



# ADVOCAP Opportunity Center

Fostering Pathways Out of Poverty

## A lifeline for Fond du Lac's most vulnerable

ADVOCAP's Opportunity Center is **a safe and welcoming space** for low-income individuals to access a wide array of support services. Whether someone needs **help navigating complex systems**, accessing basic necessities, or simply finding a safe place to spend the day, **the Center is there to provide assistance**.

Through a comprehensive intake process, ADVOCAP **staff assess an individual's needs** and connect them with relevant organizations and resources. Staff help to **break down barriers** finding long-term, holistic solutions and **pathways out of poverty**.

**300+**

people assisted since opening

**30+**

individuals accessing the Center per day

**5**

services provided per person, on average

*The Center currently offers support in these areas:*

### Basic needs

Connection to FoodShare, medical insurance, P.O. boxes, cell phone and email registration.

### Shelter assistance

Help finding temporary shelter, particularly for those who cannot sleep on public property without facing legal consequences.

### Employment support

Support with resumes, job search, interview scheduling and preparation.

### Mental health and wellness

Connection to specialized services addressing challenges such as substance use disorders, trauma, and mental health needs.

## Supporting the Opportunity Center

The Opportunity Center's transformative work has been fueled by the generosity of private donors, but the growing demand requires additional support to sustain its efforts. There are many ways you can help:

1. **Donate essential items:** Consider organizing a drive for items on the Opportunity Center needs list, or dropping off items from this list at ADVOCAP: 19 W 1st Street, Fond du Lac.
2. **Financial contributions:** Monetary donations and gift cards (Walmart, Amazon) enable the Center to address immediate, personalized needs of individuals including clothing and personal care items.
3. **Donate meals:** The Center provides food for breakfast and lunch for those in the Center. Work at a local restaurant? Join our restaurant partner program to provide one meal per month.
4. **Volunteer your time/skills:** ADVOCAP welcomes individuals or groups who can lend their time to support operations at the Center, or skills that benefit our participants.
5. **Spread the word:** Share ADVOCAP's mission to encourage community-wide support.

## Center contact & hours

19 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Fond du Lac, WI

*(Center entrance in back of building)*

**Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Closed on Fridays and weekends**

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