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supplies five families with food
for the year

\$50/month
purchases 2,500 pounds of food
for local families.

\$110/month
helps 12 local families keep their
heat on.

The Crisis Center of Johnson County

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Thanks to our FY2015 Mission Circle members

Visit us online to see a full list of those who gave over the last year: jccrisiscenter.org

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Our audited financial statement will be added to this report online after its completion later this fall.



Your investment yields amazing outcomes, one client at a time.

Many life factors can conspire to trigger a client reaching out to The Crisis Center. Low wages that prevent making ends meet, the stress of personal or professional relationships, high rent costs that eat up monthly budgets, the rising costs of food and fuel, a mental health diagnosis, flooding and other natural disasters, loneliness and social isolation. Inside we've highlighted the impact our programs, staff, board of directors, and over 300 volunteers and donors made last year in the lives of our neighbors in need.

- A young Iowa City mother encountered a problem with SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) this summer and she credited The Crisis Center for helping to keep her children fed. She was truly grateful for the assistance and she shared this message via social media: "I tell you this place kept my kids from starving for the months I had lost my Foodstamps and was fighting to get them back. And they helped rescue us when another problem arose. We appreciate what you helped do!"

- This summer community members helped to purchase hundreds of fans with our 'Fan Club' program. These fans kept Johnson County families a little cooler during the hot summer months.

- Without housing and utility financial assistance, a single man who lost his job could have lost his housing; a couple who just had a baby could have had their water disconnected; and a single mother of three who lost her job could have had her electricity disconnected.

- A single mother came to The Crisis Center seeking Emergency Assistance after her hours at work had been cut. She had limited income for two months and during this time, she fell behind on her water bill and her services were shut off. Her and her child were forced to move in with friends. Upon coming to The Crisis Center, she had just started a new job. Through assistance from the Common Fund, she was able to reconnect her water services and move herself and her child back home.

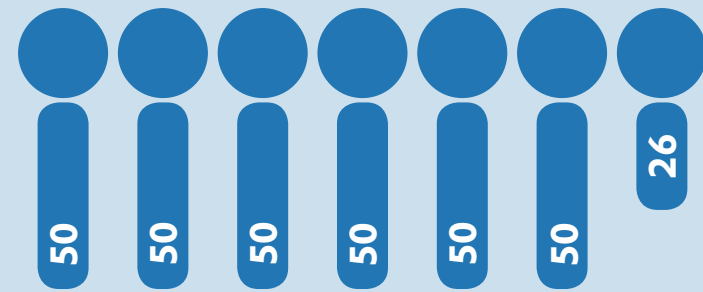
- In September we held a 'Veteran's and Suicide' forum at the Iowa City Public Library. The panel provided terrific insight and personal experiences regarding this important topic.

- In October we featured stand-up comedian David Granirer in a special event called 'Stand-up For Mental Illness'. David's program teaches stand-up comedy to people with mental illness or mental health issues as a way of building confidence and fighting public stigma.

- The community held toilet paper drives and donated thousands of rolls to people in need during the month of October for 'TP The Crisis Center'.

- The 27th annual Project Holiday served holiday meals to more than 4,000 community members in need last December. That's more meals than ever before and that means we need more donations than ever before. We are gearing up for the 28th annual Project Holiday and we are in need of tag location and volunteers to assist with the effort.

Contacts with clients at 'imminent risk':



Each symbol represents 50 contacts with clients who were at 'imminent risk' and helped by The Crisis Center this year, an all-time record. 'Imminent Risk' is when someone is at risk of serious harm to themselves or others. The increase aligns with overall growth in the # of contacts The Crisis Center takes.

Rent/utility assistance: 909

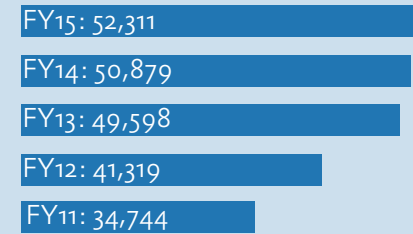


The Crisis Center helped with 909 'assists' to help individuals and families maintain housing last year by assisting with rent or utilities. We distributed 505 additional assists for items like work boots, fans, medication, and more.

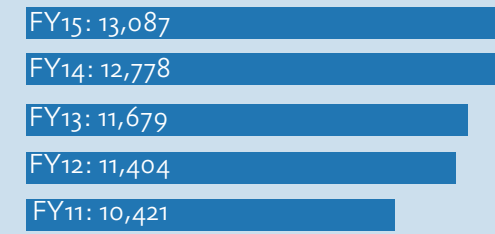
Food Bank

The community's use of the Food Bank grew over the past few years, both in terms of people served and number of visits. The Food Bank served 13,087 different individuals this year, including nearly 1,400 households who hadn't visited The Crisis Center before last year.

Client visits for food

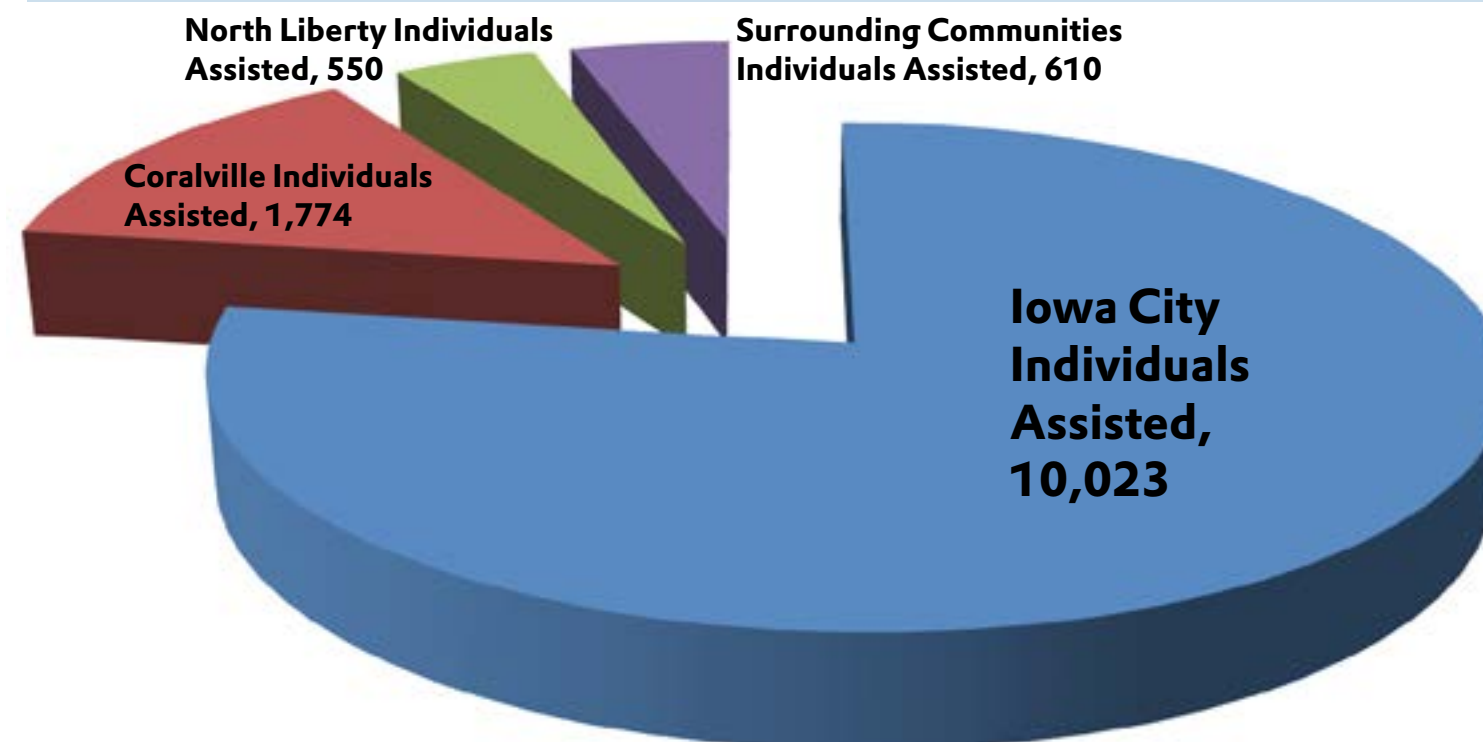


People served



An average family visiting the Food Bank ...

3 members, including at least one child. **2** visits to the Food Bank monthly. **1** or more working adults in the household.



Serving all of Johnson County, Iowa

The Crisis Center is unique: No other organization offers food assistance, emergency financial assistance, or crisis intervention services to all eleven Johnson County communities and the rural areas in between. These data show annual Food Bank and Emergency Assistance data by community.

Iowa City	Individuals provided with food	10,023
	Emergency assists	1,058
Coralville	Individuals provided with food	1,774
	Emergency assists	219
North Liberty	Individuals provided with food	550
	Emergency assists	130
Surrounding communities	Individuals provided with food	610
	Emergency assists	26