

FY 2024/2025

October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025

IMPACT REPORT

Photo: Saint Paul Public Schools Project REACH team in front of our family care bags, hygiene kits and assorted hygiene items that they distribute to students and families through school and outreach support.



BRIDGE
OF BASICS



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

This past fiscal year, has been a testament to the power of community. When we launched Bridge to Basics in May 2024, our mission was simple: to bridge the gap in hygiene poverty by providing essential items to our neighbors in need. Thanks to the unwavering support of our donors, volunteers and nonprofit partners, we have surpassed our initial goals year over year and made a tangible impact on thousands of lives.

This report highlights our collective achievements. From our first distributions to reaching this year's major milestone of 288,253 items distributed, every number represents a story of dignity restored and confidence gained. In addition to our ongoing monthly program, we were able to pivot and launch our "Basic Needs Boost" summer program, which ensured additional partners continued to meet needs while schools were on break.

As we look to the next year, the demand for our services continues to grow. We have a waitlist of nearly 60 nonprofits eager to join our network. Your continued support is vital as we work to say "yes" to more of these organizations and the families they serve.

With gratitude and partnership,

Rana Khoury & Kristie Thibodeau
Co-Executive Directors

Help us say "yes"
to families in need

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Learn more at bridgetobasics.org

WHAT WE DO

Bridge to Basics is Minnesota's only hygiene bank and one of seven in the U.S. We operate a centralized distribution hub that secures and supplies ongoing essential hygiene products – at no cost – to Twin Cities nonprofits. Our mission fills a critical gap left by federal benefits, ensuring struggling neighbors have reliable access to the basic items needed for health, dignity and well-being.



Nonprofit partners identify needed items and quantities



We provide ongoing requested items



Nonprofits distribute to struggling neighbors

Our model has compounding value:

- nonprofits maximize their impact by staying mission-focused
- neighbors ensure their physical & emotional dignity with appropriate hygiene support

Our Vision

Everyone has access to essential hygiene products, empowering healthy and thriving individuals, families and communities.

Our Mission

We bridge the essential hygiene needs of individuals and families through partnerships, allowing nonprofits to amplify their impact and build a healthier, more empowered community.

Board of Directors



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OUR FINANCIALS

We are committed to strong fiscal management and transparency.

Total Revenue: \$195,000

In-Kind Product Donations: \$48,000

Total Expenses: \$112,000

Administrative & Fundraising: 4.6% of total expenses

Programmatic Expenses: 95.4% of total expenses



62%
of hygiene items distributed were **PURCHASED** by us

Sources of Financial Support

- Individual Donors: 34%
- Foundations: 66%

Special thank you to the following business and community supporters:
Aveda Corporation, James Lynne, Sheets Laundry Club, TruEarth, Costco, Premier Bank, Saint Paul Minnesota Foundation, The Oakfish Foundation, Saint Joan of Arc Church, St. Ambrose Catholic Community

“These items aren't luxuries; they are fundamental to how we feel about ourselves. We recently had a grandmother visit who told us her grandkids were skipping school because they lacked deodorant and body wash. The relief when we handed her a full hygiene kit was immediate. Moments like that remind us: hygiene essentials are a part of what makes participation—in school, in community—possible.”

Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul

\$0.33
secures and distributes one hygiene item



OUR IMPACT

288,253

TOTAL HYGIENE
ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

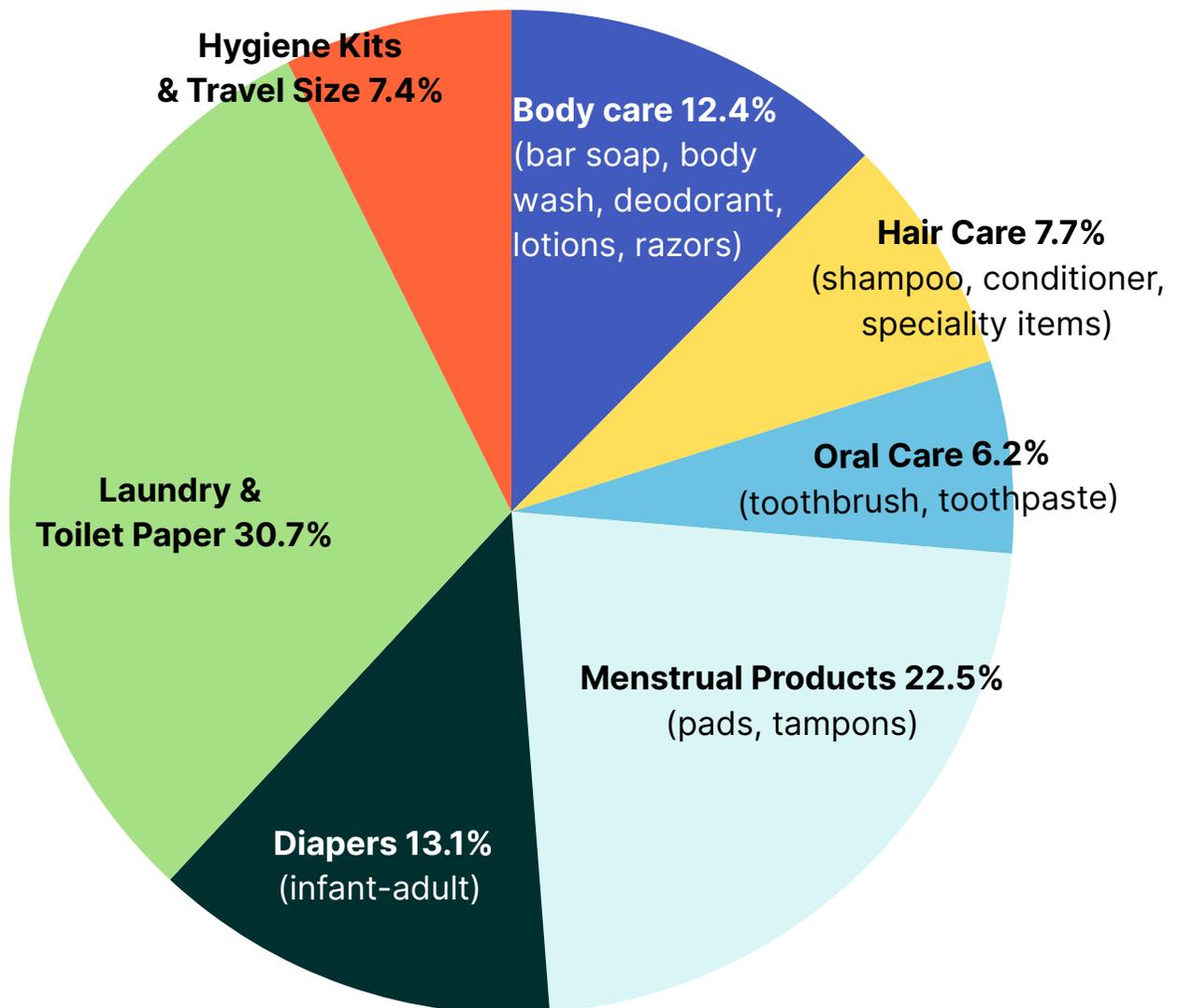
25,826

TOTAL INDIVIDUALS
SERVED MONTHLY*

*Individuals served are provided by nonprofit partners through biannual reporting

BREAKING DOWN THE HYGIENE

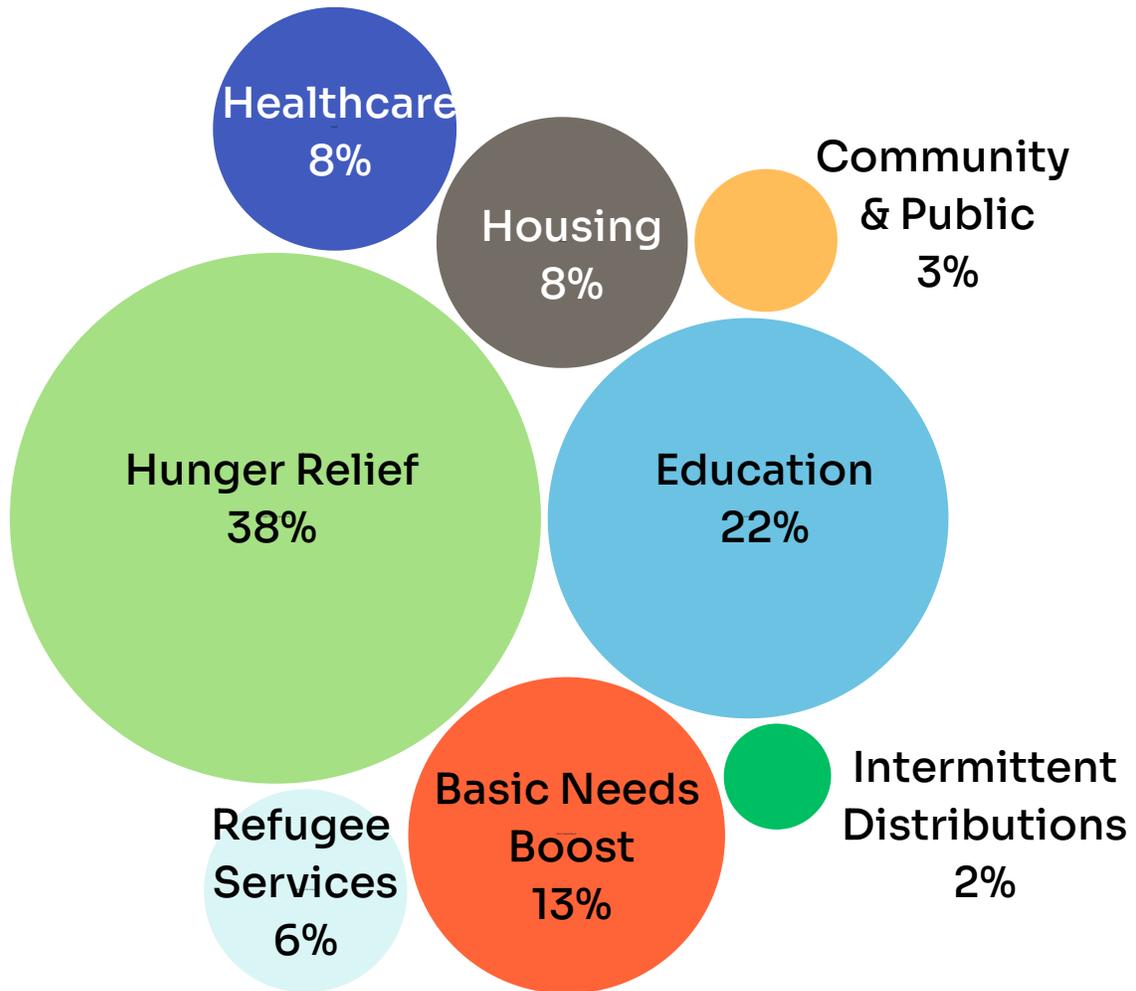
The following is a breakdown of the hygiene items distributed this year across our partner network.





OUR NETWORK

Our mission is delivered through strong partnerships.



This visualization shows the distribution volume across our nonprofit network.

“The partnership has really increased our access to items that we couldn't obtain for the families we serve otherwise, due to the high cost and inconsistent availability. Knowing we can rely on Bridge to Basics for these essentials is invaluable.”

— **Open Cupboard**





'BASIC NEEDS BOOST' SUMMER PROGRAM

During the summer months, when school-based resources are often unavailable, our "Basic Needs Boost" program ensured that hygiene resources continued to flow. We welcomed seven new partners to our network -- six food shelves and one family shelter -- that received over 33,000 hygiene items throughout the summer.

- Bountiful Basket Food Shelf - Chaska
- Interfaith Action of St. Paul - food shelf
- Mobile Loaves Twin Cities - meal program
- People Serving People - Minneapolis shelter for families
- PRISM Food Shelf - Golden Valley
- Progressive Baptist Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf - St. Paul
- White Bear Area Food Shelf - White Bear Lake



“The volume of personal hygiene items we receive is incredible. Seeing those feminine hygiene products is a huge blessing because those are expensive items crucial to the families and women we serve. This partnership allows us to help them in a way we simply couldn't afford otherwise.” - **Bountiful Basket**

Your donation is the boost that delivers more essentials.

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OUR PARTNERS

Through strong nonprofit partnerships, we connect individuals and families with essential hygiene products, building healthier, stronger communities.

The following organizations receive our reliable inventory of ongoing hygiene products.

Community/Public

- Coated in Love
- Community Blessings
- Focus MN
- Grace Apostolic Church
- Oakdale Library

Education

- 360 Communities (Partners for Success)
- EXPO Elementary
- Kenwood Elementary
- Southwest High School
- SoWashCoCARES #833
- SPPS Project REACH

Healthcare

- MHealth Fairview Health Commons sites, Recovery Center & Clinics (2)

Housing

- Project for Pride in Living (PPL)
- Solid Ground

Hunger Relief

- Basic Needs Food Shelf
- ICA Food Shelf
- Neighbors Inc.
- Open Cupboard

Refugee Services

- Lutheran Social Services

Basic Needs Boost (summer only)

- Bountiful Basket Food Shelf
- Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul
- Mobile Loaves Twin Cities
- People Serving People
- PRISM Food Shelf
- Progressive Baptist Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf
- White Bear Area Food Shelf

684

Annual hours saved by nonprofit network through our collaboration

Nonprofits That Received Intermittent Distributions

- Auntie Bec's
- Career Pathways
- Corrie House
- Interfaith Outreach Community Partners
- Joseph's Coat
- Just Hope
- Latino Voices
- Listening House
- Neighborhood House
- River of Life Ministries
- Ralph Reeder Food Shelf



VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

In June, we launched our in-person volunteer program where we welcomed volunteers — corporate and community members — to join us in the warehouse. Volunteer shifts include public and private opportunities and work involves everything from sorting, inventory, auditing, packing and staging. We invite you to get hands-on with our mission.



Scan the QR code or visit
<https://bridgetobasics.org/volunteer-with-us/>
to secure your spot!

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Volunteer Hours



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We had such an awesome time volunteering!! The volunteers all had a great experience.

IFC National Marketing team

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If a warehouse setting is not how you'd like to get hands-on with our mission, we have numerous remote volunteer opportunities. Find your path at <https://bridgetobasics.org/how-to-help/>



OUR CALL TO ACTION

The need for our work is more urgent than ever. We have a waitlist of nearly 60 nonprofits—representing thousands of neighbors—seeking our support. We can't say "yes" to them without you.

Your gift today helps to expand our network and bring in new partners. Support for a new food shelf can be up to \$12,000 per year, while a new school partnership requires about \$2,500. Every donation, no matter the size, helps us get closer to meeting this urgent need.

We need your help to bring essential hygiene items to more families today.

Thank you for your generosity.

Every \$1 you donate delivers 3 hygiene items to a struggling neighbor.

- A \$25 gift secures and delivers 75 hygiene items.
- A \$50 gift secures and delivers 150 hygiene items.
- A \$100 gift secures and delivers 300 hygiene items.

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