

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR FUND

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD Fall 2025



\$640,000+ in emergency financial assistance provided since May 2020.

THANK YOU for making a difference to more than 900 families - and more than 1,000 children - in need!

A NOTE from CINDY VANDERLEE

Prevention Specialist, Canandaigua City School District and
N2N Steering Committee member

Homelessness doesn't always look like what we imagine.

It can mean a family crowded into a single motel room, or children crowded onto a couch in the home of a friend or relative. A family living in a motel may be relocated every month to a different motel anywhere in – or outside - Ontario County. Without a stove and with only a small refrigerator and a microwave or hotplate, preparing fresh, healthy meals is nearly impossible. For many families, these conditions last not just weeks, but months – or even more than a year – before they are able to find permanent, affordable housing.

In 2008, 16% of our students' families were considered economically disadvantaged. *Today, that number has climbed to 42%.* While being economically disadvantaged does not necessarily mean a family is homeless, it does place them at greater risk. Families struggling to afford rent, utilities, or even essential car repairs to maintain employment are far more vulnerable to experiencing homelessness.

As our district faces a record number of families who are homeless – *68 families in the 2023-2024 school year* - we are witnessing the deep and lasting impact it has on our students and their families. Neighbor to Neighbor has made a tremendous difference by providing financial assistance that prevents homelessness and helps families secure stable, permanent housing. We've seen firsthand what this means for our families: children thrive in school, parents can focus on work, and stability replaces constant worry. For our students and their families, that stability is life changing.



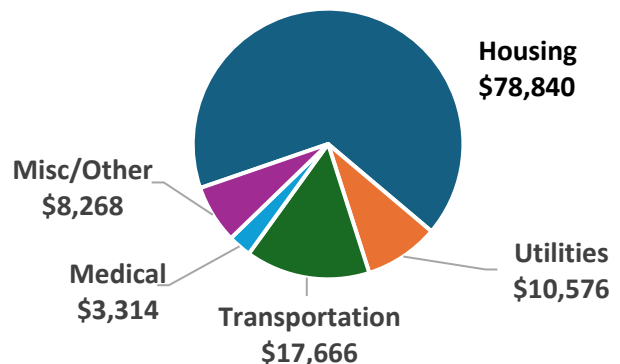
FOCUS on CHILDREN

This year, Neighbor to Neighbor has helped **155 families** throughout Ontario County. Altogether **169 children** have benefitted from our support to keep them housed, to keep their homes heated, to provide them with reliable transportation to school, activities and doctor's appointments, to give them beds to sleep on.

More than half of these children live in Geneva or Canandaigua.

And far too many – **63 of the 169 children** – are fleeing domestic violence with their mothers.

2025 FUNDING by NEED through September



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR FUND P.O. BOX 756

CANANDAIGUA, NY 14424

Neighborstoneighborfund.org

Meg LaDouce Reed, Chair | Bob Zimmerman, Treasurer
Don Cass | Steve Martin | Nora Olivera | Laurie O'Shaughnessy
Anita Pietropaolo | Ellen Polimeni | Liz Reeve | Cindy Vanderlee

STORIES of GENEROSITY



The Canandaigua Teachers Association (CTA) has demonstrated its commitment to the community by supporting N2N for the second consecutive year, with a donation of more than \$1000 each time. Funds are raised through CTA's "dress down" initiative, with 222 members contributing in exchange for the opportunity to dress casually. CTA is proud to support the meaningful impact N2N has on families in our community. *Pictured are Colleen Parkehurst, Colleen Gioseffi and Heather Raulli.*



For Kristy Ingersoll, founder and director of the Youth Chorus of the Finger Lakes and Mosaic Community Faith Choir, giving back through music is essential. Inspired by a conversation with N2N Steering Committee member Ellen Polimeni, she contributed the \$600 in proceeds from the choirs' spring concert, *pictured here*, to support N2N's mission.

EXPRESSIONS of GRATITUDE

- *"Sometimes there hasn't been enough money to cover all the bills and **it is so stressful to try to decide what can get paid and what will have to wait or get eliminated.** I can't thank you enough for this wonderful program! It has relieved a great deal of anxiety for me!"*
- *"I wanted to say thank you all for the help with my car payments. **If it wasn't for you, I'd lose my car, then my job and I wouldn't be able to pick & drop off my son to see him.** I wish I could thank you in a hundred ways. Thank you all for being God sent."*

The IMPACT of YOUR GENEROSITY

*We have seen a **62%** increase this year in requests for emergency assistance and a **70%** increase in the amount of funding we have provided. Your continued generosity allows us to respond immediately to emergency situations, such as these:*

- ◇ A single mother spent most of this year at the Ronald McDonald House while her infant received intensive care at the hospital and her two older children lived with their grandmother. Her limited income made it nearly impossible to secure housing where the family could be reunited after the baby's discharge. With N2N's assistance – and a landlord willing to be flexible with rent and security deposit – she was able to bring her children together under one roof and maintain stability.
- ◇ A self-employed man had been seriously ill and unable to work for much of this year. He refinanced his home to reduce his monthly expenses, but his limited funds still prevented him from paying off past due propane bills and purchase the propane he needs for heat and hot water. A funding partnership between N2N, the St Vincent de Paul Society and Canandaigua Churches in Action helped him purchase his heating fuel.

Thank you to more than 125 INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES and the following BUSINESSES, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS and FOUNDATIONS.

Together, they have contributed more than \$120,000 since January of this year.

Bristol Mountain
Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company
CDGA Coffee
Ewing Canandaigua Forum Board of Directors
Harris Beach Murtha Culling PPLC
ProAssisting
St John's Episcopal Church, Canandaigua
Sunshine Accounting Services CPA PLLC
Wegmans Food Markets, Inc.

Canandaigua Kiwanis Foundation, Inc.
Canandaigua Teachers' Association
Eriah Inc.
Geneva Rotary Foundation
Ontario Childrens' Foundation
Red Jacket Rotary Service Club
Molly & Ed Shill Cares Foundation
The United Church Presbyterian American Baptist
Youth Chorus of the Finger Lakes