

MISSION STATEMENT:

*“Historic Backus Community Center,
the heart of International Falls,
where all generations celebrate arts, culture,
recreation, wellness and life-long learning”*



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

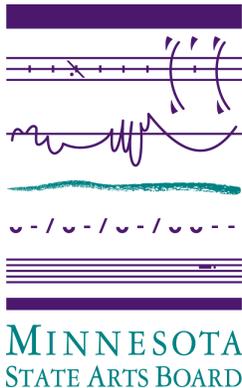
Annual Meeting
Thursday, February 09, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Backus Community Center



Lois Lundin, Executive Director
Hoa Sobczynski, Business Manager

Lenard Bobst, Cook
Brenda Bounds , Event Staff
Carly Carlson, Cook
Alyssa Crawford, Office Assistant
Joe Kenny, Janitor
Darcy Sullivan, KCC-TV Program Coordinator
June Wilson, Event Staff
Rebecca Wright, Cook

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A number of Backus projects have been supported through Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund

Activities made possible in part by a grant provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board, through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature from the Minnesota arts and cultural heritage fund with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.



Annual Meeting Agenda

February 09, 2023

6:00 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Introduction of Board Members and CBAB Members
3. Approve minutes from 2021 Annual Meeting (pages 4-5)
4. Nomination and election of new Board Members (page 6)
5. Review/discussion of Director/Treasurer/Committee reports:
 - a. AB Project Update (page 7)
 - b. Executive Director (pages 8-9)
 - c. Finance/Treasurer (pages 10-15)
 - d. Building Use by Numbers (pages 16-17)
 - e. Backus Volunteers (pages 18-19)
 - f. Endowment Fund (page 20)
 - g. Operations Committee (page 21)
 - h. Arts & Programming (pages 22-23)
 - i. Backus Programs (pages 24-25)
 - j. Ruby's Pop-Up Pantry (page 26)
 - k. Backus Community Café (page 26)
 - l. Summer Food Service Program (pages 27)
 - m. Food Service at a glance (page 27)
 - n. Donations to food programs (Pages 28-29)
 - o. Membership (pages 30-31)
 - p. Contributions & Donations (pages 32-33)
 - q. Seat Sponsorships (pages 34-35)
7. Old Business
 - AB Project
8. New Business
9. Adjourn

Annual Meeting Minutes

Citizens For Backus/AB Annual Meeting - February 17, 2022 Minutes

Present in Person: Patti Ballan, Julie Bartkowski, Alan Burtchell, Tim Fairchild, Alan Johnson, Peggy Kelly, Sherrie Lessard, Greg Lundin, Tracy Lunser, Jim Lyman, Bob Marquardt, Isaac Meyer, Terry Schulz, Tom Smith, and Ivan & Marcia Stewart.

Present via Zoom: Donna Frederickson, Marit Lee Kucera

Staff: Alyssa Crawford, Mitch Erickson, Mikayla Klassy-Porter, Lois Lundin, and Hoa Sobczynski

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Bob Marquardt, President.
2. Bob introduced members of Board of Directors and Citizens for Backus/AB Members at large.
3. Bob introduced Lois Lundin, Executive Director. Lois introduced Backus staff: Alyssa Crawford as Office Assistant, Mikayla as Event Coordinator, and Hoa Sobczynski as Business Manager.
4. Motion to approve 2021 Annual meeting minutes by Gail Rognerud second by Patti Ballan. Motion carried.
5. Nomination and election of new Board Members Patti Ballan (incumbent), Julie Bartkowski (incumbent) and Gail Rognerud (incumbent) are presented for election to the Citizens for Backus/AB Board of Directors for a three-year term (2022-2025). Motion by Tim Fairchild; second by Sherrie Lessard. Motion carried.
6. Review/discussion of Director/Treasurer/Committee reports:
 - a. AB Project Update: Lois Lundin: Reviewed press release for the project.
 - b. Executive Director: Lois Lundin: Reviewed the highlights of the year. Report reviewed as submitted.
 - c. Finance/Treasurer: Patti Ballan: Highlighted the grants received in the year due to the hard work of staff. The City and County provided great support to Backus in 2021. The Backus membership goal for 2021 was exceeded by almost \$5,000.
 - d. Building Use by Numbers: Lois Lundin: The display of flags were donated by Fred Napper and will be a permanent display at Backus for all visitors to enjoy. There has been a recorded number of over 19,000 people walking through the doors of Backus.
 - e. Volunteers at Backus: Lois Lundin: Backus is fortunate to have a solid foundation of volunteers. Report reviewed as submitted.
 - f. Operations: Patti Ballan: The biggest upcoming project for the Operations Committee is the Boiler Project. There is one central heating system for both buildings and that will need to be separated for the AB Project. Report reviewed as submitted.
 - g. Endowment Fund: Bob Marquardt: The Endowment Fund is setting Backus up for long term financial stability and sustainability. The Endowment Committee is planning to kick off a campaign for the three-year goal of raising \$1 million funds. Please contact Lois Lundin if you have questions or would like to be involved in this committee.
 - h. Building & Grounds: Lois Lundin: Due to the approval of the AB Project, Backus is working on cleaning out the first floor of AB and organizing storage. Report reviewed as submitted.
 - i. Arts & Programming: Lois Lundin: In 2021, Backus has had a variety of activities involving art work, digital media, music and theater. 2021-2022 performing arts serices will wrap up with PARADIGM and the Shane Martin Band.
 - j. Events Coordinator: Lois Lundin: This position has a variety of responsibilities related to events and Backus is excited to have Mikayla on board in this position!

Annual Meeting Minutes (continued)

- k. Borealis Bards: Lois Lundin: Charlotte's Web will begin auditions this spring for a May 2022 performance. Fall 2022 performance will be Peter Pan, directed by Tim Weaver.
- l. KCC-TV Program: Lois Lundin: This program is a great outreach to increase exposure and information about what is available at Backus. Program director Darcy Sullivan is busy covering events all over the community to share in people's home and on the internet. KCC-TV has also helped film and edit programs of local artists for the Hidden Talents project.
- m. Ruby's Pantry: Lois Lundin: Ruby's Pantry overall had a strong attendance and participation. After November 2021 with some decline in numbers, Ruby's Pantry was put on pause to re-structure leadership and processes. Ruby's Pantry will resume in March 2022 at Backus.
- n. Community Cafe: Lois Lundin: Community Cafe has worked to meet a variety of needs in the community that go above and beyond hunger. Meals have been provided in pick up/take out format and this has seen an increase in number of meals provided to a total of over 25,000 meals over the year.
- o. Summer Food Service Program: Lois Lundin: Almost 10,000 meals were provided to children and their family members in a pick up/take out format in 2021. The take out format has been very successful and families report preferring to take the meals to-go to enjoy at home. Taco in a bag continues to be the crowd favorite.
- p. 2021-2022 Performing Arts Series Sponsors: Report submitted.
- q. Membership: Lois Lundin: Membership continues to grow for both Backus and KCC-TV. The support that the community shows to Backus in the form of membership is appreciated.
- r. Contributions & Donations: Lois Lundin: Donations and contributions come in in a variety of forms every day.
- s. Seat Sponsorships: Lois Lundin: Seat sponsorships continue to be used to memorialize loved ones.

Motion by Julie Bartkowski to approve all reports, second by Tracy Lunser. Motion carried.

- 7. Old Business: No old business presented.
- 8. New Business: AB Project: Isaac Meyer/KOOTASCA: Isaac discussed the AB Project and how it is exciting to see AB start its next chapter with the approval of this project. KOOTASCA Community Action and Trellis are working towards the conversion of AB into much needed housing as it has been over 35 years since the last new multi family housing has been built in this county. Construction on this project is hoping to start by end of 3rd quarter on 2022, however this is a fluid process with a lot of factors to consider.
- 9. Door Prizes:
 - Pair of season tickets for 2022-2023 - Alan Burchell and Terry Schulz
 - Tickets for PARADIGM - Peggy Kelly
 - Tickets for Shane Martin Band - Alan Johnson
- 10. Adjourn: Motion by Patti Ballan, second by Julie Bartkowski to adjourn at 6:52 pm. Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Tracy Lunser

Nominating Committee

2022 Board of Directors	Term Expires
Kay Arnold	Emeritus
Patti Ballan, Secretary	2025
Julie Bartkowski	2025
Molly Bragg, Vice President (Emeritus 12/31/2022)	2024
Steve Costley, Vice President 1/1/23	2026
Tim Fairchild	2023
Donna Frederickson	2024
Sherrie Lessard	2023
Tracy Lunser, President	2024
Jim Lyman	2024
Robert Marquardt (resigned in June)	2023
Gail Rognerud	2025
Tom Smith , Treasurer	2023
Mike Williams	2024

Board of Directors The following nominees are presented for election to the Citizens For Backus/AB Board of Directors for a three-year term

Tim Fairchild	(Term: 2023 - 2026)	Incumbent
Tom Smith	(Term: 2023 - 2026)	Incumbent
Sue Nordquist	(Term: 2023 - 2026)	
Nomination from the floor	(Term: 2023 - 2026)	_____

Bylaws Citizens for Backus/AB Bylaws Sections

Article IV, Section 4.1 Board Role, Size and Compensation:

The Board is responsible for overall policy and direction of Citizens for Backus/AB, Inc. The Board shall have up to 15 and not fewer than 11 members. No Director may receive compensation for his or her service as Director. However, nothing contained shall be construed to preclude any Director from serving the corporation in any other capacity, or receiving reasonable compensation therefore.

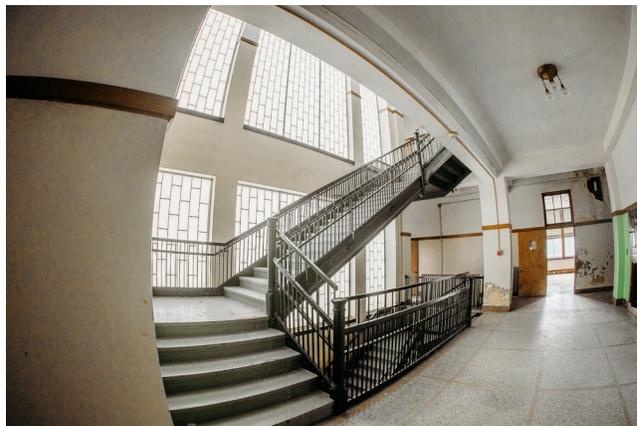
Article IV, Section 4.3 Board Elections:

Election of new directors or re-election of current directors to a second or third term will occur as the first item of business at the annual meeting of the corporation. Directors will be nominated by a majority vote of the current Board of Directors. Directors may also be nominated from the floor at the annual meeting.

Article IV, Section 4.5 Terms:

All Board members shall serve three-year term, and are eligible for re-election. The initial Board of the corporation will have staggering numbers of terms to prevent an entire turnover of the board at one time.

Alexander Baker School Update



Citizens for Backus/AB, KOOTASCA Community Action and Trellis Co. staff have been hard at work over the last year pursuing the adaptive reuse and revitalization of the Alexander Baker School. The project is on track to begin construction this spring/summer, and some of the project's many milestones over the last year are below.

To ensure the building's historic character is preserved Part 1 and Part 2 applications have been submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service for the Alexander Baker Building's historic renovation. Unfortunately, the 2022 MN Legislature's end of session gridlock, which saw many omnibus budget and tax bills fail to receive a vote, including an extension of the State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit, delayed the project from its intended Winter 2022 construction start by creating a financing gap. However, the project has since filled this gap with an award of additional housing tax credits from Minnesota Housing.

A new plat subdividing the property along the shared wall of the buildings has been approved by the City of International Falls. This is necessary for the eventual sale of the property to the Developers, KOOTASCA and Trellis, and for the creation of a Housing TIF district by the City of International Falls, which the City Council has approved a Development Agreement for.

To ensure good environmental practices and health, Phase 1 and 2 Environmental Assessments and lead and asbestos risk assessment/inspections have been completed as well as a Part 58 Environmental Review with the Koochiching County HRA and St. Louis County Planning. Plans to remediate environmental risks from lead, asbestos, underground storage tanks and radon have been created to remediate the building's environmental issues and ensure healthy living conditions.

The Alexander Baker Building and portions of the Backus building were LIDAR scanned and 3D modeled to provide accurate information for the project architects and engineers to plan the rehabilitation of the building and create construction documents. Excitingly, with a spring/summer construction start in sight, the project has recently gone out to contractors for bid. Anticipating a 12-18 month construction period, we hope to see the building begin a new life on its 111th year as a fixture in the landscape of our community.

Submitted by Isaac Meyer, Housing Development Director

KOOTASCA Community Action

Executive Director's Report

2022 was a year of learning and growth for Backus. Please review the highlights, below:

Quarter One:

- Rainy Lake Community Orchestra officially became a part of the Backus Music Program.
- Backus purchased a 24' enclosed trailer for IFalls Ruby's Pantry for external storage for supplies and equipment. IFRP to reimburse Backus in full.
- Doors installed and construction completed in Room 304. This will be the space where music lessons will be taught.
- Staircase wall sheeting project was completed. This was done to protect the crumbling plaster and prevent further damage to the walls.
- Grant application submitted by Steve Crosby to Cenex Corporation for \$25,000 for Community Café.

Quarter Two:

- All fire safety equipment, kitchen, and general building inspections completed on schedule.
- Environmental studies conducted in the AB building for radon, asbestos, and lead.
- Community Café distribution guidelines implemented to help ensure sustainability of the program. One meal per person served. Carry-out service will continue.
- West Bend Insurance conducted a full building inspection and noted only that the kitchen exhaust fan should be scheduled for cleaning.
- The new AmericInn rented storage space for inventory items for the new hotel (televisions, refrigerators, microwaves, bedding, etc.).
- The Red Cross had a strong presence in the Backus building providing temporary evacuation services and emergency shelter. The Red Cross was stationed in Backus and provided a variety of emergency services to people affected by the 2022 Rainy Lake flood.
- Backus staff volunteered regularly to fill sandbags and to help local families.
- Summer Food Program began in June. Attendance was lower due to program change requirements from MN Department of Education (dine-in only).

Quarter Three:

- Backus made an agreement with the AB Partnership to heat the Backus building with the old boiler system for the 2022/2023 heating season.
- Building painting was completed in room 101, the former art room, west entrance hallway.

Executive Director's Report (continued)

Quarter Three, continued

- Music lessons began. Ukulele and guitar, strings for youth.
- Local bridge clubs continue to meet at Backus to play.
- The newsletter became a one sheet, monthly publication.
- The auditorium floor was waxed.

Quarter Four:

- Painting completed on west side of building. Exterior door and large wooden panels on exterior of the building painted dark brown. East door also painted.
- The railing above the alcove window well was replaced .
- Backus partnered with AEOA to distribute shelf stable meal packages and frozen dinners to Community Café recipients.
- A Community Theater script reading of “It’s a Wonderful Life” was a tremendous success.
- New boilers arrived on Wednesday, November 30.
- Backus actively volunteered at the Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner and at the Community Christmas Parade.
- The Community Christmas Day Dinner was held and all donations were given to Backus Community Center.

Over the course of the year, the Backus team and the Alexander Baker Partnership continued with preparations for the anticipated sale and development of the Alexander Baker building. There were many environmental and structural studies conducted in the AB building. Easement requirements for shared access between the Backus and AB buildings were discussed and agreed upon. Projects for both entities that involve asbestos removal and electric transformer work that could be managed by a common provider were discussed and noted. Backus leaders continue to be involved in bi-weekly phone calls with the AB partnership to discuss necessary subjects and planning. All parties look forward to closing with great optimism.

2022 brought new tenants to the Backus building. Rainy River Rugrats day care, the Oberholtzer Foundation, the Koochiching County Veterans are all at home at Backus. Backus continues to serve and have a strong presence in our community through its programs (music, theater, and broadcast) and food services (Community Café and Summer Food). Backus is also a popular venue for community events, banquets, and meetings. Our catering service is a positive offering for customers.

Submitted by Lois Lundin, Executive Director

Treasurer's Report

Operating Income/Expense

2022 Income \$735, 698 109% Compared to Budget

2022 Expense 717,487 95% Compared to Budget

2022 Net \$ 18,211

In 2022 Citizens for Backus/AB has Received:

Government Support:

- \$40,000 City of International Falls for Arts & Culture
- \$13,000 City of International Falls for Koochiching County Community Television
- \$31,000 Koochiching County for General Operating and Community Cafe
- \$ 5,000 Koochiching County for Koochiching County Community Television
- \$ 1,000 City of Ranier for Koochiching County Community Television

Grants

- \$25,000 Minnesota State Arts Board - Creative Arts - Music Program
- \$25,000 Cenex - Hometown Pride - Community Cafe
- \$10,000 Northland Foundation - Doors / FOB project
- \$ 7,500 Arrowhead Regional Arts Council - General Operating
- \$ 7,500 United Way of Northeastern MN - Community Cafe
- \$ 5,000 Marshall Knudson Family Community Fund - Summer Arts
- \$ 5,000 Marshall Knudson Family Community Fund - RLCO String Camp
- \$ 5,000 Arrowhead Regional Arts Council - RLCO String Camp
- \$ 5,000 Arrowhead Regional Arts Council - Peter Pan, Borealis Bards Production
- \$ 1,099 Diocese of Duluth - Community Cafe

Tom Smith, Treasurer

Hoa Sobczynski, Business Manager

Treasurer's Report (continued)

Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2022

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash	\$	426,242
Account Receivable		15,951
Defer Income		(37,606)
Petty Cash		61
Prepaid Bills		4,944
Inventory Asset		1,705
Endowment Fund		(150,199)
Endowment Fund - CD		145,000
RLCO CD		40,000
Other Current Assets		3,864
Total Current Assets	\$	<u>449,962</u>

Property and Equipment (at Cost)

Buildings	\$	840,101
Furniture & Equipment		234,016
Kitchen Equipment		216,140
Enclosed Trailer		9,500
Accumulated Depreciation		<u>(563,579)</u>
Total Property and Equipment (at Depreciation Cost)	\$	<u>736,177</u>

TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 1,186,140

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$	220,209
Credit Cards		1,113
Grants/Restricted Funds		68,402
Other Current Liabilities		4,439
Long Term Liabilities		<u>351,777</u>
Total Liabilities	\$	<u>645,941</u>

Equity

Retained Earnings	\$	524,325
Net Income		<u>15,874</u>
Total Equity	\$	<u>540,198</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

\$ 1,186,140

Statement of Activities

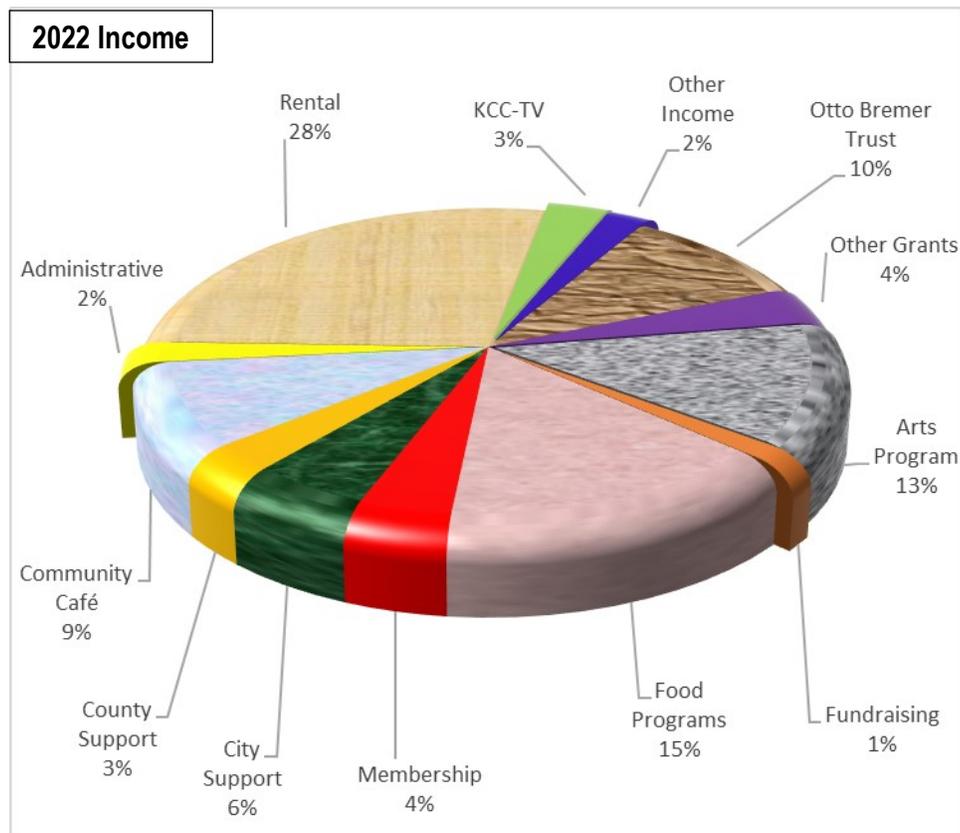
	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Actual	2020 Actual	2019 Actual
Income:					
Performance Arts Income	\$ 17,000	\$ 31,426	\$ 25,646	\$ 19,791	\$ 28,065
Program Income	22,500	61,001	13,031	717	20,286
Fundraising Income	12,450	10,217	12,671	11,722	17,596
Administrative Income	8,000	15,381	9,541	3,835	2,868
Cap. Improvement Income	10,000	4,825	9,334	49,521	76,653
Membership	35,000	31,467	39,644	39,828	38,014
City Support	40,000	40,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
County Support	23,000	22,000	22,000	39,500	21,300
Contributions	500	5,705	887	6,141	12,992
Miscellaneous Income	1,300	1,891	2,064	3,780	4,144
Community Café	114,250	66,594	112,061	74,869	19,616
Activity Income	5,500	4,369	4,269	5,750	6,191
Rental Income	171,926	202,157	175,004	171,587	179,616
KCCTV Income	34,000	24,195	29,570	28,640	-
Kitchen Income	6,000	29,446	12,115	25,358	14,274
Ruby's Pantry Income	74,300	59,858	40,865	55,052	66,268
Summer Food Service Program	54,750	22,664	64,244	47,865	22,059
Bremer Trust - Gen. Op.	102,000	75,000	62,500	14,300	71,498
Other Grants - Gen. Op.	45,000	27,500	102,630	39,065	20,000
Total Income	\$ 777,476	\$ 735,698	\$ 793,076	\$ 692,322	\$ 676,440

Statement of Activities

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Actual	2020 Actual	2019 Actual
Expense:					
Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,463	\$ 827	\$ 1,952	\$ 4,418
4-H Expense	-	-	10,000	-	-
Custodial Supplies	5,000	4,913	4,493	2,464	3,679
Real Estate Tax	1,200	1,362	1,172	1,152	1,198
Interest Expense-loans	19,000	17,560	18,847	20,310	21,552
Insurance	19,987	18,098	18,405	21,802	20,898
Office Expense	9,650	7,736	9,055	7,479	10,075
Postage	2,800	2,623	2,174	2,092	1,825
Printing & Copies	5,500	4,055	4,684	4,900	6,369
Repairs & Maintenance	26,750	20,020	23,282	12,233	17,510
Salaries/Wages/Benefits	224,589	168,191	171,384	191,114	154,492
Utilities	73,500	81,145	59,714	58,590	65,110
Performing Arts Expense	17,000	30,285	19,447	14,908	18,738
Program Expense	20,000	41,348	3,769	2,367	18,911
Fundraising Expense	6,355	2,222	3,953	4,878	6,689
Administrative Expense	10,212	9,263	6,454	5,481	4,003
Capital Improvement	10,000	15,100	9,334	77,876	64,419
Membership Expense	1,000	924	849	1,134	1,290
Community Café Expense	114,241	82,389	111,387	74,922	27,214
Activity Expense	5,000	2,226	3,485	3,398	2,788
Rental Expense	8,350	6,349	6,019	6,303	5,520
KCC-TV Expense	33,838	27,976	27,530	15,999	-
Kitchen Expense	5,350	25,212	12,732	23,538	15,942
Ruby's Pantry Expense	74,275	53,643	40,762	52,698	63,793
SFSP	54,750	28,552	39,027	36,738	26,366
Total Expenses	\$ 749,347	\$ 654,655	\$ 608,784	\$ 644,327	\$ 562,796
Sub Net (Loss)	\$ 28,129	\$ 81,043	\$ 184,292	\$ 47,995	\$ 113,644
Depreciation Expense	-	63,000	54,513	41,000	55,516
Principal Payment on Loans	28,129	31,251	29,742	28,385	29,661
Net/(Loss)	\$ -	\$ (13,208)	\$ 100,037	\$ (21,391)	\$ 28,466

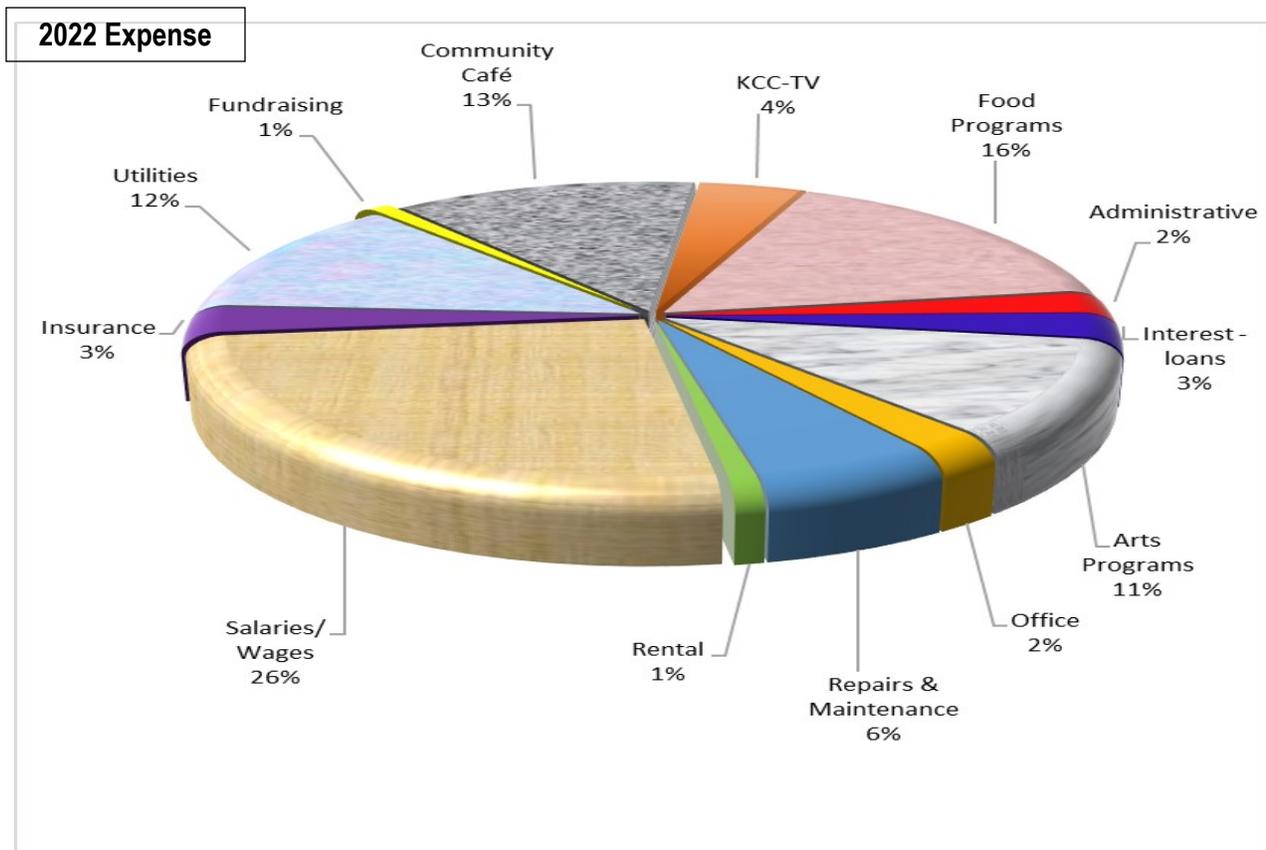
General Operating Income

	2022 Actual	% Compared to Total
Income:		
Arts Program	\$ 92,428	13%
Fundraising	10,217	1%
Food Programs	111,969	15%
Membership	31,467	4%
City Support	40,000	5%
County Support	22,000	3%
Community Café	66,594	9%
Administrative	15,381	2%
Rental	202,157	27%
KCC-TV	24,195	3%
Other Income	16,790	2%
Otto Bremer Trust	75,000	10%
Other Grants	27,500	4%
Total Income	\$ 735,698	

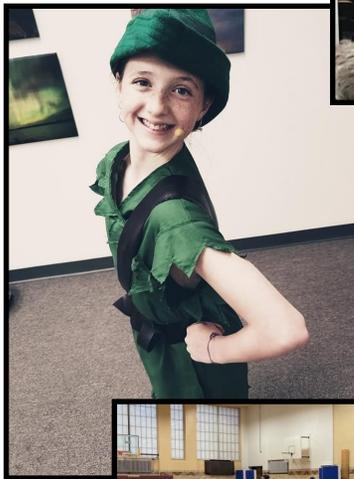


General Operating Expense

Expense:	2022 Actual	% Compared to Total
Administrative	\$ 14,172	2%
Interest - loans	17,560	3%
Arts Programs	71,633	11%
Office	14,018	2%
Repairs & Maintenance	40,033	6%
Rental	6,349	1%
Salaries/Wages	168,191	26%
Insurance	18,098	3%
Utilities	81,145	12%
Fundraising	5,685	1%
Community Café	82,389	13%
KCC-TV	27,976	4%
Food Programs	107,407	16%
Total Expenses	\$ 654,655	



Highlights



Backus Building Use by the Numbers

Building Tenants

(Clients, students, youth, members, etc. as reported by each tenant that come through their office on an annual basis)

- ◆ Benjamin Weerts – Thrivent
- ◆ Dancin with Darcie
- ◆ Falls Hunger Coalition
- ◆ ISD 361 – Alternative Learning
- ◆ LIFT
- ◆ Mighty Mustang Wrestling
- ◆ Mn Dept. Public Safety

- ◆ Northland Counseling
- ◆ Oberholtzer Foundation
- ◆ Rainy River Rugrats
- ◆ Soaring Eagle LLC
- ◆ Veterans Lounge
- ◆ 4- H

13,906 Total Visitors

DISCLAIMER: We make every effort to account for all attendance in the building. The above number includes head counts AND estimates. The number does not represent individual people, but the number of times people enter the building for any reason.

Other Activities

- ◆ AARP Tax service
- ◆ Bible Study
- ◆ Boy Scouts
- ◆ Booster Clinics
- ◆ Bridge Clubs
- ◆ Building walking/ open gym
- ◆ Community Café
- ◆ ELCA Meetings
- ◆ Food Co-Op
- ◆ Fundraising Dinner
- ◆ Homeschool Open Gym

- ◆ Junior High Basketball
- ◆ Knights of Columbus Shoot Out
- ◆ Koochiching County Collaborative Meetings
- ◆ Meet & Greet - Elections
- ◆ Photography Shows
- ◆ Red Cross “Home Base”
- ◆ Ruby’s Pantry
- ◆ Thrivent Seminars
- ◆ Volunteer Dinner
- ◆ Walkercise

24,667 Total of Participants

Backus Events

- ◆ Backus 20th Anniversary Celebration
- ◆ Cabin Fever
- ◆ Charlotte’s Web
- ◆ Contractor Education Class
- ◆ Duluth Transit Authority
- ◆ Holiday Concert
- ◆ Backus Music Concert

- ◆ Paradigm
- ◆ Peter Pan
- ◆ Shane Martin Band
- ◆ Shirts & Skins
- ◆ The Little Roy & Lizzy Show
- ◆ Winter Whimsey
- ◆ Wonderful Life Radio Theatre

2,144 Total Attendance

Rentals in 2022

- ◆ Arrowhead Ultra 135
- ◆ Birthday Parties
- ◆ Bronco Hall Of Fame
- ◆ Chamber Lunch Meeting
- ◆ Celebration of Life’s
- ◆ Cemetery Board Meetings
- ◆ Dancin with Darcie Recitals
- ◆ Gideon’s Dinner
- ◆ Gym Rentals
- ◆ Health Gauge

- ◆ Koochiching County Crisis Luncheons
- ◆ Koochiching HRA Meeting
- ◆ Kootasca Meeting
- ◆ LifeLine Screenings of America
- ◆ MDH Nurses Clinic
- ◆ MN Deer Hunters Association
- ◆ MN Loggers Trainings
- ◆ MN Energy Resources Meeting
- ◆ Movie Premiere
- ◆ Museum Gala
- ◆ Oberholtzer Board Meetings
- ◆ Oberholtzer Performance

- ◆ ISD 361 - One Act Play
- ◆ Orchestra String Camp
- ◆ Rainy River College Foundation Dinner
- ◆ Rotary Board Meetings
- ◆ Rotary Weekly Meetings
- ◆ TruStar FCU Annual Meeting
- ◆ Veteran’s Awareness Meetings
- ◆ Wedding Receptions
- ◆ Water Excursions Testing

5,129 Total Participants

Backus Volunteers

Carol Anderson
Pete Anderson
Deb Arnold
Denise Atchley
Kimberlee Atchley
Lloyd & Donna Barg
Joan Baron
Carol Bass
Harry Batdrof
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 Mike Romslo
 Amanda Rosenthal
 Mandy Rosenthal
 Max Rosenthal
 Melita Rosenthal
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 Mike Rousco
 Emma Rud
 Tom Sakry
 Lynelle Salo
 Cara Sathrum
 Susan Savard
 Tom Schaaf
 Shar Schaak
 Laurie Scholler
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 Terry Schultz
 Travis Shock
 Ben Skifstad
 Toni Skifstrom
 Doug Skrief
 Jackie Smith
 Tom & Barb Smith
 Pat Smythe
 Elaine Story
 Jeannie Strand
 Chloe Sullivan
 Jamie Sullivan
 Tammy Sullivan
 Linda Sutch
 Elsa Swanson
 Doreen Swendsen
 Deb Syvertsen
 Marge Terry
 Judy Thompson

DeeDee Thompson
 Darlene Tomczak
 Dave Tomevi
 Kathy Tompkins
 Jeff Trask
 Marge & Jeff Veeder
 Linda & Dan Vellieux
 Penny Wakeley
 John Watkinson
 Mark Wild
 Mary Wilson
 Harrison Woelfel
 Georgeann & Andy Wright
 Maci Zaren
 Marie Zaren
 Donna Zoupas

VOLUNTEERING at BACKUS

Delivering event posters
 Ushering at events
 Serving at catered events
 Folding newsletters
 Community Café
 Summer Food Program
 Selling tickets
 Making egg rolls
 Set up and clean up for events
 Tend bar
 Office help
 Washing kitchen laundry
 Maintenance
 Baking
 Gardening and lawncare
 ...and much, much more!

	How many volunteers did it take?	Number of volunteer hours
Ruby's Pantry	464	2,181 hours
Community Café	751	1,539 hours
Office Volunteers	78	193 hours
Summer Food Service	47	115 hours
Building & Grounds	32	472 hours
General Volunteering	210	485 hours
Borealis Bards	198	3,009 hours
Total volunteers: 1,780		



Endowment Fund

Since 1937, the historic Backus building has been a community gathering place, first as a school and, since 2002, as a Community Center playing a vital role in the lives of many who live in and visit the area. Now an effort is underway to ensure the same holds true for generations to come.

Citizens concerned with the sustainability of Backus and its Community Center programs gifted funds to establish an endowment fund. A committee was formed to outline plans and goals for the fund and its future. The endowment campaign is an effort to raise \$1 million in three years. Major donors have already contributed significantly to the fund.

The fund is established to provide effective and responsible stewardship and to ensure expansion of community work. The fund can accept gifts and bequests in wills, charitable trusts, gift annuities, assignments of life insurance, and transfer of property (cash, stock, bonds, real estate, etc.). Backus endowment will accept pledges for annual gifts. Contributors can dedicate gifts in memory or honor of a family member or friend. If physical assets are received, they will be liquidated as outlined in the fund's by-laws.

All "In Memorial" gifts and donations that are directed to Backus, unless otherwise designated, are directed to the Endowment Fund.

Once the three-year goal of \$1 million is reached, earnings may be expended to fund programs and projects that help fulfill the Backus mission, such as:

- Outreach programs to address community needs and opportunities in International Falls and Koochiching County.
- Ensuring the preservation and re-use of the historic Backus building continues in perpetuity.
- Allowing flexibility in times of economic down-turns or major crisis.

The Endowment Committee continues with its efforts to promote and grow this program for Backus's long term future.

Submitted by Lois Lundin, Executive Director



Operations Committee

Committee Members: Patti Ballan, Julie Bartkowski, Tim Fairchild, Sherrie Lessard, Lois Lundin, Jim Lyman, Tom Smith, and Hoa Sobczynski

Rainy Lake Community Orchestra -RLCO officially became a Backus program, with their own fundraising, sponsors, & grant writing. This program fits our mission at Backus and will benefit both groups. RLCO will perform four concerts per year.

Sound / Light Equipment - Technical updates, funding needed, & technical assistance required. Jeff McHarg is working on projection equipment. Goal is to move all sound/light control system to balcony.

Advertising Options - Facebook, newspaper, email blasts and new format for Backus newsletter are options. Newsletter will now be a monthly letter & shorter format. Request went to members for updated email addresses.

AB Space Clean Out - Harry Batdorf led this effort and was successful in disposing, selling, moved & removed items. AB is getting ready for new owners.

Boiler Project - New boilers for Backus has been ordered & delivered. Installation will be coordinated with AB project since heating system will have to be separated. Relocation & upgrade of transformer will go inside basement new current electrical controls as approved by City Inspector.

AB Water & Sewer Line - Per recommendations from AB planning committee, City Inspector, and architect consultant, Jim Lucachick, the AB complex will have an independent sewer/water line which will be installed and run thru Backus basement to City connections. AB project will be responsible for installation, costs & maintenance of the water/sewer line.

Strategic Plan - Review of completed previous Strategic plans and accomplishments. Discussions held on suggestions, improvements needed, and a facilitator to help set priorities and complete a new 3-5 year plan. Members agreed to continue in Fall '23 due to boiler & AB project and staff shortage.

Endowment Fund - Memorial funds are being added to Endowment Fund. Committee activity slowed this year due to Rainy Lake flood issues. Funds continue to be invested in CD at Border Bank, which offered best investment rate. Fund balance is approximately \$144,000. Donations are welcome!

Submitted by Patti Ballan

Arts and Programming

The Arts & Programming Committee was comprised of the following members over the course of 2022: Gail Rognerud, Donna Frederickson, Tracy Lunser, Bob Marquardt, Anne Nordstrom, Ariana Daniel, Carol Belanger, Donn Fuller, Darcy Sullivan, Joe Belanger, Doug Skrief, Steve Costley, Jim Yount.

Business discussed and conducted throughout the year included the following:

- The Backus Performing Arts season had a great start with the Little Roy and Lizzy Show on August 9. It was a wonderful show! Bluegrass music is always a hit with northland audiences. On September 10 the Duluth Transit Authority, Chicago's largest tribute band, came to Backus to perform. Ten musicians turned up the volume and had guests dancing in their seats. Carl Acuff Jr. traveled to International Falls on October 2 and entertained the audience with a Glen Campbell tribute. It was a great way to enjoy a Sunday afternoon. The Junior Bards played out the story of Peter Pan and had excellent attendance for three shows! It was a fun experience for the cast and guests! On Saturday, February 11, Paradigm will close out the 2022/23 season. Gary Hooker and friends will return to the stage to provide an evening of music that is consistently a crowd pleasing experience.
- Nancy McBride directed a Community Theater event on the Backus stage on Saturday, December 18. This reader's theater production of "It's a Wonderful Life" was very well received by all participants and Backus guests. This first dinner theater was sold out!
- The Backus showcase was filled with art displays and collections throughout the year. Two collections of Ray Berg's work were presented. Joe Belanger shared his collection of colorful art glass. Jim Lucachick presented a tribute to his mom and her love for grouse hunting. Darcie Schultz provided a beautiful display of dance memorabilia prior to the dance recital. The family of Margarete Kostiuk presented a beautiful tribute to Margarete's life of service to our community. The Mustang Wrestlers told their story with a colorful, bold display, and the Northwoods Shutterbugs shared some of their favorite prints with us.
- Once again, in December, the Rainy Lake Community Orchestra hosted a Holiday Concert for the community. Music was performed by both orchestras and the hand bell choir. Sloughgrass performed and Mandi Baron and Alyssa Fator sang, and there was a community "sing-along" afterward. This concert is becoming a fun holiday tradition for many in our community!



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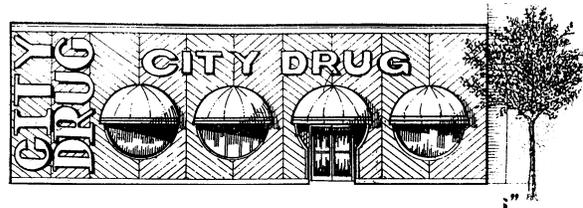
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Backus Community Center sincerely thanks every person who is a member, volunteer, attendee, contributor, participant, donor, visitor as each one is vitally important to our success. When Backus is successful in our mission, we believe the quality of living around us improves.

Backus Programs



2022 was a year of rebuilding and regrowth for the **Borealis Bards**. The Bards and Backus leaders partnered to develop goals and expectations to help build the program. Since then, the Bards have been working to revitalize theatrical energy. One thing that resulted is an expansion of the Junior Bards Program. Recognizing that youth engagement has always been a major driver, the Bards assembled a Junior Bards leadership team. The Junior Bards have a great plan for twice-a-month workshops, training, and activities, all starting in February 2023! Additionally, the Bards saw great success in with two big stage productions. Keri Norton directed Charlotte's Web with performances in May. Tim Weaver, Breanna Johnson and Jim Yount joined forces to direct Peter Pan, which entertained audiences in October. Peter Pan also saw the first Bards original script (written by our own Tim Weaver) since our first major play in 2015 – Alice in Wonderland, written by Beth Lowthian. We hope to have many more original scripts in the future, including Winnie The Pooh, which Tim is writing now for 2023. Onwards!



KCC-TV continues to bring coverage of local meetings of the Koochiching County Board of Commissioners, Koochiching Economic Development Authority, Airport Commission, North Koochiching Area Sanitation District, International Falls City Council, Ranier City Council/Committee of the Whole, and ISD 361 School Board. KCC-TV continues to broadcast "The Sports Rap with George & Ringer", and is now broadcasting "Hooked on Fishing" with Wes and Dave Peterson. Local school sports, music, school events, and Concerts in the Park are streamed for KCC-TV viewers on Midco Channel 7. Local churches broadcast services each week, and announcements and interviews about local happenings and fundraising events are also recorded for broadcast.

KCC-TV provides a beneficial means for people to stay informed with local news and events. Whether local people are watching on cable channel 7, or if they watch the KCC-TV YouTube page, KCC-TV makes it easy for people every where to stay in touch with happenings around our area!

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Backus Programs, cont'd

The **Backus Music Program** operates in conjunction with our local school districts and private teachers to make music education more accessible to our community. Students of all ages are able to learn to play music with on-site teachers. Lessons are offered for guitar, ukulele, banjo, violin, viola, cello, bass violin, piano, and others. Backus is committed to bringing in instructors as requests are presented from the community. Backus music partners with teachers from the Indus, Littlefork, and International Falls school districts to conduct all school music festivals. Discussions are underway to offer youth and adult choirs. Backus has dedicated space on the third floor where all lessons are held. The Backus Music Room is also where Backus' growing inventory of music and instruments is housed. The program has been very successful; many of the young musicians who play string instruments participate in the Junior Orchestra. A recital was held in December for all to enjoy. The Backus Music Program is also looking forward to a Summer Arts Week in 2023! Summer Arts was cancelled in 2022 due to the flooding conditions that were affecting area families and the greater needs that presented to protect and preserve homes. We will look to host classes for visual and musical arts for area children.

Rainy Lake Community Orchestra

Rainy Lake Community Orchestra (RLCO) gave eight public performances during 2022:
Cabin Fever Concert – March 4th. | Rainy River Community College Graduation – May 13th
Concert in the Park (performed at Backus due to weather) - July 27th
Backus 25th Anniversary - August 10th | Ranier Days – August 13th
43rd Annual Summer Concert – August 19th | Holiday Concert – December 2nd
Fort Francis Public Library and Technology Centre – December 5th

The orchestra kicked off the new Sponsorship program on September 17th and has received 7 sponsorships to date. RLCO hosted the annual String Camp in Ranier, MN, August 14-19th. Local RLCO members and musicians from Chicago, Lake of the Woods County, Grand Rapids and the Twin Cities held daily rehearsals and section practices before a final concert on Friday evening.

The orchestra rehearses weekly throughout the year. Area string musicians are welcome to join the group. Three new members joined the group during 2022.

The Rainy Lake Chimes, a handbell choir, rehearses weekly October through April and performs during the Cabin Fever and the Holiday Concerts.

Donations to Rainy Lake Community Orchestra

In Honor of Tom Barthell's Birthday

Peggy Kelly
Michael & Linda Orsted

Donation

Michael & Mary Dieter
Bruce & Mary Jo Falk

Sponsorship

Lynn & Carol Belanger
Frederick & Patsyann Barthell
Bruce & Mary Jo Falk
Alan & Elaine Johnson
Peggy Kelly
Joy Paulbeck
Heather Napper / Up North Quilt Shop

Ruby's "Pop-Up" Pantry

Ruby's Pantry opened its doors in International Falls in July 2015 and continues to have a very strong presence in Borderland communities. On the second Monday of each month, the an average of 17 tons of food are unloaded at Backus to be distributed to area residents. All of the food is brought in to the auditorium and prepped into "shares", and then sent out to guest's vehicles. Area organizations who also have needs for food items come at the end of the distribution to collect items that are left. Waste is minimal.

Food shares continue to be very generous and contain quality items. Many people share the food they receive with others. It is common to hear about people who gather with their neighbors and divide the food amongst households.

Benefits to our Northern Minnesota communities don't end with the food that is distributed. Benevolence dollars from each share are allocated to organizations across Koochiching County. To date, Ruby's Pantry has given more than \$35,000 to area charities and non-profits.

This year, the International Falls Ruby's Pantry leaders purchased an enclosed trailer to store all equipment and supplies that were once stored in the AB school. The trailer is brought to Backus each month and the contents are unloaded and used for the food distribution. At the end of the night, the supplies and equipment are loaded up again and the trailer is stored off-site. This has served our local Ruby's Pantry team well.

Submitted by Lois Lundin, Ruby's Pantry Site Coordinator

Backus Community Cafe

Backus Community Café: Dedicated to reducing hunger and building a stronger community.

The Backus Community Center is very well known across our region for the support services that are available to area residents. Backus is home to two key meal programs. Backus's Community Café serves free, hot, nutritious meals to all guests on Tuesday and Thursday evenings all year. All meals are served "to go", and each person is allowed one meal. Many guests pick up and deliver meals to others who are shut-in or who are unable to pick up food. Community Café helps to address hunger and isolation. Café promotes improved mental health, improved physical health, and a stronger community.

Community Café is supported with generous help from many teams of committed volunteers. Groups schedule specific weeks each year where they can come help dish food, package the "to go" containers for pick-up, and then bring the meals to waiting guests. Our volunteers enjoy working together for the good of our community. They value having the opportunity to meet new people and to help where there is a need. The Backus kitchen is a busy place on Café nights, but there is no shortage of laughter and goodness there.

Community Café continues to serve meals as carry-out. The cooks and crew at Backus shop for food from a variety of vendors, being very mindful of the budget while choosing quality foods that are appealing and that encourage people to eat. The cooks pay close attention to providing meals that promote balanced food groups and appropriate portions.

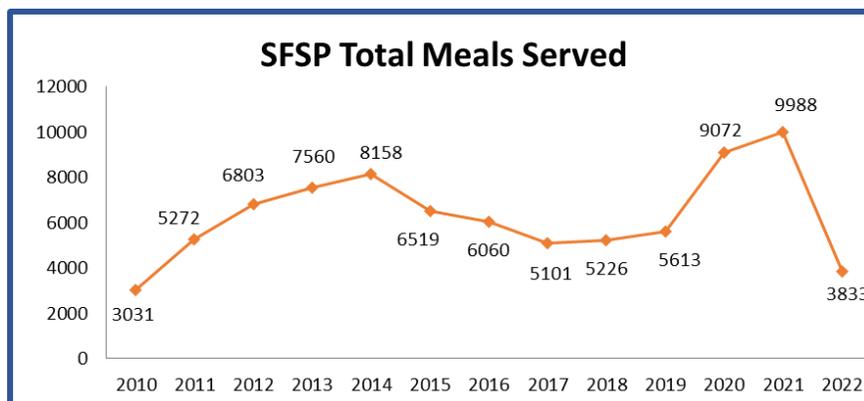
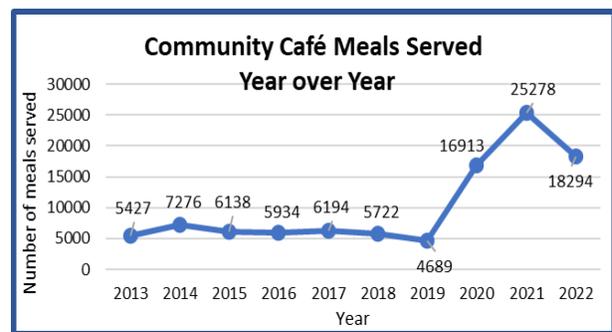
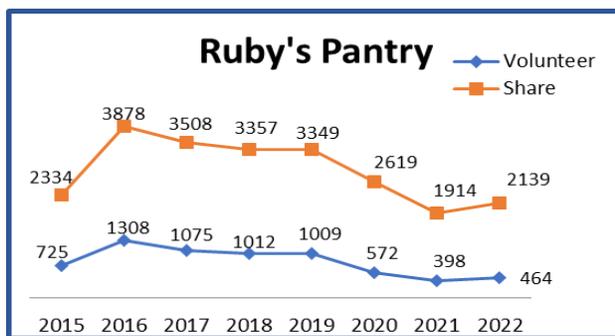
Summer Food Program

The second key meal program offered at Backus is the **Summer Food Program**. Area children can come to Backus each week day during the summer months when school is not in session and have a hot, nutritious lunch for free. Clients of our homeless shelter and the food shelf are also welcome to participate for free. Childhood hunger is a very real issue in our communities today. Backus is committed to helping by providing lunch through the Summer Food Program.

Changes to the 2022 Summer Food Program brought a significant reduction in the number of children served. During the summer months of 2020 and 2021, Summer Food Programs were allowed to provide meals for pick-up and carry-out. In 2022, when pandemic conditions subsided and society was returning to “pre-covid” life, the Minnesota Department of Education reinstated the requirement that all Summer Food Programs provide dine-in service only. The number of children served was still good, but the total number served was significantly less for 2022. The high number of working parents who utilized the service for their children who were at home during the work day found the dine-in requirement to be challenging for the amount of time they had available. Backus will continue to have discussions with representatives from the Summer Food Program about the impact of this change and will seek viable solutions that can help area children.

One of the great joys that the Backus staff and volunteers experience is watching area youth grow up. Friendships form between the Backus team, parents, and the kids over the summer months. The kids enjoy all of the food types offered; there is rarely waste. “Taco in a bag” is still a favorite! This is a great support service for the families that Backus serves.

Food Service at a glance



Submitted by Lois Lundin, Executive Director

Donations to Feed Just One

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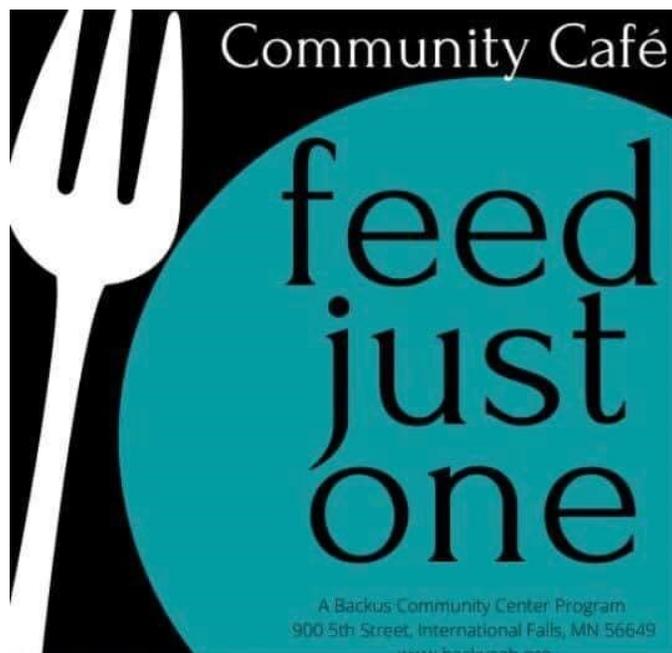
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Nancy Carew from Terrance Carew

Joel Haas from Ed Bushinger & Carol Bryant-Bushinger

Linda Merrill from Ward Merrill, Laurie Lightfoot and Janes & Linda Tapp

Ardath Wento from Laurie Lightfoot



Donations to Community Café:

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Doug & Brenda Bertilson
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Dennis & Nettie Coleman
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We apologize for misspelled names and any omissions. Please contact the Backus Office at (218) 285-7225 for corrections.

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