



## **2021 Impacts for Saline Area Social Service:**

### **Our mission:**

With nearly 450 active clients, SASS aims to provide weekly food and emergency assistance to community members during their times of need. We are neighbors helping neighbors.

### **Our purpose:**

Nearly 100% community-funded, Saline Area Social Service (SASS) is the only organization in Saline that provides comprehensive aid services, including emergency assistance and up to 15 meals every week to community members in need. SASS clients either reside within the boundaries of the Saline Area School District or live outside of Saline with employment in Saline or have children attending Saline Area Schools. They also fall within the U.S. Federal Poverty Guidelines: 36% of our clients are children, and of total adults helped, 66% are women; 54% work part-time or low paying jobs; and 34% seniors.

### **Our impact:**

#### ***- Decreased food & household goods insecurity:***

- Distributed food 4,455 times, equaling 120,825 meals
- Delivered groceries to homebound seniors and families 1,925 times, providing enough food for over 30,000 meals.
- Provided 140 people with assistance for over 1,000 prescriptions and 3 individuals with eyeglasses
- Provided aid to 161 students with back-to-school items, including backpacks, school supplies and new shoes
- Provided 83 children with winter boots and snow pants, and gloves and hats to nearly 300 participants

#### ***- Provided emergency aid:***

- Helped 9 families avoid utility shut-off, 4 families avoid eviction and 2 homeless families with temporary housing
- Helped 4 individuals with car repairs so they can maintain employment or get to regular doctor appointments
- Provided 6 individuals and families with gas cards for work and medical appointments
- Delivered water and flashlights to 47 seniors to assist in weather outage.

#### ***- Increased the quality of life for those that SASS serves through strategic partnerships:***

- Provided over 215 referrals to other community organizations for additional assistance or services
- Sponsored 35 students in afterschool activities, such as art, music, drama, sports, and other enrichment programs
- Continued funding weekly mental health assistance for up to 5 at-risk, high school students every trimester.

#### ***- Engaged the community:***

- Received 217,589 pounds of Food Donations, valued at \$363,374
- Received over 7,051 hours of Volunteer and In-Kind Services, valued at \$176,265
- Received \$94,167 in food and supplies for special programs, such as Holiday Meals and Gifts, Birthday gift bags, Back-To-School, and Winter Gear.

### **Our 2021 financial overview:**

For every \$1 in cash expenditures (\$551,906) in 2021, there was an additional \$.11 (\$618,889) in food, volunteer and donated services raised to support programs and our organization.

### **Our 2022 goals:**

- Continue building the level of service and resources to our community in times of need.
- Increase our community's passion for helping those less fortunate in Saline.