THE CONNECT CENTER

Resources for living. Connections for life.

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GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR



Amidst these uncertain times, people are learning that Minnesotans are passionate and truly care about their neighbors and their communities. The brave words and actions that so many of us are showing the world remind me of why our mission statement at The Connect Center is what it is. We believe in “a community that knows we are connected” which is the Native American phrase “Mitakuye Oyasin” from the Lakota people.

When we live in a way that reflects that “we know we are all connected”, we are kind to our neighbors, we help our neighbors, and we promote justice for all. We do our part in taking care of Mother Earth and all who need our help. It’s important that we think about what we can do. Small, large, and brave acts of care and kindness are all needed.

Little act of kindness, words of encouragement and hope can have an incredibly huge impact. Let’s all choose and commit to something we can do for others in our community today, tomorrow and going forward because, truly, “we are all connected” on this beautiful planet that we call Earth.

Become a volunteer at The Connect Center, donate funds to help us serve our clients, let others know of our services. Thank you for what you are already doing and for the new ways that you are thinking about to connect with your neighbors.

Warmly, Cindy Parsons







VOLUNTEER TO BECOME A COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR

As a Community Ambassador for The Connect Center you will share our mission in the community, raise awareness about our work, and invite others to get involved through volunteering and support. It’s a meaningful way to champion The Connect Center and inspire others to make a difference.

Interested in becoming a Community Ambassador?
Contact us to learn more and get started.

Thank You Stillwater Elks Lodge #179!



We are incredibly grateful to the Stillwater Elks Lodge #179 for their generous donation of gift cards, snacks, and essential supplies for the clients at The Connect Center.

Partnerships like this remind us that community care is strongest when we work together. The Stillwater Elks Lodge continues to demonstrate their commitment to serving others, and we are honored to be a recipient of their generosity.

On behalf of our staff, volunteers, and clients—thank you, Stillwater Elks Lodge #179, for helping us connect our community to hope and support.

AmeriCorps

As an organizational partner, AmeriCorps places a Housing Resource Navigator with Minnesota nonprofits working to address homelessness and improve access to resources.

We're pleased to share that Elle Kelbrants is serving as the AmeriCorps Housing Navigator at The Connect Center. In this six-month role, Elle provides housing resource navigation, builds trusting relationships with participants, and supports individuals in reaching their short- and long-term goals. Through hands-on training with AmeriCorps and community partners, she is gaining skills in motivational interviewing, resource navigation, data entry, and more.





Learn more about the program at www.ampact.us/heading-home.

Donations Needed!

The Connect Center is currently in need of laundry soap, dish soap, and full-size shampoo and body wash.

Donations of these everyday essentials make a big impact for those we serve.



CLIENT HIGHLIGHT

A thank you from a former client, "Just wanted to let you know that I have a really good job at Texas Roadhouse currently here in North Dakota and I'm gonna be buying my first apartment on the first of next month. Thanks for everything you helped with."

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