

## Growing Our Future Together





I am excited to present to you LEAVEN's 2023 Annual Report, highlighting our 2023 achievements and progress. Over the last 12 months, LEAVEN's focus has been to foster strong community partner collaborations, ensure intentionality in our actions, embrace new leadership, and drive new growth within our organization.

Throughout the year, we have worked closely with our community partners to enhance our collective impact and address key challenges facing our community. These collaborations have allowed us to leverage our strengths and resources effectively, leading to meaningful outcomes and sustainable solutions.

With a renewed sense of intentionality, our team at LEAVEN has approached our decision-making processes with strategic clarity and purpose. This deliberate approach has guided our actions towards achieving our long-term goals and creating positive change within our community.

The introduction of new leadership, in the Executive Director role, the Board of Directors President role, and in the Client Services Director role, has brought fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and a renewed sense of energy to LEAVEN. Under this new leadership, we have embraced change, fostered a culture of collaboration and creativity, and set the stage for future growth and success.

As we continue to focus on growth at LEAVEN, we remain committed to empowering and encouraging economic stability and quality of life for all living in the Fox Cities. Through the collective efforts and shared vision with our community partners, we are proud of the impact we've made in 2023!

Since the pandemic changed our world, LEAVEN has been incredibly adaptable, from changing how we offer services to helping to fill the gaps and navigate new government funds. Just when we thought change was behind us, we were reminded that the only thing constant is change.

Thank you for your support and partnership as we continue to help bridge the gap between hardship and hope!

Nikki A. Gerhard, Executive Director

The past year saw transitions in leadership, bringing fresh perspectives and renewed priorities. This shift has led to a heightened emphasis on refining processes and enhancing the client experience.

While change is often met with resistance, our dedicated volunteers, staff, and Board of Directors have shown resilience in embracing it. Together, we've leveraged change to propel LEAVEN forward, ensuring its continued evolution.

I am profoundly proud to be a part of LEAVEN and witness its journey of growth and adaptation.

Rebecca Kellner, Board President

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## Robert A. Udulutsch Award CASA HISPANA



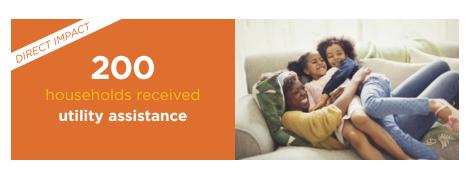
When Robert A. Udulutsch founded LEAVEN, he knew early on that the only way it would be successful was through the collaborative efforts of the community. Every year since our inception, LEAVEN has honored those who have helped us along our way toward becoming a more effective reality by presenting them with the Robert A. Udulutsch Award. **The 2023 award is presented to Casa Hispana.** 

Casa Hispana is a nonprofit organization with a mission to advocate for and empower our local Hispanic/Latinx community through advancing awareness, education, and celebration of our diverse cultures to ensure current and future generations thrive in the Fox Valley. Casa Hispana and LEAVEN are colocated in the LEAVEN Community Resource Center and collaborate on joint programming and shared services to expand each organization's reach to the Hispanic/Latinx community. Casa Hispana shares in LEAVEN's goal to provide a centralized access point to connect families to resources and services, thereby removing barriers and reducing the duplication of services.

In 2023, Casa Hispana staff facilitated over 1,300 client interactions- providing information, referrals, and support for basic needs; awarded \$7,000 in scholarships to seven Hispanic/Latinx students; and welcomed over 750 attendees and 60 organizations and businesses at Latino Fest!

Since joining LEAVEN at the Midway Outreach Campus, Casa Hispana has been led by **Ernesto Gonzalez**, who's dedication to supporting a variety of oppressed community voices is truly inspiring. Whether through Casa Hispana's advocacy efforts or outreach efforts, Ernesto and his team have consistently shown their compassion and empathy for others. While Ernesto officially retired at the end of 2023, his leadership of Casa Hispana and impact on the community will be felt for years to come.

LEAVEN is honored to present the Robert A. Udulutsch Award to Casa Hispana, for their commitment to our community, their kindness, compassion, dedication to helping others, and their shining example that serves as a reminder that there is always hope. Community organizations can, and do, truly make a difference!

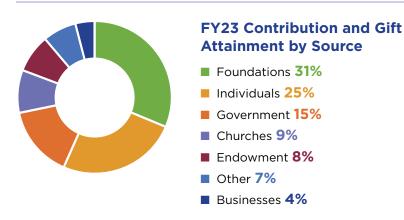


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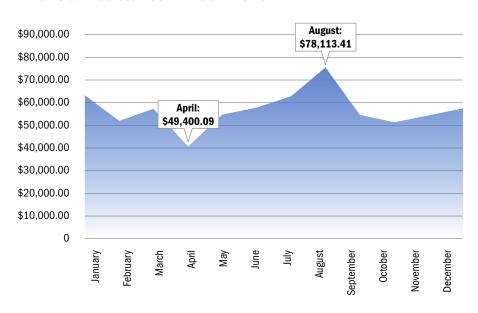


#### **Our Commitment to Accountability and Transparency**

LEAVEN is committed to transparency in our operations, adherence to best practices, and the careful stewardship of donor funds. We strive to hold ourselves accountable to our donors, volunteers, community partners, and the public. All donations are thoughtfully stewarded and allocated with attention to effectiveness and efficiency. Our strong performance is reflected in the fact that LEAVEN is highly rated by Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator.

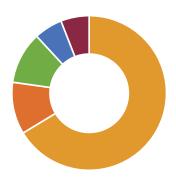


#### Financial Assistance Annual Trend



## FINANCIAL IMPACT





#### **Financial Assistance**

- Rent 67%
- Security Despoit 11%
- Utilities 11%
- Car Repair 6%
- Mortgage 6%

#### **Community Impact**



\$823,316
ASSISTANCE
PROVIDED



10,402 UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS SERVED



**7,306**REQUESTS
PROCESSED

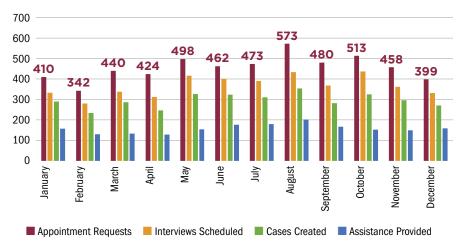


4,144
UNIQUE HOUSEHOLDS
SERVED



3,342 ON-SITE PARTNER REFERRALS

### **Monthly Performance**



#### 2023 LEAVEN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

**BILL OLSON** 

Traditions at LEAVEN are not taken lightly and the tradition of naming a Volunteer of the Year may be one of LEAVEN's very best. LEAVEN volunteers are made of special stock. Each year we honor the service of someone who stands out, who goes above and beyond, who exemplifies the LEAVEN mission to our neighbors in need.

Bill Olson, LEAVEN's 2023 Volunteer of the year, came to LEAVEN almost 16 years ago as a retired middle and high school math teacher. Since 2007, he has been coming to LEAVEN – often two days a week – amassing over 3,400 hours of service. Bill started out at LEAVEN as an interviewer before moving into his current role as caseworker. Here his analytical tendencies and willingness to dig deep into cases serves LEAVEN well, yet his compassion and positive attitude stands out the most. He keeps the chocolate bowl filled and he is unphased by the common LEAVEN equation that leaves him as the only man in a room full of women.

In his 16 years at LEAVEN, Bill has made a name for himself as a go to resource for endless problems that arise. Have a computer issue? Check with Bill. Have a tough client file to work through? Save it for Bill, he doesn't mind asking the hard questions. On any given day you can find Bill crunching numbers on a client request, being



vigilant to LEAVEN's tax exempt status before authorizing any resources are spent. Need a good math joke? Bill's got you covered!

Not one to take retirement lightly, Bill still tutors math – often coming to his LEAVEN shift from his "other job." Bill is an active member in his church where he serves as an elder – providing leadership and guidance to the special needs committee. Due in part to Bill's advocacy, his church shares a portion of their monthly missions collections with LEAVEN. Bill and his wife Doris are also talented musicians, having performed at past LEAVEN events as well as participating in local music festivals, namely Street Music Week in Appleton.

Bill Olson, we thank you for your service to LEAVEN and your commitment to serving our clients. We honor you as the 2023 LEAVEN Volunteer of the Year and welcome you into the highly esteemed group of volunteers who have received this award over the past 36 years of LEAVEN history.

1,567 households received rent, mortgage, or security deposit assistance



## LEAVEN Thank You!

We are deeply grateful for the individuals, businesses, churches, foundations, civic clubs, and government agencies that help us fulfill our mission. Your generosity ensures that every person who turns to LEAVEN for help has the opportunity to build a better life.



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You can help our clients in ways that go beyond our usual emergency financial assistance. Donated goods and services keep administrative costs extremely low, enabling greater financial assistance to our clients.



Michael Frost



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### **Long-Term**

Through support of our endowment funds and planned giving, our goal is to cover 100% of administrative costs through endowment distributions, freeing up more dollars for direct client assistance.



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### Volunteer

Volunteers at LEAVEN are an invaluable asset to our operational efficiency as well as our service to clients. Volunteers are the face and voice of LEAVEN to anyone seeking help and their compassion is at the heart of all we do.





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#### **Financial**

Financial donations from churches, businesses, individuals, and other organizations make our work possible.





#### **Energy Services, Inc.**

Provides services and assistance necessary to prevent or alleviate energy-related emergencies.



#### 1,438 referrals made throughout 2023

"Energy Services' collaboration with LEAVEN has allowed us the ability to reach those most in need. The partnership has increased our outreach efforts by connecting us with client's seeking services from partner programs. This one stop shot approach to client services decreases the likelihood of our most vulnerable clients from falling between the cracks."

- Janet M. Macdonald, Energy Services Inc. Lead Intake Eligibility Specialist

#### Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay

Provides financial counseling, mental health counseling, and immigration services.



#### 336 referrals made throughout 2023

We are grateful for our partnership with LEAVEN and all the agencies under this one roof. Together, we are stronger! And together we are making a bigger impact on those in need.

Karmen Lemke, Catholic Charities Executive Director

#### **Partnership Community Health Center**

Provides access to, and assists households with, enrollment in public benefit programs, including BaderCare and FoodShare.



#### 343 referrals made throughout 2023

A woman in her 20s was referred to me by LEAVEN for assistance with health insurance and food. Shortly after meeting with her, she reached out to let me know that she was approved and gained comprehensive health insurance coverage. Due to LEAVEN's dedicated volunteers and staff, this woman was able to see medical providers, access needed prescription medications, receive dental care, vision exams, and prescription eyewear.

- Lydia Rhoads, Partnership Community Health Outreach and Enrollment Specialist

#### Fox Valley Technical College



Provides access to educational programs and services, including GED, HSED, and higher degree programs.

116 referrals made throughout 2023



#### **Fox Valley Veterans**

Provides veterans with resources to meet their basic needs and connect them to other available resources in the community.



#### **66** referrals made throughout 2023

As a longstanding partner of LEAVEN's, I am continually inspired by the unwavering dedication and compassion they bring to their mission. Through their tireless efforts, they have provided invaluable support to countless individuals and families in need, embodying the true spirit of Christian charity.

What sets LEAVEN apart is not only their commitment to serving the most vulnerable among us but also their approach rooted in love, dignity, and respect for every individual they encounter. Whether it's through their assistance programs, shelter partnerships, or community outreach efforts, they consistently demonstrate a profound understanding of the diverse needs of those they serve, offering both practical assistance and genuine empathy.

In times of uncertainty and hardship, LEAVEN stands as a testament to the transformative power of faith in action. I am grateful for their partnership and proud to support their vital work in building a more compassionate and equitable society.

- Rick Underwood, Fox Valley Veterans Council Case Manager

#### **Forward Service Corporation**

Provides financial help and family support through training, support, case management, and other services.



It has been great to partner with LEAVEN in 2023 to get a more formal set up for referrals within our FSET Program. We enjoy being onsite and updating the volunteers on our programs and services.

Jordan Dvorak Eiting, Forward Service Corporation FSET & W-2 Team Lead

#### **Goodwill Skills to Build**

Provides access to individuals seeking to build job skills that lead to sustained employment and improved financial stability.



#### **Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services Inc.**

Provides access and tools needed to end the cycle of domestic abuse and dating violence.



One of my favorite parts about working out of LEAVEN since 2018 is being able to use the community room to provide an additional support group to survivors of domestic abuse. In 2023, we provided over 189 hours of group support to at least 14 survivors ranging in age from 25-68. Additionally, we supported 48 unique services out of LEAVEN in 2023.

- Olivia, Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services Client Advocate



#### **Community Benefit Tree**

Empowering families to effectively navigate medical debt by encompassing finances, fundraising, education, resources, and spiritual well-being.



#### **Feeding America**

Ensuring households have enough healthy, nutritious food to eat as well as resources to build a pathway to stability.



The volunteers at LEAVEN provide amazing support to the Outreach Partners. Thank you for doing your best.

- Lisa Penterman, Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin Network Partnership Coordinator

#### **Legal Action of Wisconsin**



Providing access to justice and the right to counsel in civil legal proceedings, regardless of the ability to pay.

LEAVEN has been instrumental in allowing Legal Action of Wisconsin to increase its presence in the Fox Valley and connectivity to other agencies in the area.

J. Scott Schnurer, Legal Action of Wisconsin Staff Attorney

#### **Rebuilding Together Fox Valley**

Providing access to critical home modifications to homeowners at no cost.



As a former community partner with LEAVEN, Rebuilding Together Fox Valley appreciated the assistance and commemoratory in being housed in one central location to be able to network and build upon our relationships, not only with other partners but with members of the community in which we all serve.

Through community information fairs, partnership meetings and warm hand offs we are able to build on our relationships with our clients to ensure that they are escorted with dignity and kindness to apply for services that they need in order to live safe and healthy within their homes.

- Elisha Bushman, Rebuilding Together Community Outreach Manager



#### **UMOS**

Assisting individuals struggling to meet their needs and dreams of a better life for themselves and their families through employment opportunities.



UMOS Transitional Jobs was looking for agencies to partner with in the Outagamie area where we could meet with community members and have other resources available that would help eliminate barriers from obtaining employment, LEAVEN more than delivered. They organize and schedule office space to come on site, educate other agencies of all programs onsite, and help community members in need of support services. UMOS TJ has seen an increase in referrals the last 6 months we partnered with LEAVEN. They took the time to understand who we are as a company, program requirements and gave UMOS TJ an amazing opportunity we were seeking for the Outagamie area.

- Amanda Reiter, UMOS Employment Coach

#### Pillars, Inc.

Providing assistance with accessing and securing affordable housing.





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Navigating the complex landscape of resources can pose significant challenges for small nonprofits like HeadsUp Fox Cities, particularly when it comes to effectively supporting our clients. However, with LEAVEN as a trusted partner, we can confidently ensure that the youth we serve receive not only assistance but also co-advocacy, consistent and dependable support, and tailored solutions that address their individual needs. Through our collaboration with LEAVEN, we can empower our participants with the tools and resources they need to thrive.

Laura Kuehl, Board President, HeadsUp Fox Cities

# In Honor of

**Donors give financial gifts to LEAVEN to honor loved ones** for birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, and special occasions. Below is a list of individuals who have been honored by family and friends through a gift to LEAVEN in 2023.



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In addition to those listed, donors have also made gifts in honor of, or in memory of, groups or individuals such as parents, grandchildren, family, friends or deceased loved ones.

# In Memory of

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## **Legacy Society Donors**



Gifts to the endowment ensure a tradition of honoring our past, building on our present, and investing in our future so we can continue to help individuals and families in our community move forward. The LEAVEN endowment funds were established to ensure that emergency financial assistance will always be available to people in need. The goal is to fund all administrative costs through the annual distribution generated by the funds, enabling other donations to be used solely for client assistance.

The Legacy Society honors donors who contribute to the endowment. Contact LEAVEN if you are interested in learning more about the options for leaving a lasting legacy.

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LEAVEN stabilizes and empowers people in crisis by providing financial assistance, resource coordination, and case management to address their near and long term needs.

#### **OUR VISION**

LEAVEN will lead efforts to ensure that everyone in the community we serve has access to resources that lead to economic stability and quality of life.