

News From The Road Home

Dane County

Spring 2022

The Road Home to Receive Equitable Recovery Funds

The Road Home Dane County has been selected to receive a \$638,500 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Administration Equitable Recovery Fund. This fund was created through the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to increase equity and eliminate disparities in health, early childhood development, education, economic support, housing and environmental justice in communities disproportionately affected by the pandemic.

Governor Tony Evers stated, "We must continue to work together to make sure that as our state is recovering, every community and every family is recovering with us. That's critical to ensuring our state's long-term success and building a Wisconsin that works for everyone." Many nonprofit agencies across the state as well as here in Dane County were also recipients of a total of \$82 million.

The grant to The Road Home will fund services provided to 450 families over the next three years. Support services include housing voucher case management, rental, utility and transportation assistance and counseling services. The holistic services provided by The Road Home are focused on providing families with housing insecurities goal-driven opportunities to find and maintain stable housing. The Road Home currently has 13 housing programs with the newly expanded Housing Voucher Program that provides support services for local families with Section 8 Mainstream and Emergency Vouchers, allowing them to pay 30% of their income for rent. This program is administered by the City of Madison Community Development Authority and Dane County Housing Authority with all agencies providing support to families.

The importance of these funds as they are dispersed over the next three years will continue to help Dane County's most vulnerable children and families recover from the impact of COVID and the end of the eviction moratorium. "It takes many community change agents to address the factors contributing to housing instabilities among individuals and families nationally, statewide and locally," Georgia Allen, newly appointed executive director of The Road Home explained.

The Road Home supports families experiencing homelessness by helping them locate stable housing and by providing supportive services so they can reach their goals and successfully maintain that housing. The Road Home served 245 families including 536 children throughout 2021. The supportive and holistic work done by The Road Home is part of larger, community-wide action that addresses underlying problems, providing lasting solutions that not only pull families out of the crisis of homelessness but also prevent other families from experiencing the crisis in the first place.



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The Road Home Receives Generous Support

These foundations, businesses, organizations and congregations recently contributed \$2,500 and above in support of The Road Home's programs (December 1, 2021 through March 15, 2022). For a list of additional grants, sponsorships and contributions, please visit our website.

\$2,500 - \$4,999

Madison-Kipp Corporation

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Illinois Tool Works

Independent Pharmacy Cooperative

Messiah Lutheran Church

ProAssurance/PIC Wisconsin Employee Trust Fund

U.S. Bank Foundation

\$10,000 - \$24,999

American Family Insurance Dreams Foundation

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Illumina Corporate Foundation

Steve Stricker American Family Insurance Foundation

Titus Talent Strategies

\$25,000 - \$50,000

Madison Community Foundation - Ecumenical Fund for the Homeless

Steve Brown Apartments

\$350,000 - \$650,000

Roots & Wings Foundation

Wisconsin Department of Administration Equitable Recovery Fund

Thank you to all our donors for your generosity and commitment to The Road Home's mission.

Wish List Items

To take part in providing local families with household necessities, schedule a donation drop off at our Wingra Office by emailing info@trhome.org or calling 608-294-7998. Or to purchase items for direct delivery, scan the QR code to select items from The Road Home's Wish List on Amazon. Remember to choose "The Road Home's Gift Registry Address" at checkout to have items delivered directly to 890 W Wingra Drive.

Cleaning supplies

Toilet paper and paper towels

Laundry detergent and bleach

Garbage bags

Dish detergent and soap

For sanitary and safety reasons, please note that we can only accept unopened items. We also prefer full-sized (instead of travel-sized) items when possible.

2021 Program Report

245 unique families were served by The Road Home Dane County in 2021 in our housing programs dedicated to helping families find and maintain stable housing. And driven by the vision that every child deserves a home, our agency served 536 children throughout 2021.

While working towards accomplishing their goals regarding housing and stability, the families served by The Road Home maintained a stable housing success rate of 96%. This is thanks in large part to the dedicated service team members at our organization who work tirelessly to provide families with supportive, holistic case management.

2022 Upcoming Events

Families Moving Forward Celebration

August 13, 2022

Brittingham Park

This special event is for families served by The Road Home. Backpacks and school supplies will be distributed to children enrolled in our programs.

Homes For Families Fundraising Breakfast

November 3, 2022

Alliant Energy Center

trhome.org/breakfast



Thank You Volunteers

National Volunteer Appreciation Week is observed each year. In 2022, this special week is Saturday, April 17 - Saturday, April 23. Please join us in celebrating the many volunteers who have dedicated their time and talents to The Road Home since our organization began in 1999. While following safety guidelines set by local health officials, the community has continued to support the families served by The Road Home in creative and caring ways.

"If anyone has ever felt like they should be doing what they can for their community, volunteering, even in a small way, is the best way to get started," says Joseph Larson, who led several bike repair sessions for children and families in our Housing & Hope program. Case manager Samantha Green-Milon at Housing & Hope can still feel the excitement Joseph and his team brought to the attendees of the bike repair sessions. "The kids were so happy to learn new skills and Joe brought such a fun energy," she stated.

Thank you to Zonta Club of Madison and their team of volunteers who assisted with projects at our Wingra office. With their help, several mailings were sent out to share with the community on ways to support children and families at The Road Home.

Eleanor, a local Daisy Girl Scout, is doing her part to bring joy to the children and families served by The Road Home by asking the community to purchase cookies to be donated to The Road Home.

With the generous help of dedicated congregations including **Beth Israel Center, The Bridge, Covenant Presbyterian, First Unitarian Society, Lake Edge United Church of Christ Lake Edge Lutheran, Madison Church of Christ, Middleton Community United Church of Christ, Temple Beth El and Trinity Lutheran**, families with children receiving medical care while at Healing House have enjoyed specially prepared meals.

Thank you to every individual, group, business and congregation who shares their time, talents and generosity with The Road Home. We are thankful for your commitment to help end family homelessness here in Dane County. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to receive updates on how you can support The Road Home, visit our website at trhome.org/volunteer-opportunities.

Why We Give: Ferraro Real Estate



Families with children supported by The Road Home who reside at The Breese were recently treated to a family fun night held in the community room. Guests connected with UW Madison presented a science learning session on insects and bugs. And with the generosity of the Ferraro Real Estate team, each family served by The Road Home took home a meal kit assembled and donated by the local company.

The team's support doesn't stop there. Ferraro Real Estate also held a Wish List drive to collect household necessities including cleaning supplies, laundry detergent and more. In addition, the real estate team has chosen The Road Home to be recipients of their fundraising efforts throughout the coming year. When presented with the opportunity to give, Emily Briggs Licensed Office Administrator said, "Our team decided to give without any hesitation. We are excited to be part of your mission!"

Board of Directors

April starts The Road Home's new board term. Our organization is grateful for the guidance and support provided by these dedicated community members. Please join us in thanking outgoing board member Mark Martin.

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We're excited to share that our organization has earned a 2022 Platinum Seal of Transparency with Candid!
You can support our work with trust and confidence by viewing our #NonprofitProfile: trhome.org/who-we-are





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Dear Road Home,

I've been in and out of shelters throughout my life. With the birth of my daughter, I decided I needed to find my community. I've found community in various aspects of my life starting with learning about my family and our connection to the Ponca Tribe in Nebraska. I've found my mental health community both online, with TikTok, and with a therapist who I did extensive research to find. I've also found my education community. I'm at a 3.64 GPA and I am working towards a law degree goal focusing on victim advocacy. My grades are there and I've been admitted into the American Honor Society and I was really excited when I got that.



Since leaving an abusive relationship and finding stable housing, my bills are caught up and my rent is paid. I have a new car. I still feel setbacks, but I'm fully aware that I'm doing good. I've done a lot in the past year. There are the big things, but I've also had little things accomplished like obtaining birth certificates and forms that take time. My case manager helped me work through all of that. I just enrolled for my summer and fall semesters and I'm excited for my fall classes and they are going to be fun. I'm excited for a paralegal internship.

With stable housing, The Road Home has provided me support and I would say they take the stress away of where you're going to live. I'm not in survival mode. I have not fallen behind at all on my rent since staying here. Also, The Road Home is really good with connecting you with resources. My case manager has connected me with so many things and has taught me a lot about how I can help other people, too. My case manager is the type where I can come to her with anything. If I just need to sit and talk and vent with her she is there for me. And a lot of the people I've worked with at The Road Home have shared lived experiences and understand the struggle. And I tell people all the time, do not be afraid to tell your story. - Erica