



# PILLAGER FAMILY COUNCIL

known as the PILLAGER FAMILY CENTER

## 2020 Annual Report

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**Mission:** Empowering and strengthening families to build a strong Pillager community.

**Vision:** A caring community of hope.

**Core Values:** Relationships, Empowerment, Integrity, Compassion and Service

The Pillager Family Center has been operating for over 26 years, collaborating with organizations to provide a seamless system of support to children and families in the Pillager community. The Pillager Family Center's programs are geared toward early intervention and prevention services and are community based and driven.

### Financial Position

Program Fees	\$ 338,644
Grants	\$ 254,125
County/School Support	\$ 71,412
Donations	\$ 33,941
Interest	\$ 4,838
Total Support/Revenue	\$ 702,960
Child Care Services	\$ 420,106
Family Support Services	\$ 115,322
Management and General	\$ 31,390
Total Expense	\$ 566,818
Change in Income	\$ 136,142
Current Assets	\$ 874,796
Net Property/Equipment	\$ 118,098
Total Assets	\$ 992,894
Total Liabilities	\$ 28,362
Net Assets	\$ 964,532

### **Programs and services offered by the Pillager Family Center**

- ◆ Fun Stop School Age Care Program
- ◆ Little Huskies Child Care Center, programming for children ages 16 months-five years.
- ◆ Partnering with Cass County for programs such as WIC, Well Child Check-ups, financial workers, Veteran's services and meetings with county personnel.
- ◆ Food Support including the food shelf and NAPS food program
- ◆ Home Visiting Program for parents-prenatal to age three
- ◆ Family Support and Development including community resource referral, parenting classes, budgeting and financial assistance
- ◆ Radiothon to End Child Abuse participation
- ◆ Partnering with local agencies, churches, schools and organizations to help families meet their goals

The Pillager Family Council is a federally recognized 501(c)3 organization. Federal Tax Identification Number 41-1811057

## Family Support and Development-Cost \$96,391 17% of program expense

The Pillager Family Center provides an effective family support program by being available to families at the earliest stage of development and support them as they grow. By doing so, this strengthens coping capacities and provides parents with the skills and knowledge they need to advocate for themselves and their children. Services are developed and provided within the context of a close, cooperative working partnership with families, their community, and program

## Community Resources and Information

- ◆ Fax machine, telephone, copy machine, and community bulletin board for community use
- ◆ Community playground is available for families to use
- ◆ Information and referral services were provided to people either by telephone or in person
- ◆ 18 People volunteered their time and talents throughout the year, including many Pillager Lion's members. Thank you for your support and help!

## Pillager Area Food Shelf



- ◆ Open Thursdays, 11:00 am until 4:00 pm, and by appointment during the week
- ◆ 9% of Minnesotans had incomes below the poverty line (\$25,926 for a family of four) in 2020. This included 11% of Minnesota's children.
- ◆ Monthly average participation was 124 adults, 33 children representing 59 households.
- ◆ Volunteers from the Pillager Lion's Club helped the Pillager Food Shelf run smoothly. The Pillager Lion's Club is also a large financial supporter of the Pillager Food Shelf. We are very thankful for this partnership!



- ◆ Many individuals and organizations support the Pillager Food Shelf with monetary and food donations. We are so thankful to be part of such a generous community who cares for their fellow community members and neighbors!

## Nutrition Assistance for Seniors (NAPS) Program

- ◆ NAPS program-Second Harvest Food Bank provides monthly food box to seniors who are 65 years old and income eligible. NAPS unduplicated families served was 81.

## Partnership with Cass County (when not operating under COVID restrictions)

- ◆ Child and Teen Check-up outreach and scheduling of check-ups and immunizations
- ◆ Women, Infants, Children Clinics for pregnant women, infants and children
- ◆ Children receive healthcare services in their own community
- ◆ Financial workers available on-site through V-link once a week
- ◆ Family Stabilization support worker available on-site by appointment
- ◆ MN Rural CEP worker available on-site for job search help
- ◆ Staff available to help find county services and resources as needed
- ◆ Space available for meetings with county personnel as needed
- ◆ Coordinating services for families with other organizations such as Bi-County CAP, Bridges of Hope, Salvation Army, area churches, local service organizations



# Early Childhood Programming

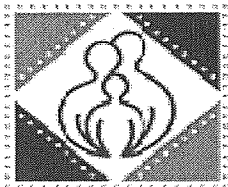
## Pillager Little Huskies Child Care Center

Cost \$306,620, 54% of program expenses

- ◆ State licensed child care center
- ◆ Located at the Pillager School
- ◆ Pyramid (TACSEI: Technical Assistance Center on Social/Emotional Intervention) framework implemented gives direction on social and emotional development
- ◆ Participated in the Parent Aware rating process and received a four star rating, highest rating possible.
- ◆ Research indicates that children who receive quality early childhood education enter school ready to learn and have better social skills, fewer grade retentions, and higher high school graduation rates.
- ◆ Creative Curriculum and Teaching Strategies Gold Assessment Tool used to monitor progress and set goals. Fall and spring developmental evaluations are completed to help determine the children's areas of strengthen and areas that need improvement.
- ◆ 73 children enrolled in the program.



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## Home Visiting Program

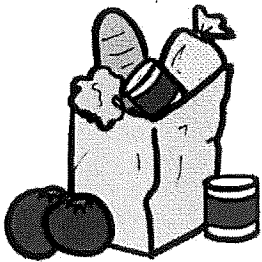
Cost \$50,321, 9% of program expenses

- ◆ A strength based Home Visiting program for parents and children prenatal to age three
- ◆ Build and sustain community partnerships to engage families.
- ◆ Cultivate and strengthen nurturing parent-child relationships.
- ◆ Promote healthy childhood development and growth.
- ◆ Enhance family functioning by reducing risk and building protective factors.
- ◆ Evidence based Growing Great Kids curriculum
- ◆ Weekly visits
- ◆ Guided by an advisory board
- ◆ Healthy Families America Accredited
- ◆ Partnering with two other communities to provide service in a large area of Cass County.
- ◆ Funding received from: Cass County, Cass County Children 's Initiative, United Way of Crow Wing and Southern Cass Counties, Minnesota Department of Health and Otto Bremer Foundation

**Fun Stop Program for School Age Children, grades K-4th**  
**Cost \$113,486, 20% of program expenses**



- ◆ Fun, safe, affordable and active school-aged care (K-4<sup>th</sup> grades)
- ◆ Before school 6:30 am to 8:10 am, after school from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.
- ◆ Full days (6:30 am to 6:00 pm) when there is no school and during the summer.
- ◆ During the summer, weekly field trips are planned to help provide fun activities for students to experience.
- ◆ Students receive homework help during the school year, have access to the computer lab, media center, free time to play and explore, develop social skills and friendships with multi-age groups.
- ◆ Research shows that quality after-school care is an opportunity not only to provide a safe place for children, but to develop strong programs that enrich their learning and positive development. Research also indicates that families with quality childcare tend to have lower absenteeism rates at work, higher productivity rates, and lower turnover.
- ◆ 83 students enrolled in the program.



The Pillager Area Food Shelf went to curbside service in March due to COVID restrictions and continued that service through December. In addition to the usual groceries offered, protein, produce and dairy products continue to be offered thanks to the amount of cooler and freezer space. Offering more fresh produce, more protein items and dairy is really important and we want to have plenty of these items on hand, offering healthier choices for families.

Once we return to normal safely, families can self shop and take ownership of choosing what their family needs. Once a month, families can visit to shop for groceries donated and/or purchased from Second Harvest Food Bank, Baxter Cub Foods, Wal-Mart, Costco and community members.

The Food Shelf is open on Thursdays from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Watch for the Pop-Up Pantry that happen once a month, located at the Pillager Community Center.

You can support this project by donating items, money or your time volunteering. All three are appreciated and needed to continue to help families in our community!  
Call Michele at 218-746-4009 to see how you can help!

**2020 Pillager Family Council Members**

Greg Norton, Pillager Community Member  
Josh Smith, Pillager Elementary Principal  
Dan Johnson, Pastor, Casino Assembly of God  
Mike Malmberg, Pillager School Superintendent  
Jody Giza, Pillager Community Member  
Anna Hunstad, Pillager Community Member  
Jamie Hauge, Pillager Fair Board Member  
Sue Van Hal, Pillager Community Member

Betty Doss, Executive Director

We are so thankful to the many organizations and individuals who continue to support our programs financially and by volunteering.

If you would like to invest in the children and families in our community through these programs or to receive more information, please call 218-746-4009 or 218-746-2185, or visit our website at [www.pillagerfamilycenter.org](http://www.pillagerfamilycenter.org).