

# BETTER TOMORROWS

An Annual Stewardship Publication of Family & Children's Center 2026

## What's Inside:

2025 Gratitude and Program Report

Driven by Heart, Guided by Love

Coming Soon in 2026 ... New & Expanded Services

Save the Date - Bridges to Better Tomorrows

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

# New Spaces Serving New Faces: FCC is Expanding!

Dear Friends & Partners,

When I reflect on the time I have spent leading Family & Children's Center, it amazes me how much has changed. Programs have flourished and faded, making way for new programs to take root and rise. It's all part of an intricate cycle. There are natural ups and downs, but if we are truly listening to our community members and responding to their needs, we will always move forward.

At FCC, we operate under a growth mindset. Our programs revolve around abuse prevention, family support services, and mental health treatment, but we are constantly looking for ways to branch out.

I am thrilled to share that 2026 is bursting with new offerings and an expanded service area. The doors to our Barlow Street House in La Crosse are opening up to pregnant and postpartum mothers in recovery. By providing safe housing and consistent care, we can help mothers sustain their sobriety and improve not only their health and well-being, but their baby's, too. FCC is also bringing vital mental health services to Houston County. Our new office in Caledonia ensures more families in rural areas have the opportunity to receive the treatment they need to thrive. We're excited to share more details about these and other endeavors later in the issue.

Of course, this growth would not be possible without our community partners. Your insights plant seeds for new possibilities, your gifts tend to the day-to-day needs of a healthy operation, and your engagement ensures our clients blossom - no matter the season.

Gratefully,



President/CEO



Tita Yutuc, LCSW, LICSW



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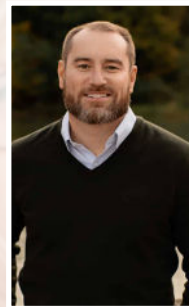
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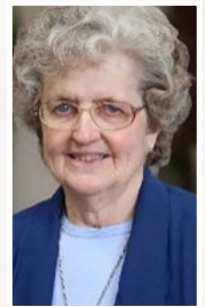
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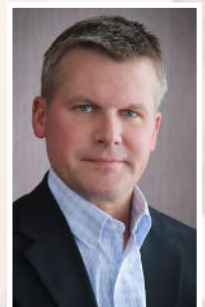
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# DRIVEN BY HEART, GUIDED BY LOVE

“Serve one another humbly in love.” Galatians 5:13. For me, these words describe the very essence of Family & Children’s Center through its staff and leadership.

About a year ago, I noticed that an acquaintance of mine was struggling deeply. She and her husband were raising an adopted son with serious behavioral challenges, in addition to five other children. After exhausting every avenue they knew, they felt lost, isolated, and overwhelmed.

I called FCC President and CEO Tita Yutuc for help. There was no delay, no questioning of the need, only compassion and urgency as Tita jumped into action. She contacted Leah Morken, FCC’s Clinical Director and Licensed Psychologist. Leah offered the support and guidance this family so desperately needed as she helped them navigate options and available resources.

I felt overwhelming pride to be part of FCC. This incident is not an exception; it is a reflection of the heart of FCC.

Throughout my years on the board, I have witnessed this genuine passion for people time and again. FCC staff don’t just provide services; they show up with open hearts, deep empathy, and an unwavering commitment to helping families feel seen, supported, and valued. At board meetings and community events I have attended, it is so evident that their work is driven by love for their clients, for each other, and for the communities they serve.

I was reminded of this in a powerful way last year while touring Hiawatha Hall. As I walked through the building, I couldn’t help but notice the challenges of an aging, outdated facility. The physical space clearly has needs. And yet, what struck me most wasn’t what the building lacked, it was what overflowed within its walls.

The staff carried themselves with such pride, joy, and purpose that you would have thought they were working in a fancy chateau. Their focus wasn’t on the limitations of the building, but on the lives they were impacting within those walls. That kind of spirit cannot be manufactured; it comes from a deep belief in the mission and in the people they serve.

In an ever-changing environment marked by financial pressures, workforce challenges, and evolving program needs, FCC remains steadfast while also embracing growth and improvement. The organization is constantly seeking better ways to serve, to support staff, and to remain relevant and effective for the families who depend on them.

With more than 30 years of experience in healthcare leadership, strategy, and transformation, I have seen firsthand how organizations succeed when heart and vision work together. FCC exemplifies that balance. It is an honor to serve alongside leaders and staff who truly live out the call to serve one another humbly in love.

Family and Children’s Center is more than a nonprofit, it is a community of people devoted to hope, healing, and the belief that no one should walk their hardest moments alone. I am deeply grateful to be part of this mission and continually inspired by the love in action I see every day.

Our communities have a true treasure in FCC.

## Board Spotlight



**Pamela Maas Garrels**  
Family & Children’s Center  
Advancement & Marketing  
Committee Chair

# YOU'RE INVITED



## Open House

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1  
9 - 11 AM

601 Franklin Street, Winona, MN

## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

RAISE AWARENESS by planting Blue Kid yard signs to signify the prevalence of abuse

Learn more about FCC programs that **BREAK THE CYCLE** of abuse with a tour of our Winona Office

Take a Blue Kid sign home with you and **STAND WITH US AGAINST ABUSE**



### Schedule

- 9 am - Bloedows Breakfast
- 9:30 am - Blue Kid Planting
- 10 am - Tours Begin



## THANK YOU FOR STANDING WITH US!

**emplify**  
HEALTH  
by Gundersen

 **MAYO CLINIC**  
HEALTH SYSTEM

 **Merchants**  
Bank

**DAHL**  
AUTOMOTIVE  
— 1911 —

# La Crosse Symphony Orchestra CONDUCTOR WANNABE



A vote for FCC's **Blue Waldo** is a vote for Child Abuse Prevention!

Vote for Blue Waldo as the next Conductor Wannabe to help abused children & their families receive advocacy and healing. Your vote also provides instruments and lessons to kids in need through LSO music education programs.

Be on the lookout now through April 27 as Blue Waldo raises awareness and funds by planting Blue Kids throughout our community.

Remember - April is child abuse prevention month. Can we count on your vote of \$30 (that's \$1 per day) to help us break the cycle of abuse and enrich lives with music?

Voting ends April 27, 2026! Vote today!

## FIVE STAR TELECOM FUNDRAISER

April 11  
5:30 pm to 10 pm

Fox Hollow Event Center  
N3847 County Road O  
La Crosse, WI

Tickets are \$50 per person and includes dinner, beverages, and entry into a cash drawing.

All proceeds support FCC and The Hunger Task Force of La Crosse.



## 'A SAFE FAMILY' ART CONTEST

April 9  
10:30 am - 3:30 pm

FCC Winona Office  
601 Franklin Street  
Winona, MN

Special thanks to Winona County Primary Prevention Project for their partnership with this beloved art competition for Winona area children.



## FAMILY FUN EVENT

Hosted by Coulee Region  
Child Abuse Prevention  
Task Force.

April 18  
11 am - 2 pm

Myrick Park  
2107 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI





July 11  
12 pm to 9 pm

500 West Decker Street  
Viroqua, WI

Enjoy music, food and fun with our amazing community while being exposed to sounds, ethnicities and cultures that are not always present in a small, Midwestern town.



It's a day full of safe, fun, indoor Halloween activities for families to enjoy.

October 31  
9 am to 12 pm

901 Gilmore Avenue,  
Winona, MN

Tickets are just \$5.00 for adults and children ages 12 & under are FREE!



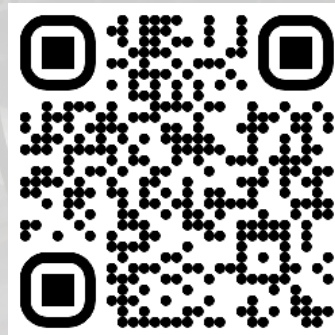
SAVE THE DATE

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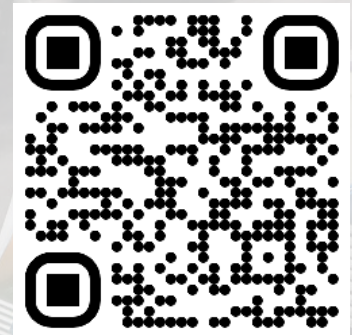
Together, we can deliver brighter futures.

5PM - 8PM  
OCT 22, 2026  
Celebrations on the River

Learn more about this year's event:



Learn about the impact from 2025:



# THANK YOU!

With your generous support, FCC is changing the lives of thousands of clients in our communities. In 2025, we...

Received  
5,680 visits  
to The Other  
Door... a 14%  
increase

Provided  
9,024 hours  
of service  
for Day  
Treatment

Touched  
the lives of  
225 family  
members  
through  
Healthy  
Families

Delivered  
485 hours of  
treatment  
through Adult  
Rehabilitative  
Mental Health  
Services

Supplied safe,  
supportive  
housing to 39  
Hiawatha  
Hall clients

Gave 26,613  
hours of service  
through the  
Community  
Support  
Program

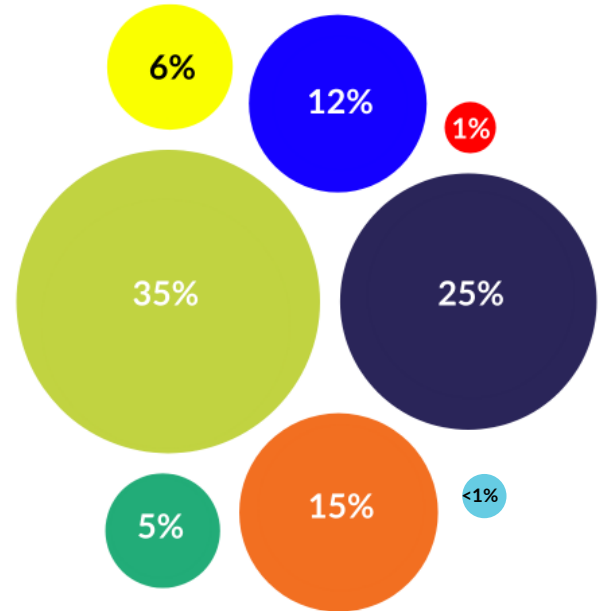
Guided  
170 people  
to safer lives  
through the  
Domestic  
Abuse  
Project

Advocated  
for 555 children  
and caregivers  
at Matty's Place  
and Stepping  
Stones

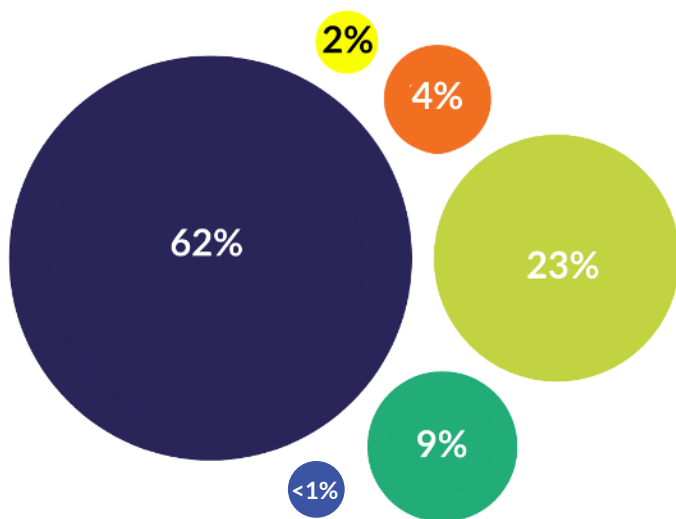
# 2025 Financial Highlights

- \$3,783,711**  
 Net Program Revenues, County / Gov't
- \$2,719,516**  
 Net Program Revenues, Medicaid
- \$1,659,559**  
 Grant & Contracted Revenue
- \$1,332,997**  
 Other - Rental & Investments
- \$617,647**  
 Unrestricted Gifts, Net Events
- \$532,429**  
 Net Program Revenues, Insurance & Private Pay
- \$131,034**  
 Other Designated Gifts, Private Grants
- \$37,186**  
 United Way

## Sources of Support:



## Expenses:



**Endowment: \$5,619,157**

- \$6,601,076**  
 Employment Costs
- \$2,441,956**  
 Contracted Services
- \$911,731**  
 Occupancy Costs
- \$469,912**  
 Program Costs
- \$161,437**  
 Transportation
- \$3,908**  
 Other Expenses

# COMING SOON IN 2026...

## FCC's Sober Living House: Offering A Safe Start for Future Generations

Addiction doesn't just disappear with a positive pregnancy test. The National Institute on Drug Abuse estimates about 5% of pregnant women smoke tobacco or marijuana, misuse prescription pain relievers, or take illegal drugs or other addictive substances. This can have detrimental effects on the fetus because anything the mother takes gets passed onto them. It can lead to the baby experiencing withdrawal symptoms shortly following delivery, and it significantly increases the risk for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. To give these babies a chance for a healthier future, their mothers need support today.



This year, FCC is transforming its Barlow Street location into a sober living house for pregnant and postpartum mothers in recovery. By collaborating with FCC programs like Healthy Families, HUB Doula, and Outpatient Therapy, as well as community partners like La Crosse County Human Services, FCC strives to promote sustained sobriety and reduce the risk of relapse. Like they say, "It takes a village to raise a child." FCC is determined to make sure that children grow up safe and healthy with their mom.

## Improving Lives for those with Serious Mental Illness: Introducing Coordinated Specialty Care

2026 marks the beginning of FCC's journey to offer Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) to youth ages 15-25 with Early Serious Mental Illness. These illnesses include:

- Bipolar Disorder
- First Episode Psychosis
- Major Depressive Disorder
- Schizophrenia
- Schizoaffective Disorder

CSC is an evidence-based approach that focuses on support, relationships, and connection to the community as part of its treatment plan. It honors the client as a unique individual, acknowledging their interests and goals while addressing their mental health needs. Early treatment leads to better outcomes, including:

- Decreased suicide attempts
- Reduced hospitalizations
- Improved symptoms
- Increased quality of life

**10** Over the next year, FCC will focus on learning how to apply the CSC model to its current Community Support Program.



# NEW + EXPANDED SERVICES

## Delivering Better Tomorrows in Houston County with a New Office in Caledonia

For those who live in a rural area, accessing medical care is a struggle. According to the US Government Accountability Office, depending on the service needed, rural residents have to travel 20 to 40 miles further than their urban counterparts. These extra miles pose significant challenges to scheduling, as it requires the client to set aside time not only for the appointment, but for travel as well. It also puts a strain on finances, as the extra time and miles means paying a higher price for a babysitter (if available) and at the pump. While telehealth services may be an option for some treatment, 17% of those living in rural areas don't have access to broadband internet.



FCC is thrilled to remove this transportation barrier by opening an office in Caledonia, MN. Thanks to the partnership of Otto Bremer Trust and its Community Responsive Fund, FCC is bringing mental health and family support services closer to the residents of Houston County. Programs will include, but may not be limited to:

- **Children's Therapeutic Services and Support** - Offering three separate classes based on age group, this program helps youth with emotional and behavioral difficulties develop coping skills, manage emotions, and improve relationships.
- **Outpatient Therapy** - These counseling services are available to all ages and can assist with anything from past traumas, to anxiety, to relationship challenges. Our highly experienced staff are ready to develop the treatment plan that works for you. Diagnostic Assessments are also available.
- **Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services** - Reserved for adults diagnosed with a serious mental illness who are on Medical Assistance, this program works with clients on setting goals, so they can become their own advocate and achieve the greatest amount of independence.
- **Safe Visitation** - This vital service allows children to maintain a healthy relationship with their non-costodial parent in a welcoming, home-like setting.

## One Million Reasons to Celebrate!

We received \$1,000,000 to expand our assessment services. More details on the future of FCC's 30-day Diagnostic Center coming soon!





# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN 2025

Our gratitude is in full bloom! Thank you to all who invested in FCC's mission in 2025. Your generosity allows us to extend our reach, ensuring more children, families, and individuals enjoy brighter futures and better tomorrows.

Below are the gifts and pledges FCC received January 1 through December 31 in 2025. If a correction is required, please accept our heartfelt apologies and contact us at [development@fccnetwork.org](mailto:development@fccnetwork.org), so we may update our records.

## SAVING LIVES CHAMPIONS

Gifts of \$25,000 & more

**Thank you to our lead investors who change lives and impact communities.**

Anonymous  
Dennis & Barbara Boelter  
In Memory of Jordain Blanchard  
The DASH-Fund of the La Crosse Area Community Foundation  
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Otto Bremer Trust Community Responsive Fund through its grant intermediary, Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation  
Jerry & Patricia Papenfuss Family Fund of the Winona Community Foundation  
Mike & Amanda Slaggie  
Slaggie Family Foundation  
Janet Stansfield Community Impact Fund of the La Crosse Area Community Foundation

## NURTURING PROTECTORS

Gifts of \$10,000 to \$24,999

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Jerry & Marilyn Arndt  
William & Cynthia Berg Family  
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The Comer Foundation Fund at The Chicago Community Foundation  
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Shawn & Mary Jo Werner

## WELLNESS HEROES

Gifts of \$5,000 to \$9,999

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Dr. Archie & Rosemary Britt Family Fund of the La Crosse Area Community Foundation  
Mike & Diana Carey  
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## HEALING PARTNERS

Gifts of \$1,000 to \$4,999

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#### **Gifts of \$500 to \$999**

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#### **Gifts of \$499 & under**

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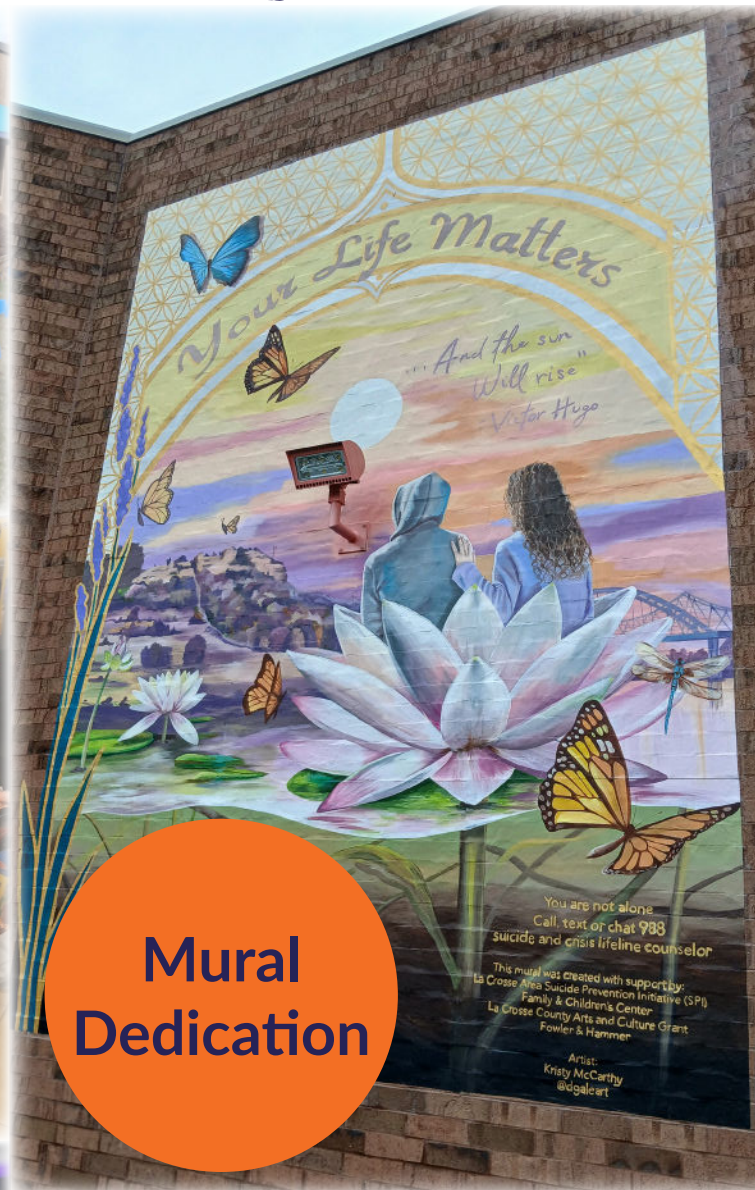
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