENTAL PROPERTIES
Rental Properties owned by ADVOCAP are available to low and moderate income persons and families. These agency owned units are specifically to house persons coming out of homeless shelters and persons with disabilities.

HOME OWNERSHIP
Home Ownership provides opportunities for people to purchase their own home. There is a required home buyer education program that provides potential home owners instruction about how to be a successful home owner. Information about how to calculate how much they can afford to pay for a house, how to work with financial institutions and real estate agencies, and what to look for in the property itself are all part of the classes. This program may provide down payment assistance to eligible households who are able to obtain a first mortgage with a local lender.

HOME REHABILITATION
Home Rehabilitation funds help homeowners maintain their property, and retain its value. ADVOCAP works directly with the homeowners by performing an inspection, and preparing a scope of work so they know exactly what they are investing in. Although the program is not intended to remodel a home, it may be able to provide assistance with roofs, mechanicals, electrical, windows, and plumbing issues, and bring the house up to health and safety levels. The homeowner chooses from a number of local, reputable, licensed contractors to do the work on their home, and ADVOCAP provides financial assistance in the form of a 0% deferred loan.

AHEAD
The AHEAD program provides financial assistance to households who are at risk of foreclosure. It is intended to assist households who have a setback in their lives where they have been unable to pay their mortgage for a period of time due to a life situation, but are now able to move forward, but just can’t make up the amount past due. ADVOCAP is able to assist in paying mortgages, taxes, insurance and past due utilities. Providing this assistance allows households to move forward with their lives and keeps people in their homes.

FRESH START
Fresh Start works with young adults ages 18-24 in improving themselves while they build a house. The participants are provided an opportunity to identify and address their personal barriers, learn employability skills, complete their education and explore their career paths, and improve their community. They learn up-to-date construction skills including Green Building and energy saving features. The finished home is sold to an eligible low/moderate income household.

BRIDGES
Sometimes, life happens. Bridges is a financial emergency assistance program that provides direct financial assistance to pay for rent, utilities, car repairs, work related items, gas cards or bus passes. This one-time limited assistance is intended to keep households on track, and avoid crisis, and assist people in identifying additional resources that can help them become more self-sufficient.

PASS
PASS (People Achieving Self Sufficiency) is a unique opportunity for Winnebago County residents to work with a coach in assessing their identified barriers to self-sufficiency, and develop an individualized set of goals. Together, the individual and coach will set an action plan to make positive changes in their life, and connect participants with appropriate community resources that may help them make the changes they want to make. ADVOCAP is proud to be part of the hub initiative, and is a designated hub coaching site.
Businesses Development services help low to moderate income individuals become self-sufficient through self-employment. Business Development assists entrepreneurs to start or expand an existing business, buy or sell a business and obtain loans and financing. Assistance is provided to help an entrepreneur create a business plan, financial plan, fiscal management systems and access to business loans. This year ADVOCAP received a SBA PRIME Grant to add additional Business Development services in our rural areas.

In 2018, the ADVOCAP Micro Loan Programs lent $162,400 to entrepreneurs and leveraged over $700,000. ADVOCAP receives micro loan funds from the (SBA) Small Business Association and the (USDA) United States Department of Agriculture to lend to start-up businesses as well as businesses that are expanding and creating jobs. These funds have allowed us to approve over 375 Micro Loans to assist entrepreneurs. It is important to promote a healthy economy through the creation of jobs and businesses to benefit our local economy through taxes and job creation.

The average successful applicant of the Work N Wheels program:
- Is 35 yrs old & works 38 hrs a week
- 46% are from single parent households
- 33% are from 2 parent households
- 21% are single individuals
- Makes an average $750 initial investment when they purchase their vehicle in addition to full coverage insurance.

Approximately 40% of Wisconsin Residents live outside of major urban areas. For individuals who are low income job seekers and can not afford to pay high interest auto loans the options for reliable transportation are very limited or not existent.

The Work N Wheels Program helps employed, eligible individuals and families obtain a 0% interest loan to purchase or repair a vehicle for work related need when public transportation is not a viable option. The program also helps individuals drive legally by assisting to help reinstate driving privileges or car registration.

Since its inception the WNW Program has lent over $100,000,000 to support more than 443 low income individuals on the road to self-sufficiency by assisting with their transportation needs through vehicle purchases, repairing an otherwise reliable vehicle, or helping them reinstate their driving privileges.

Through vehicle purchases, the WNW Program provided 59,802 Work Rides in 2018.

"This program has helped a lot with getting my kids to their appointments and me to work. I also get to help out a couple other people by carpooling. So thankful for this program. I now can go back to school and will be carpooling as well for that.” CT

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION
Provides individualized basic skills instruction in language arts, mathematics, science and social studies and prepares students to attain a General Educational Development (GED) certificate. Additional coursework in health, civic literacy, employability skills, and career awareness is available for those seeking a High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED). Instruction is also provided for those who have completed high school and wish to further their education or pass a college entrance exam or Accuplacer test. All classes are taught using a ‘non-traditional’, user-friendly approach by ADVOCAP’s Adult Basic Education Instructor who earned a Masters Degree in this field and maintains a current Wisconsin teaching license.

JOB PLACEMENT SERVICES FOR DISABLED, HOMELESS PERSONS
Two dedicated employees work with Vocational Rehabilitation program counselors, career planners, and area employers to develop the support systems necessary for participants to obtain and maintain employment.

SKILLS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (SEP)
Helps low-wage earners who work at least 20 hours per week obtain better paying jobs that offer access to employer health care by providing short-term, demand-driven, job-focused training. SEP reduces barriers to worker education by helping to pay tuition & fees, books, transportation and child care costs related to attending classes and by providing case management, referral and other support services.
“THE GREATEST SUCCESS WE’LL KNOW, IS HELPING OTHERS SUCCEED & GROW”

JEROME was enrolled in ADVOCAP’s GED Program, Fresh Start Program, and enrolled in the Rapid Rehousing program through Homeless Services. Through hard work and dedication, he earned his GED, completed Forklift training, completed OSHA 10-hour training, moved into an apartment, and transitioned into a post-secondary education welding program at the local technical college.

LORETTA
Offering a spectrum of programs and services means we can be part of our participants’ journeys in many ways. For some, we’re there for the whole ride. A single mom of four first approached ADVOCAP for assistance back in 2001 when her family was homeless. She was directed to services that provided rental assistance and case management, as well as Head Start services for her young sons. As she connected with support groups, food commodities programs, and child care programs, she was able to find support, balance and stability in her life.

In 2013, she purchased one of the homes ADVOCAP’s Fresh Start program built. After graduating Moraine Park Technical College with a degree in Leadership Development, she set her sights on a Bachelor’s degree in Organization Communication with a minor in Business, which she will graduate with in May 2019. After 18 years of working with ADVOCAP programs, she is now helping others in the community – she volunteers and collaborates with a number of local group, such as: African American Partnership, the Women’s Fund, Boys and Girls Club, Feed 100 Families, Life Enforcement, the School Supply program, and the Associates Program for Sisters of St. Agnes. Currently, she is working with ADVOCAP’s Business Development department to launch a motivational speaking business.

LAURA
A mother of four living in a rural community was left in a lurch after her 20+ year old vehicle stopped working. Without public transportation, there were few options for her to get to and from her three jobs. With the help of the ADVOCAP Work N Wheels program, she was able to: purchase a reliable vehicle, resign from one job and increase her hours at an existing job. Now she can travel safely and has more time to spend with her sons.

JOAN
Our Home Delivered Meal program doesn’t just drop off food; the drivers also perform wellness checks. An elderly recipient of home delivered meals had fallen and was stuck against her front door. Thanks to a driver from ADVOCAP’s Food and Nutrition program calling 911, the participant was taken by ambulance to the hospital where they found she also had pneumonia. She credits him with saving her life.

BECCA
Barriers to self-sufficiency can be overwhelming when they stack up and exist concurrently. It is hard to get started when there is just so much to tackle. For a divorced, unemployed mother without reliable transportation, housing of her own, or sufficient access to medical care; even asking for assistance was difficult. She made initial calls to ADVOCAP, set up appointments and missed them. Our diligent case managers did not give up on her and, instead, figured out what small changes she could make to begin her journey. Developing strategies and goal-setting through PASS (People Achieving Self Sufficiency) Coaching at ADVOCAP made impactful change in her life – she began utilizing public transportation, applied and was hired at a job she enjoyed, and she began addressing medical issues. Throughout the duration of her participation in PASS Coaching and other programs, she: distanced herself from a controlling ex-husband, was promoted at work and is eligible for benefits; attained her driver’s license and purchased a vehicle, and; now has her own apartment. In January 2019, she graduated from the PASS Coaching program and has become truly self-sufficient.

The Senior Nutrition Program started in Winnebago County in 1974. The program’s purpose is to reduce hunger and food insecurity, promote health and socialization, offer opportunities for volunteering, eliminate isolation, and help seniors remain independent in their homes and communities with dignity. The program provides a daily nutritious meal to seniors 60 and older and some disabled persons under 60. Meals are provided at group meal sites and delivered to home-bound individuals. The home-bound also receive a safety check when the meal is delivered. There are a total of 11 Meal Sites in Winnebago County located in Menasha, Neenah, Omro, Oshkosh, Pickett, and Winneconne. Home delivered meals are delivered throughout the county. In addition, weekend meals are provided to those who need them, especially the home-bound.

Food security ensures the availability, accessibility and proper utilization of food. Food is a basic human need, yet many are undernourished. Poverty increases the risk of food insecurity, hunger and malnutrition. Hunger occurs when individuals reduce the number of meals they eat because they can’t afford food. When income is at or below the poverty level, individuals and families may need to juggle what little money they have to meet basic needs such as rent, medicine, utilities, and transportation over buying food. Good nutrition is critical in maintaining an overall physical and mental well-being for all ages. A poor diet is associated with major health risks and illness and malnutrition. Food security ensures the basic human need, yet many are utilizing food. Food is a basic human need, yet many are utilizing food. Food is a basic human need, yet many are utilizing food.

THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP)
The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a State administered Federal Program that provides commodity food on a monthly basis. This food is distributed to nine food pantries, five shelters and one feeding site in Fond du Lac, Green Lake, and Winnebago County. The community based outlets then provide the commodities along with privately donated foods to individuals and families, either for household consumption or through congregate feeding sites. This food and the meals are provided at no cost to households in need. Food is received from all food groups. ADVOCAP has assisted with this program since 1982.

COMMUNITY GARDENS
Community Gardens provide opportunities for individuals and families in the Ripon and Oshkosh area to grow their own fresh fruits and vegetables and decrease their overall household expenses. The gardeners become more self-sufficient and empowered by growing their own food. They also develop relationships with other gardeners and feel part of the community.

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**HEAD START**

Head Start is a family-focused comprehensive child development program that provides a variety of learning experiences to children from low income families, those who are homeless, or are in foster care, and children with disabilities. The primary goal of Head Start is to prepare three to five-year-old children to be successful in elementary school and in all of life’s experiences.

**CENTER LOCATIONS:**

ADVOCAP Building
19 W. First St.
Fond du Lac, WI

First Presbyterian
1225 Fourth St.
Fond du Lac, WI

Early Learning Center
923 Minnesota Ave.
North Fond du Lac, WI

Prairie View Center
922 State Hwy. 44
Markesan, WI

All Saints School
151 S. Grove St.
Berlin, WI

Barlow Park Elementary
100 Ringstad Dr.
Ripon, WI

**Comprehensive Services:**
- Quality Education
- School Readiness
- Family Development
- Disability Services
- Nutrition Services
- Health Services
- Mental Health Services
- Transportation
- School Collaborations
- Socialization Experiences

**THE HEAD START PROGRAM PRIDES ITSELF ON IT’S COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES!**

**QUALITY EDUCATION** – Children receive developmental assessments three times per year using an evidence based evaluation tool which enables our skilled professionals to accurately measure the progress each individual child has achieved. Children consistently show significant advancement in their development each year while attending the program.

**SCHOOL READINESS** - School Readiness is promoted by highly qualified and nurturing staff to low-income children in positive learning environments. The focus is on building skills along with key relationships with the children and the family that can successfully carry them on into the school setting and outward into the community.

**FAMILY DEVELOPMENT** - Head Start provides individualized Family Development Services by every family having a Family Development Specialist. These caring and knowledgeable professionals work directly with families; serving as support, providing and fostering advocacy, offering education opportunities, and resources. An important purpose of the program is to assist parents in developing and using individual strengths to accomplish personal and family goals. Head Start highlights the role of parents as their child’s first and most important teachers. Partnerships and relationships with parents are crucial. Parents of currently enrolled children represent the majority of the program’s decision making Policy Council. This group of elected parents, along with Community Representatives, approve all policy changes, funding applications, hiring staff and guide the direction of the Head Start program along with ADVOCAP’s Board of Directors.

**NUTRITION** – During the day each child will be offered breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. This also includes nutrition and cooking activities in the classroom, provide nutrition assessment, counseling, and information to staff and families. Head Start participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), a federal program that provides healthy meals and snacks. We have talented and friendly cooks that make the nutritious foods taste delicious! Nutrition Services Fun family activities teach families how to make healthy foods taste great at home! Good health is an essential part of each child’s development.

**HEALTH & DISABILITY** - Each child has their Vision and Hearing screened and has the opportunity to receive Dental vanshires through the generous Save-a-Smile Program. Our Nurse and Health Assistant track each child’s health to ensure Head Start coordinates a comprehensive Health Services program that emphasizes preventative health and well child care and assistance.

**DISABILITY SERVICES** - Head Start works with local School Districts to provide Disability Services to eligible children. Program professionals support and monitor children who have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) with the District, make referrals based on assessments, and give parent referrals to parents with concerns as well as receive support in our classrooms to set children up for maximum progress and success! Children with special needs are integrated into typical daily programming as trained staff collaborate with service providers and support other staff in being knowledgeable about working with children that have disabilities and/or differences.

**MENTAL HEALTH** – Mental Health Services are provided in the nurturing and supportive environment of Head Start by licensed and practiced professionals. The goal is to help each child be successful and promote positive self-esteem. Parents have the opportunity to learn more about specific strategies to help their children and how they interact with their environments. Families are also welcome to meet individually with a mental health consultant to discuss concerns.

**TRANSPORTATION** – Transportation Services are provided to many of our children depending on where they live in our service area. ADVOCAP itself provides some of the transportation services directly and we also contract with other highly respected Transportation Service Providers in our local areas. Making sure children benefit from our services is crucial to us and we want to make sure it is done in a very safe manner!

**SOCIALIZATION EXPERIENCES** – Head Start arranges fun opportunities for children AND families to socialize with others, problem solve, strengthen overall development and knowledge, meet and connect with each other, and participate in a variety of activities that helps them become capable, self-confident participants and leaders. We are also here to HAVE FUN!

**SCHOOL DISTRICT COLLABORATIONS** - ADVOCAP’s Head Start Program is supplemented by valuable School District Collaborations as it serves 13 school districts and directly collaborates 4-year-old Kindergarten (4K) programming with four districts (Berlin, Fond du Lac, North Fond du Lac, and Ripon). These direct collaborations are essential to our children, families, and community!
VOLUNTEER SERVICES

ADVOCAP VOLUNTEERS SUPPORT OLDER ADULTS

As people age, they face many significant life changes. They often experience health problems, financial problems, loneliness & isolation, reduced sense of purpose and the death of friends and family. Independence gives seniors a sense of control and comfort in a life filled with uncontrollable changes. ADVOCAP Senior Friends and Transportation Programs, supported by RSVP, helps seniors maintain their independence.

Volunteers provide companionship visits to local seniors. ADVOCAP Senior Friends program is designed to provide one to one supportive services to individuals over age 60 on a weekly basis. This includes emotional support, companionship and community awareness in an effort to achieve and maintain their highest quality of life and level of independent living. Activities vary and are determined by the volunteer and participant. This is not a care giving role, but an opportunity for companionship and socialization. People who are currently volunteering with Senior Friends find the experience as beneficial to them as it is to the participants they visit.

Volunteers provide rides to seniors. Elderly individuals in Winnebago County participated in a transportation assessment and identified the barriers that stop them from using current transportation options. Long wait times, transit stops not located at desired location, programs that limit the number of trips that can be taken each month, and limited number of providers were the top barriers identified. (2014 -2018 Winnebago County Human Services Public Transportation Plan; Dec 2013) Transportation volunteer drivers provide rides to any adult over age 65 who qualifies through the Winnebago Co Aging and Disability Resource Center. Our drivers take participants to places like the grocery store and the pharmacy. They also take older adults out to eat or to the movies. Our goal is to increase the quality of life of the older adults in our community.

ADVOCAP VOLUNTEERS SUPPORT AREA STUDENTS

There is a need in our service area for public school students to receive tutoring services within a school setting due to the increasing number of students who are considered at risk because of poverty.

To assist students in need, RSVP & Foster Grandparent volunteers serve as tutors in Fond du Lac, Winnebago, and Green Lake Counties. Volunteer tutors provide individualized attention, unhurried help, consistent support and the opportunity for inter-generational connection. Activities of a tutor could include: reading, playing games, acting as a role model, listening and talking, or assisting a child with meals or snack. From kindergarten through high school, our tutor volunteers fill a very important role in the schools.

Right: RSVP Volunteer Rose reads with Rowlyn at Head Start.

VOLUNTEERS SUPPORT FAMILIES

Volunteers help families to increase food security. Poverty puts households at a higher risk for not being able to meet their nutritional needs than those who do not live in poverty. Hunger may cause difficulties in both children and adults with physical and mental health as well as problems with behavior and social activities.

RSVP volunteers assist area pantry items and serving meals.

Volunteers help families meet their housing needs. The high percentage of people paying more than 30% of their income on housing costs in our service area demonstrates a need for simple, decent and affordable housing. Lack of affordable housing can prevent families from meeting other basic needs including health and nutrition.

RSVP volunteers serve at local Habitat for Humanity projects, building homes for low income families and supporting local Re-Stores.

Volunteers help bring families together. Creating a bridge between children and their birth parents is vital. Winnebago County staff, children in foster care and their families depend on ADVOCAP Transportation volunteer drivers to provide rides to and from parental visitations and counseling sessions.

“ I am a veteran of Vietnam and enjoy helping my fellow veterans with their physical wellness by taking them to appointments.”
- RSVP Volunteer Driver for FDL Veterans Services

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

ADVOCAP Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) offers a non-taxable hourly stipend, paid holiday, sick, and vacation hours to income eligible volunteers age 55 and over who commit to serving 15 hours a week in area schools & Head Start centers in Fond du Lac, Green Lake & Winnebago Counties. Volunteers work one on one with children who have identified educational or social needs.

ADVOCAP Transportation Program volunteers provide transportation for those in need to scheduled appointments (medical, nutritional, court, agency, etc) as requested by the Department of Human Services (DHS) in Winnebago County.

ADVOCAP’s Senior Friends Program volunteers provide friendship, companionship, and support to older persons living in Winnebago County.
WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Weatherization Assistance Program continues to enable low income families to permanently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy-efficient. ADVOCAP accomplishes this by eliminating air leakage, adding insulation, replacing outdated appliances, and using many other innovative strategies in the homes of those we serve. On average, weatherization lowers household energy bills by $580 a year which represents substantial savings for low income families who spend an average of 14% of their income on energy. Over the entire lifespan of our investment into these homes we can expect each household to save at least $10,000 in utility costs.

HOME ENERGY PLUS FURNACE PROGRAM

The Home Energy Plus Furnace Program is a year-round program that provides assistance to low income homeowners when the primary heating system is inoperable or becomes unsafe. This program reduces cases of homelessness and the demand for transitional housing during emergency situations. ADVOCAP partners with Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program providers and local heating contractors to ensure furnaces are repaired or replaced within 72 hours.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

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The benefits of home energy conservation are both immediate and long-lasting: housing made more affordable and more comfortable, the reduction of our carbon footprint, improving America’s energy security, and the creation of sustainable skilled jobs that can not be outsourced.

By reducing utility costs and providing emergency heating assistance for households that are struggling to afford other necessities the Weatherization Assistance Program and the Home Energy Plus Furnace Program reduce some of the systemic causes of poverty and permanently increase self-sufficiency.

“I am so grateful for all the work this program did! All the workers/staff were very professional. A fantastic program!” - Carolyn

“I was totally surprised and overwhelmed at what ADVOCAP did for me. I was given explanation to what they did, was treated courteously and felt I could trust them every step of the way” - Jeff

“I could not be happier with the work done! Thank you so much for all the work accomplished. Incredible job!” - Rita

ADVOCAP staff member insulating the attic of a home.

A newly installed furnace that will provide dependable heat for a household that experienced an emergency situation last winter.

Infrared technology allows weatherization professionals to examine insulation in exterior walls.
INVESTING IN OPPORTUNITY

Investors & Donors for 2018
Mr. Darrell and Mrs. Lisette Aldrich
Amazon Smile
Berlin Area School District
Berlin Senior Village
Mr. Tony and Mrs. Barb Beregszazi
Mr. Michael Bonertz
Boundry Dental
Century Tel, Inc.
CESA 6
Charity Club, Inc.
City of Appleton
City of Fond du Lac
City of Neenah
City of Oshkosh
First Congregational Church
Focus on Energy
Fond du Lac County
Fond du Lac County Dept. of Com. Programs
Fond du Lac County Dept. of Social Services
Fond du Lac County Housing Authority
Fond du Lac Morning Rotary
Fond du Lac School District
Forward Services Corporation
Fox Valley Workforce Development Board, Inc.
Green Bay Packer Foundation
Green Lake County
Green Lake Cnty/Ripon Community Foundation
Holy Family Congregation
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