

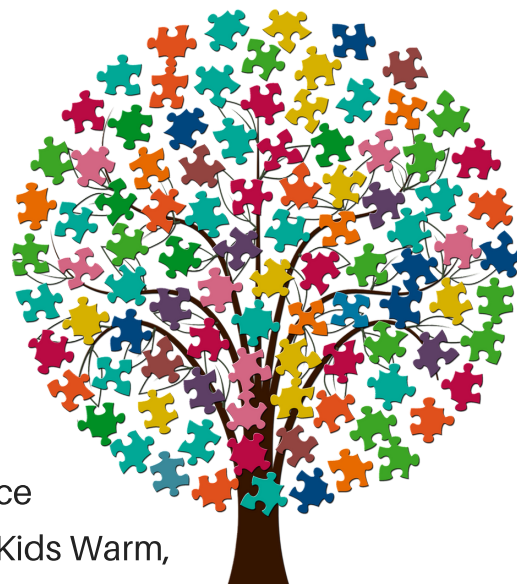


Neenah-Menasha
Emergency Society
A local need. Answered.

Caring for the Community

This year's annual report shares information, photos and the data of how NMES supports those in need throughout the Neenah and Menasha communities.

Established in 1906, this all-volunteer group of more than 40 women has been dedicated to giving back to the community. NMES provides emergency financial assistance in addition to other programs: Meals on Wheels, Keeping Kids Warm, Community Table and the Back-to-School Fair.



This year we celebrated the 10th Annual Kitchen Tour, our largest fundraising event to support our programs and especially the Back-to-School Fair.

We made new relationships in 2018 with organizations such as Pillars and Ascend, and continue to foster our relationship with LEAVEN. LEAVEN continues to be an invaluable resource with connections to many area agencies whose mission is to also help those in need.

We are committed to our mission and to the communities we serve, and we value and honor your commitment to the Neenah-Menasha Emergency Society.

Our Mission

"The mission of Neenah-Menasha Emergency Society is to provide emergency resources to support residents of the Neenah-Menasha area who are unable to provide for their core needs."

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Emergency Assistance

When disaster strikes, whether due to job loss, extended illness or injury, or other reasons, families can quickly find themselves in a financial downward spiral. After other community resources have been exhausted, NMES can often provide “last resort” financial assistance in the form of rent or mortgage payments, help with past due utilities or other expenses. Our assistance often prevents evictions, foreclosures, utility shut-offs and provides general help including funding for car repairs, eyewear, dental surgery, and appliance repairs, to name a few.

Funds Provided To
21 Households
62 Family Members



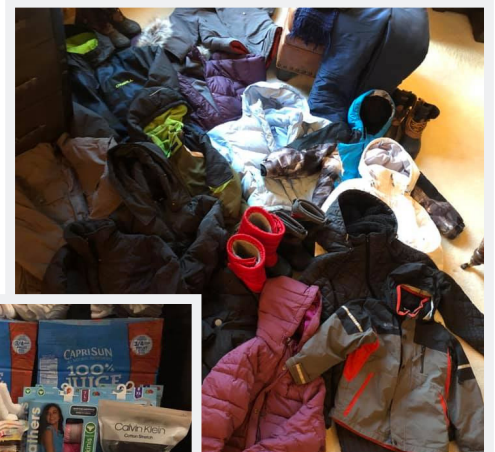
Caring for Kids

Our Keeping Kids Warm initiative provides warm outdoor clothing and boots to students who do not have their own.

Students are referred to the program by their school principals, teachers or counselors. These school officials provide NMES with the clothing size of the child in need. When NMES receives a request, the item is delivered to the school and the school contact delivers them to the student.

Additional students were served through the snacks, socks, underwear, and hygiene products NMES provided the Neenah and Menasha school district counseling offices.

156 Students
213 Items



Community Table

Fox Valley Community Table is an ecumenical organization that provides free, hot meals on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, located at 200 N. Commercial Street, Neenah.

NMES members volunteer to prepare and serve meals to community members in need four different times throughout the year.



288 Meals Served



Ascend/Pillars

NMES provided the Ascend/Pillars kitchen with appliances and supplies for their Neenah housing initiative in support of their efforts to provide shelter, support and solutions to address the housing need in our community.



Meals on Wheels

NMES members have been collaborating with the Valley VNA since 1965 to provide Meals on Wheels to residents of Neenah and Menasha. This allows people who are challenged to grocery shop or prepare a meal to have a nutritious meal with dietary restrictions if needed. NMES members volunteer to deliver meals, while Valley VNA administers the program. If you know of anyone who might benefit from this service, please contact the Valley VNA. This program provides hot, nutritious meals delivered Monday through Friday over the noon hour. The meals are prepared by professional dietary staff at ThedaCare Medical Center, Neenah.



5,003 Meals
68 Clients





10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KITCHEN TOUR

Thursday, April 25, 2019

We enjoyed five beautiful homes throughout Neenah for attendees to tour while sampling some of our community's finest cuisine, beverages and demonstrations. The Kitchen Tour broke records with over 1,000 people in attendance. This was the second year we offered the Kitchen Boutique, showcasing vendors with artisan pieces to purchase.

All of the funds raised by the Kitchen Tour support our core programming and allows us to support the students and families in Neenah-Menasha with the Back-to-School Fair.



Back-to-School Fair

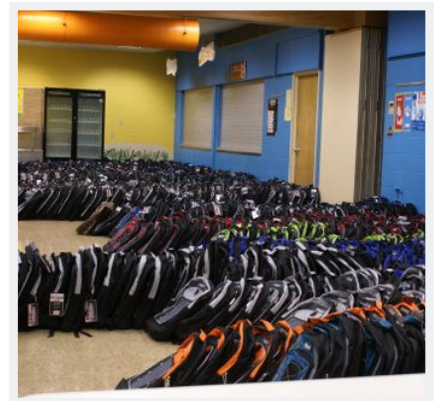
We provided students and families with new backpacks, school supplies and a voucher for a new pair of shoes at our August 2018 Back-To-School-Fair.

Along with the supplies NMES provides, we invite a variety of community resources to the Back to School Fair giving families in attendance additional information on services available in the community.

Our goal is to help ease the financial burden families have when the kids are heading back to school need supplies and shoes.



1,000 Students



**“When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.”
— Maya Angelou**