I just want to let you and your staff know how much I appreciate the food that you gave me today. I needed help and I was very scared to ask for it. The lady at the front desk was so sweet and I’m so glad she convinced me to stay. I am definitely going through a financial crisis and I’m so happy that I found a way to eat.

I have been struggling to eat for the past couple months. I am trying to get my life together, and this helps more than you know. Please let everyone know how much I appreciate their generosity and kindness.

Thank you so much.

— a grateful guest

Kindness. Not a bad thought to carry out of 2015 and into 2016. As the person above reminds us, “kindness” can often make the difference.

2015 was a good year at The Neighbors’ Place. As needs in our community continued to grow, we were able to do our part in meeting the challenges. We have you to thank for this accomplishment.

I hope you read through this report and take a moment to feel a sense of pride in what we have done together.

During this past year, and as we moved from 2015 to 2016, The Neighbors’ Place experienced change as all organizations do. I want to acknowledge and thank departing TNP board members Anne Herda-Rapp (2014 - 2015 Board President), Michelle Dirks-Luebbe, and Patrick Kemppainen for the work and guidance they provided. I also want to thank Aidyn Laurynz for her work as Director of Marketing & Development. We wish her all things good as she follows new paths in life. Finally, it is my pleasure to welcome Ashley Zelenka, our current Director of Marketing & Development. If you have not yet met Ashley, please take a moment to say hello.

Again, thank you all. This all started with a community that decided it was important to think of others. It is nice to know that some things do not change.

— Tom Rau
Executive Director
since 2001

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(Not included in the chart above)

We received $1,073,895 worth of in-kind donations and commodities.

2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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35% 18% 22% 13% 12%
For a $25 donation we pick up furniture and houseware items from your home or business and bring them to our bank. Call 715-845-1966 and ask for Kathy to set your appointment!

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981,732 lbs. of food was distributed

our community donates an average of 13,893 lbs. of food each week

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need for food assistance increased by 15.3% since 2014

76% of families use the food pantry less than 7x a year

945 requests each week

there are over

a minimum of

75 volunteers are needed each week to successfully serve guests

FURNITURE & BASIC NEEDS BANK

Kathy Rubino
Furniture & Basic Needs Bank Director

We recycle donated furniture and housewares to families transitioning out of shelters, homelessness, or just doing their best to overcome life challenges. We require referrals from human service agencies to ensure household items go to those with a true need. Clothing, books and shoes can be freely accessed each week day.

In 2015, we provided over 4,000 families with furniture, clothing and basic needs items

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9 to 14 volunteers help us each day in the furniture bank

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Fernando Soto
Food Bank Director

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FALCON DRIVE GARDEN has 40 x 40 foot plots that are available to any community member willing to be a steward of the land and donate part of their harvest back to the community. In 2015, gardeners experimented with ‘no-till’ gardening producing 4,657 lbs. of vegetables.

800 JEFFERSON STREET GARDEN had a successful 4th year growing over 600 lbs. of produce for TNP Food Pantry. All seeds and compost were donated by local businesses, and we proudly keep this garden 100% organic!

1009 3RD STREET GARDEN is a partnership with the Marathon County Historical Society. We use gardening to build skills for those seeking a new direction for their lives. This garden also houses “Gabby’s Garden,” a reminder that even in our community life can be overwhelming.

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VOLUNTEERS & EVENTS

Evan Cass
Volunteer & Events Coordinator

GET INVOLVED!
Our small staff depends on the help of 2,000 volunteers throughout the year. We have opportunities for everyone and would be happy to give you a tour!

VISIT http://neighborsplace.org/get-involved/volunteer/
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Ashley Zelenka
Director of Marketing & Development

2015 EVENTS

ICE TEE CLASSIC
We celebrated our 20th annual mini-golf in the snow event!

HOT TEE CLASSIC
Our rainy golf outing was still a success at the Wausau Country Club!

MY NEIGHBORS’ KEEPER
More than 200 supporters listened to our testimonials and live music.

EMPTY BOWLS
Over 35 different soups & quick lines made for a successful event at the Wausau West.

total volunteer hours logged in 2015 was over 19,000
(that’s an average of 76 hours of volunteer work each day!)

our volunteers’ work can be valued at $450,000

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