# **OUR IMPACT**



When people have stable housing and enough nutritious food, our community is a place where everyone can thrive.



**6,665** people participated in our programs last year



603 households receive direct assistance each year



61,533 food pantry visits per year



of housing stability program participants maintained housing & avoided eviction



- Children do better in school and have better mental and physical health outcomes when they are food secure.
- Families in stable housing avoid eviction and frequent moves, which allows children to stay in their schools and have better education and health outcomes.

#### HOUSING STABILITY



of renters in Dane County pay more than 30% of their monthly income on rent

Renters of color are disproportionately affected by this cost burden.

## **FOOD INSECURITY**

6% of Dane County residents
7.5% of Children
17% of Latino residents
23% of Black residents



The disparity in food insecurity between black and white households in Wisconsin is among the largest in the country.

Sources: Dane County Housing Initiative; Wisconsin Food Security Project, UW-Madison





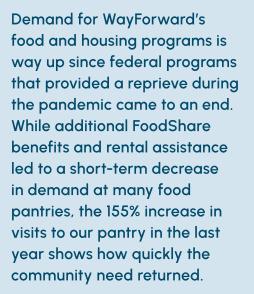
# Food Security Programs

- Provide access to culturally diverse, nutritious food.
- **7** Food pantry open to all Dane County residents.
- People can access the pantry as often as they need, five days a week.
- Also provide food through deliveries, mobile food pantries and partnerships with the Middleton-Cross Plains School District.



### Housing Stability Programs

- Provide case management, referrals, and financial assistance to help people remain in stable housing.
- Focus on critical support that keeps families in their homes so they avoid the trauma of homelessness.
- Connections Program works with families and individuals in doubled-up living situations to locate and move into their own housing.



households receiving financial assistance

(FY 2019-2023)



# **Other Programs**

- Back to School program and Winter Wishes gift cards program help alleviate financial stress for families in our service area.
- Clothing Center offers free clothing and is open to anyone who lives in Dane County.

food pantry visits



#### **Charmaine's Story**

"Without WayForward, I don't know where I would be," says Charmaine, who previously visited WayForward's food pantry for groceries and took part in our Housing Stability and seasonal programs. That support helped her stretch her budget and cover rent while she pursued a degree at Madison College. She has since launched her own business - Loyal Hearts Home Health Services - to support senior citizens in their homes. "I've been a caregiver all my life." Charmaine says. WayForward's programs allowed her to maintain stability for her children and pursue her dreams, she says. "There's not another program that I feel would be as engaged in my life and assist me as much as WayForward has."