

2023 was a record-breaking year. The Caritas mission began in 2013, we have never experienced this level of need.

Housing and Homelessness continues to be the top issue for clients. Caritas has done what we can, paying late rent to avoid evictions and homelessness, paying campground fees, and providing short-term hotel stays when possible. Many people are forced to live in campgrounds, their vehicles or in situations that are unhealthy, unsavory, or even dangerous. Now that campgrounds are closed the only option is to live in a vehicle or out in the elements.

Caritas continues to provide help to clients with transportation issues, energy bills, the need for food, personal products, clothing, household items and furniture. We have helped with dentals bills, prescription drugs, phone cards, and much more.

Our dedicated volunteers do their best to make every dollar count, asking clients to pay what they can and often sharing expenses, and working closely with other organizations. Sometimes it is necessary to turn clients away if there need is beyond our expertise, in that case we refer them to other services or organizations.

We are ALWAYS looking to welcome new volunteers and we promise it will be a challenging but an “oh so rewarding” experience! Interested? If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please feel free to contact: Stephanie Rajnicek, Caritas Administrator at [office@stmatthiasminocqua.com](mailto:office@stmatthiasminocqua.com) or (715) 358-0355.

Donations can be mailed to Caritas, PO Box 936, Minocqua, WI 54548.

