

2023 Annual Report



NORTH COUNTRY MINISTRY

Offering a Hand of Hope

Note from the Desk of the Executive Director

This is North Country Ministry's third Annual Report, and each year when it is time to compile all the information together as to our accomplishments the prior year, I am astounded by how such a small organization could have such a significant impact!

"A year of growth" is a statement that almost underestimates how 2023 went for North Country Ministry. We expanded our impact in ways we could not have imagined!

To start, we welcomed Erin Fritz, our Community Caseworker, who is making an enormous impact in Chestertown, Brant Lake, North Creek, Johnsbury, and Lake George, as well as Chris Jones, our Volunteer and Program Coordinator, who has been a great resource for our volunteers who are crucial to running our programs.

We also welcomed back our Spring Fundraiser (formally called our Gala), raising over \$33,000, and outdid our expectations of how our first formal event would go after COVID. Our golf tournament exceeded the prior year's turnout with eighty-two (82) golfers and a 22% increase in sponsorship. Our donations increased by 43% throughout our fiscal year. The number of individuals we helped throughout the year, i.e., Emergency Financial Assistance, increased by 30%, and we saw a 51% increase across both food pantries.

The start of the Mobile Mart, our food pantry on wheels, has been an asset to communities that had previously been underserved by North Country Ministry. Now we are bringing food directly to the people who need it, offering a selection of frozen meats, shelf-stable food, milk, and eggs. As the needs of the community grow, North Country Ministry grows to meet them.

Without the support of our donors, foundations, organizations, and businesses, we would not be able to serve our catchment area. The Barrington Foundation supported North Country Ministry by providing the funds to work through and develop a Strategic Plan. The Board and staff will be working toward the tasks outlined in the Strategic Plan for the next three years. This Plan has provided an incredible outline of work for us to follow, and we look forward to delving into it full force.

All of us here at North Country Ministry, staff, volunteers, and Board members, are looking forward to continually serving the Southeastern Adirondacks. We thank you for your support and welcome the opportunities.

With sincerest thanks,
Kayla Carlozzi



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"Hand of Hope" Statistics for 2023

25,045

INDIVIDUALS SERVED THROUGH OUR SERVICES



\$122,438



Funded in
Emergency
Assistance



692 Households
Assisted

Caseworkers
Advocated for
9,396
people

Served
263
First Time
Casework
Clients



SNAP APPLICATIONS

42 Households Completed
64 Households with Additional Advocacy

HEAP APPLICATIONS

29 Households Completed
45 Households with Additional Advocacy



56%
Increase in the #
of households that
received Emergency
Financial Assistance



30%
Increase in
Emergency
Financial
Assistance
funding

CLOTHING CENTERS

3,729 Visitors
510 1st Time Visitors
11,977 Individuals Benefited
24,726 Pounds of Clothes donated
3,849 Volunteer Hours for program



Caseworkers
Provided
49
Weeks of
Emergency
Housing to
the homeless



Increase of
500%
Emergency
Housing
from 2022

Provided
94



homes with meals from
our MOBILE MART
IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS WE STARTED

FURNITURE PROGRAM

357
Households
received furniture
IN THE SIX MONTHS WE REOPENED



Collaborated with
8
other community
organizations
to provide financial
support to our clients

Financial Support Provided to NCM



Donations - 70.3%
Non-Gov Grants - 9.4%
Programs - 7%
Fundraisers - 11.4%
Other - 1.9%

From 1,283 Donors

BRANT LAKE FOOD PANTRY SERVED

Elderly 2,390
Adults 818
Children 1,623
Households 1,810

Purchased 46,999
Pounds of Food

WARRENSBURG FOOD PANTRY SERVED

Elderly 1,455
Adults 3,005
Children 1,130
Households 1,827

Purchased 51,632
Pounds of Food

VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

98 Volunteers gave
5,363 Hours of their Time
That is worth \$170,543.40



Impact of Needs Met From Prior Year

- 51% Increase of Clients Across both Food Pantries
- \$19,300 Given towards reducing homelessness
- \$4,230 Additional Stewart's Gas Cards given
- \$2,700 Additional Price Chopper Grocery Cards given



GIVING TREE
277
Children were
adopted



THANKSGIVING
BASKETS
fed
150
families

SERVICE AREA

34 Zip Codes
2 Counties



MEALS & SNACKS Benefited

250 Students
2 Schools



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This is What is Ahead in 2024:

Join us for our Annual Fall Classic
Golf Tournament

Monday, September 16, 2024

at Cronin's Golf Resort

More details can be found at

www.northcountryministry.org/golf



Join us for dancing, food, drinks, and a
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Cocktails for Charity

Friday, April 26, 2024, 6-10pm

The Fort William Henry, Carriage House
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History of North Country Ministry

North Country Ministry was founded in North Creek, NY in 1992 by a small group of Catholic nuns and priests. These individuals saw a great need in the area and identified a few resources that could help address these needs. Since then, NCM has become a cornerstone of the southeastern Adirondack region, providing critically needed human services.

Our programs offer a range of assistance including everyday needs such as food, clothing and furniture, to emergency assistance through our casework services. Over the years, these programs have impacted the lives of thousands living in our extremely rural and underserved 650-square-mile service area.

Today, North Country Ministry thrives in large part due to the commitment of our 100+ volunteers. Through their generosity and dedication, our volunteers give nearly 6,000 hours each year to the operation of NCM. They provide day-to-day support for our programs, organize fundraisers and events, as well as serving in specialized or advisory capacities on our Board of Directors.

North Country Ministry is a subordinate organization of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany and enjoys ecumenical collaboration with a wide variety of churches and congregations throughout our service area. Our partnership is motivated both by service to faith and a commitment to help those less fortunate.

In addition, we hold great gratitude and appreciation for our generous base of donor support. It is their consideration and contribution that helps our mission thrive so we may impact as many lives as possible.

With locations in Warrensburg and Brant Lake, we are able to serve the needs of our communities and assist a population living in an area with a high poverty level. It is because of our dedicated volunteers, the collaboration of our faith community, and the generosity of our donors that North Country Ministry is able to offer a Hand of Hope to those in need here in the Adirondacks.



Dear Faithful Supporters,

2023 was a year of growth and transition for North Country Ministry, guided by your generous volunteer and donor support! NCM is growing because the need is growing. Pandemic relief programs have largely ceased supporting families in need, and inflation continues to drive up the costs of basic needs.

NCM met this growing need with more visits to our food, clothing, and furniture programs, helped with the opening of our Brant Lake center and the launch of our Mobile Mart, and distributed more monetary assistance for shelter, home repairs, heat and utilities, food, transportation, and medical emergencies. We continue to meet the call to help our neighbors through challenging times.

Many of you helped meet this need with a significant increase in volunteering! In fact, we averaged more than one hundred (100) volunteer hours per week last year. Your dedication to NCM's mission is an inspiration!

The Board of Directors wants to extend our heartfelt appreciation to Gary, Chris, Erin, Rebecca, Laurie, and Kayla—the dedicated staff that drives NCM's mission. Kayla continues to provide steady leadership through NCM's growth. We are grateful for the constant care and hard work of Rebecca, Laurie, and Gary. We are fortunate to have brought on Chris and Erin in 2023 to help manage the efforts of our volunteers and provide additional casework around rural Warren County, especially in North Creek.

Kayla helped to lead the Board of Directors through Strategic Planning in May of last year to prepare the organization for the opportunities to grow our mission. From that process, we developed and approved a plan focused on increasing access and reducing barriers to NCM's services, developing the financial resources and community engagement to further NCM's mission, and building the capacity of the organization to increase the support of our neighbors in need.

Once again, I say thank you and congratulations for your support of our mission. NCM's services are opportunities for building community. We may not know how much we have touched those we help, but I continue to hope for the promise of fellowship.

With warm regards,
Dave Riihimaki, President of the Board of Directors



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