

## The Kinnickinnic Backpack Program



Provides food for weekends during the school year to families-ensuring that kids get the food they need. Each Friday, a backpack filled with food is sent home with participating children in the River Falls Public Schools -(Greenwood, Montessori, Rocky Branch, and Westside Elementary, Meyer Middle School, the Renaissance Academy) and St. Bridgets. More information is available from the school counselor at each participating school. Most families receiving backpacks also qualify for free or reduced price school lunches, but eligibility for these programs is not a requirement.

## Emergency Housing



Our Neighbors' Place offers emergency shelter to families and individuals who are or will be homeless. Those interested in applying for emergency shelter can apply at the Day Center of Our Neighbors' Place during office hours or can request an application be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed by placing a call to the Day Center. Families are given priority in the emergency shelter but if space is available, homeless individuals will be considered. A criminal background check will be done and references contacted. Final acceptance into the program will be approved by the Shelter Support Team who provides in-home support and resources. Those appropriate for the program must have had a period of mental health stability, sobriety, and safety in the community.

Homelessness is a growing problem. While we might think it doesn't exist in our own neighborhood, there are homeless people and families throughout Pierce and St. Croix Counties. The problem of homelessness affects individuals and families and our community as a whole.

The 2010 Census estimates that there are 7,482 people living in poverty in Pierce and St. Croix Counties.

A 2010 UWRF study estimates that 130 Pierce County and 170 St Croix County house holds had experienced homelessness in past 5 years

It estimates that more than 1,100 Pierce County and more than 1,400 St. Croix County residents have missed at least one utility bill during the past 12 months because of an inability to pay.

More than 700 Pierce County and more than 900 St. Croix County residents are estimated to have missed a rental or mortgage payment during the past twelve months because of an inability to pay.

Long-term solutions include preventing homelessness and helping people who are now homeless become self-reliant.

There are a variety of opportunities and ways for individuals, civic groups, schools, families, businesses and churches to assist and volunteer.

## OUR NEIGHBORS' PLACE

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**“Connecting People With Resources”**

**ONP Day Center**  
**136 North Riverwalk**  
**River Falls, WI 54022**  
**Mon-Fri 9:00-5:00**  
**715-426-9000**

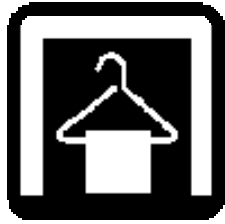
**OURNEIGHBORSPLACE@GMAIL.COM**

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MISSION STATEMENT

**Our Neighbors' Place  
will provide  
shelter and support services  
to Families and Individuals of  
Pierce and St. Croix Counties  
to help people in need move  
toward independence  
and self sufficiency**

*Our Neighbors' Place 501(c)3  
EIN: 35-23831-55*



## Shop at The Closet

Located at the Day Center

**Open to the General Public**

**Very Affordable Adult Clothes  
and Accessories  
Youth Size 12 thru Adult**

**Great Selection, Quality and Prices  
Vouchers available  
for referred clients for  
Free Clothing to meet needs**

**\*\*\*New Socks/Undergarments\*\*\*  
and Seasonal Wear**

**HOURS:  
MONDAY - FRIDAY 9 - 5 pm**

**Items for Donation can be  
Dropped off Mon-Wed 9:00-5:00**

**Monetary Donations:  
Our Neighbors' Place Fund  
Our Neighbors' Place  
PO Box 274  
River Falls, WI 54022**

Our Neighbors' Place Day Center  
is the hub of this organization  
Our motto is  
"Connecting People  
With Resources"

Staff is Available  
Monday - Friday  
9:00AM - 5:00 PM

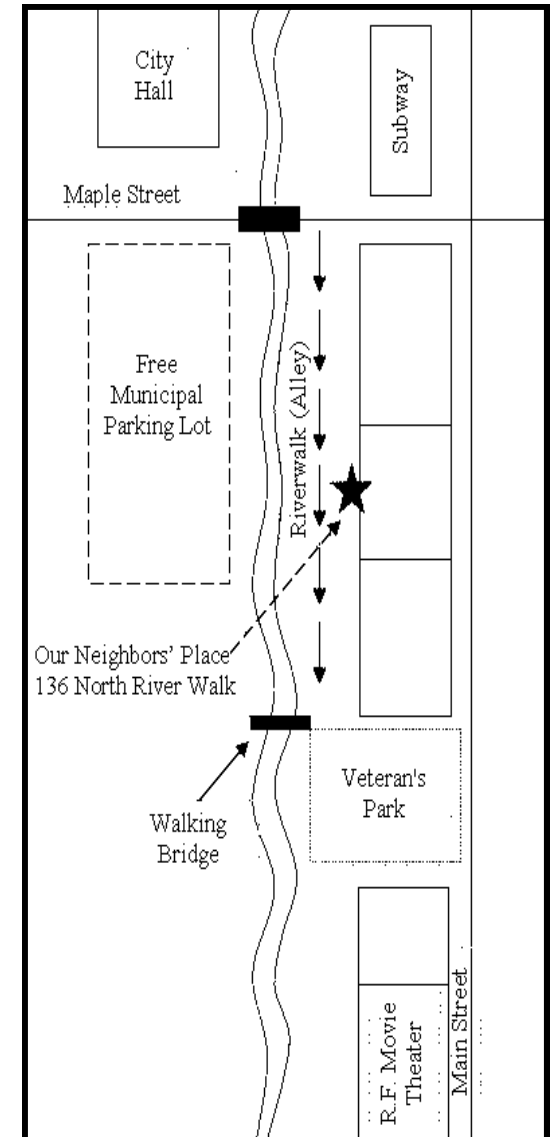
On site:  
Computers  
Phone access  
Some transportation assistance  
Limited clothes washing  
Mailing Address  
The Closet  
Resource Information

Our Neighbors' Place:

- Currently serving more than 225 people per month in the Day Center (information, arranging emergency shelter, referrals)
- The median family served includes 1.5 adults and 1.2 children
- Three-quarters of the children served are under 12 years of age
- One-quarter of the fathers and one-third of the mothers are under 30 years of age

**For Evening, Weekend, Holiday  
Emergency Assistance -  
Check with your  
Local Police Department**

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