



Cornerstone Community Center

Serving DeForest, Windsor and Vienna



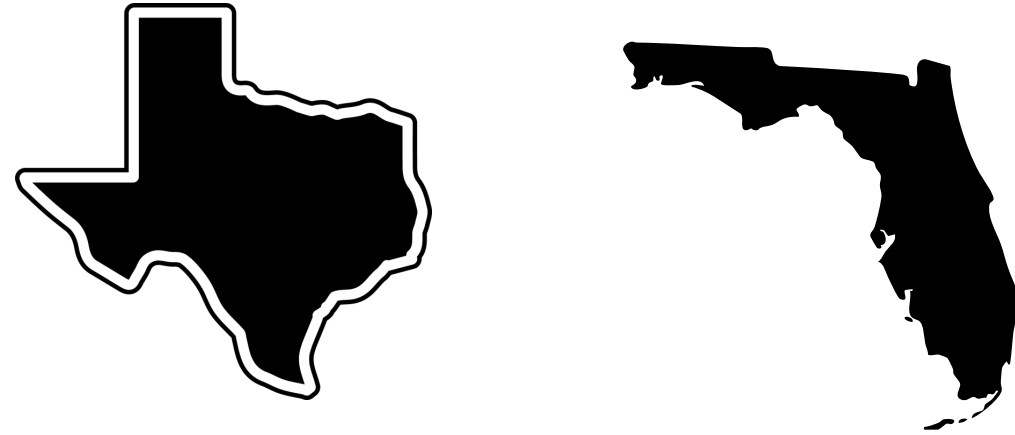
Meet Barbara: An 80
something year old living in
her own home



Barbara's husband
died recently



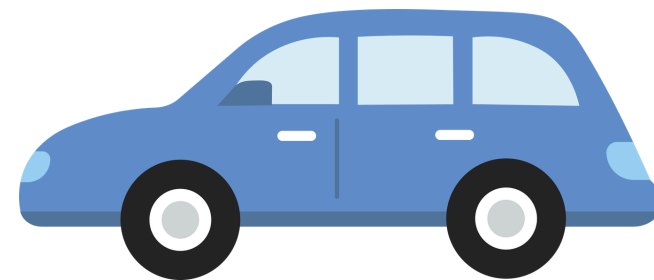
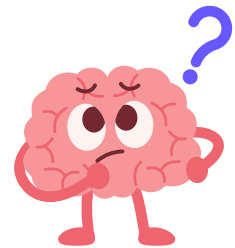
Her kids live out of state



While they love their mother,
they have busy lives and do
not realize how her life has
changed



Barbara is grieving her spouse, experiencing memory loss and is forgetting to eat.



One day, while driving to the store, she got into an accident. She didn't know what to do, or how to manage the aftermath.



Barbara was hospitalized, dehydrated and had lost weight, causing her to be very weak.

What is Barbara to do?!?



Option A: Her kids called the Cornerstone Community Center to jump into action



Option B: Out of desperation, her kids find her a nursing home to go to

Option A: Barbara gets choices and resources

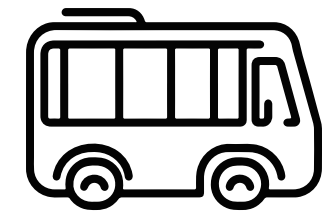


1. Meal delivery: hot and ready. People are more likely to eat if it smells good and in front of them. It is also a check in to prevent older adults from falling without someone knowing.

2. Medical equipment: To help with getting on and off the toilet, in and out of bed, walking safely



3. Support system: A case manager to support her in the everyday challenges that come her way (understanding mail, bill pay, appointment making, coordinating transportation)



4. Safety net for caregivers: The caregivers out of state have someone to call in the event that they are worried.

5. Grief support group: monthly support from peers and a facilitator

Option B: Despite wanting to stay in her home, Barbara moves

The adult children feel helpless and feel they have no choice.

She does not want to be a “bother” to her busy children.

Barbara would most likely continue to decline and struggle.

Staff shortages and lack of resources would contribute to these challenges

She is at risk for falls, is hospitalized and ends up with pneumonia and potentially does not survive.



Ways which make us unique:

We actively check on people to make sure they have not fallen and are laying alone.

We utilize our meal program as a safety check for older adults living alone.

We work with the police to avoid people dying alone and no one knows.

We provide transportation for individuals who do not have a way to get to the doctor.

We work at helping families to understand benefits to live within their means.

We actively work at building community to support mental health, social isolation and general aging challenges. We have been utilizing intergenerational opportunities and general community involvement.





What has been happening at Cornerstone?
It has been a season of redevelopment outside!
Connecting 3 parcels of land to be wheelchair accessible.
In addition, moving the entrance off of Hwy V for safer access

How are we paying for it? (2025 revenue)

Donations 69 %

Fundraising efforts 12%

Interest 19%

total: \$301,750



Staffing plans:

Staff FTE has stayed the same, or in some cases, has decreased.

We utilize volunteers as much as we can to limit costly wages (for example the Welcome Desk)

We have been averaging 3% increases for staff. We look at comparisons across the county and CPI to stay relevant.

Continue to work on staff development and longevity for our Center participants

Building plans:

General upkeep for the building is a year round process. The building is aging and so are we!

Every year we aim to replace or update something major. We have done the roof, now the parking and in the future windows/carpet.



Legal restructure update:

Intermunicipal agreement signed 1.21.25

EIN number received from IRS 2.14.25

Non-profit status approved by IRS 6.3.25

State of WI Department of Revenue tax exempt 9.12.25

Agreement between WRS benefits and SSA pending.....

Natalie met with SSA, ETF (WI retirement) and legal
representatives to answer questions 6.23.26

Municipal ask:

History: up until 2025, the total ask stayed the same (\$582,000 total)

The amount is divided between the three municipalities based on total population.

We get these numbers around August.

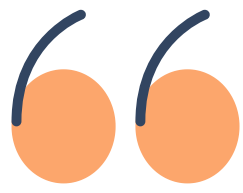
2025: 5% increase (\$611,100 total)

2026: 7% increase (\$653,876 total)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
DeForest	317,897	316,897	317,857.25	312,132	309,042	325,716.30	355,250.83	
Windsor	248,769	247,986	248,331	255,040	258,408	270,106.20	283,912.95	
Vienna	16,345	16,294	15,812	14,828	14,550	15,277.50	14,712.22	
Total Municipal Contributions:	583,011	581,177	582,000	582,000	582,000	611,100	653,876	

Population and Percentages:	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	%
DeForest	10,347	10,624	11,388	11,674	12,164	13,101		
Windsor	8,097	8,240	9,305	9,758	10,089	10,472		
Vienna	531	531	541	543	543	545		
TOTALS	18,975	19,395	21,234	21,975	22,796	24,118		

From 2025 revenue: Municipal funding: 70% Dane County (nutrition/case management): 18%
Other (interest, donations, cost share) 12%

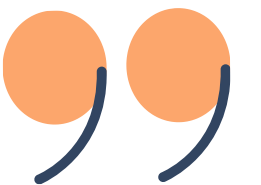


Quotes from participants

“I had the good fortune of attending a birthday celebration at your beautiful center this past weekend. I was eager to share my thanks and congratulations. The Center is beautiful and so accessible for all. It was a very welcoming place and the man working at the reception center was so kind. He gave me the newsletter and it was very informative.”

After making a donation: “It is invaluable to come to a place where people know my name. This place has saved me after my spouse died.”

“When my spouse died, I realized I was very lonely. I’ve never lived alone in my life! I started coming to the Center to talk to people. Now I love coming for food and friends.”



Questions?

