

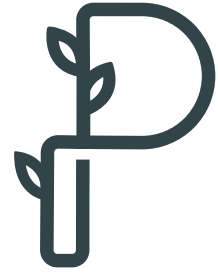
**Partners** INW  
Food | Family | Future

# 2023 Annual Report

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# About Us

When local families, vulnerable youth, and impoverished elderly face significant obstacles, Partners INW is here to provide a safety net for those in need. With roots of compassion dating back over 70 years, Partners INW has grown to meet the needs of the community as the largest social services agency in Spokane Valley.



## SERVICE LINES

Food Bank

Mobile Food Bank

Food For Thought

Clothing Bank

Diaper Bank

Emergency Assistance

Homeless Outreach



# Our Mission

**Prevent hunger and poverty  
alongside great community  
partners.**

# Our Goal

1

**Food-** No man, woman, or child wonders if and when their next meal will be.

2

**Family-** Keep families healthy and happy as we help them navigate these troubling times.

3

**Future-** Inspire those who need help and break the cycle of poverty to create a sustainable future.



# Our History

PARTNERS INW 2023

1951-52

1951:

Started by ten Protestant Churches, Partners INW began as the United Church Welfare of Spokane.

1952:

Space was obtained at the Perry Building in Opportunity. This location was used as a commissary for storing clothing and canned goods.

1960-72

The Clothing Bank was started in the Opportunity Presbyterian Church and was open one day per month. During the winter of 1971, a teenager from Spokane United Methodist Church saw a need in the community for assistance with meal preparation. A youth group conceived the idea for Meals on Wheels. A community board of directors was formed, and the Spokane Valley Meals on Wheels, a non-profit corporation, was born. Partners Food Bank opened in 1972 and was located in the United Methodist Church.

1981-88

1981:

United Church Welfare of Spokane Valley changed their name to Valley Shared Ministries.

1987:

A door-to-door assessment of needs within the community was conducted.

1988:

Clothing Bank opens one day a week to coincide with the Food Bank.

1989-91

1989-1991:

The Spokane Valley Center was created and registered as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

Spokane Valley could now boast of a single, unified center serving the needs of low-income, needy and disadvantaged families.

2001-07

2001:

The Spokane Valley Center moved to its current location at 10814 East Broadway Avenue and in 2007, The Spokane Valley Center was renamed Spokane Valley Partners.

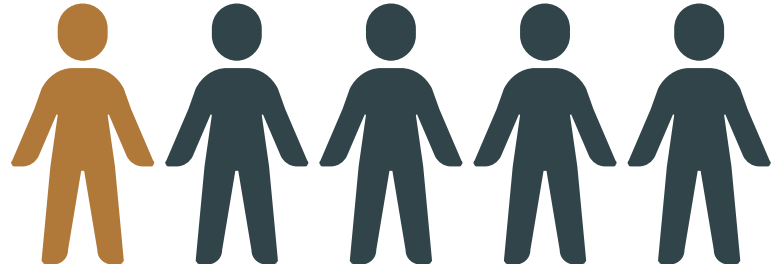
2023

In 2023, Spokane Valley Partners underwent a significant transformation. Our name and logo were changed, giving rise to a new identity: Partners INW. This change was prompted by the realization that our previous name did not fully reflect the region we serve and consider home.

Partners INW also acquired a new home for the future that will drastically increase our bandwidth and efficiency.

# Our Year

Thanks to the tireless efforts of our volunteers, donors, and partners, Partners INW made a significant impact in 2023. We were able to provide food assistance to 106,085 individuals in Spokane County, which is nearly 20% of the population. While the need for assistance is greater than ever, we are committed to meeting the challenge head-on. Our community's most vulnerable members benefit from the impactful contributions and selfless acts of our team at Partners INW.



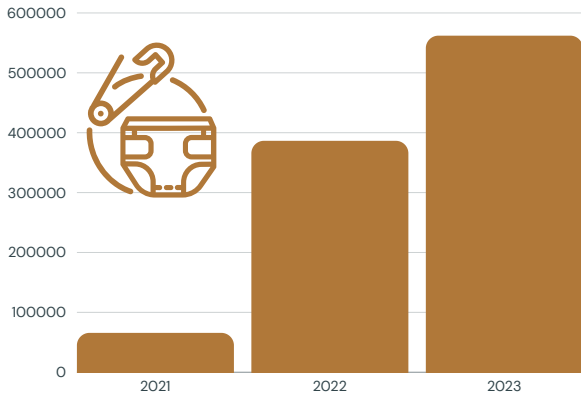
## SPOKANE COUNTY

We serve nearly 20% of the Spokane County population. That is almost 1 in every 5 members in our community using Partners' services.

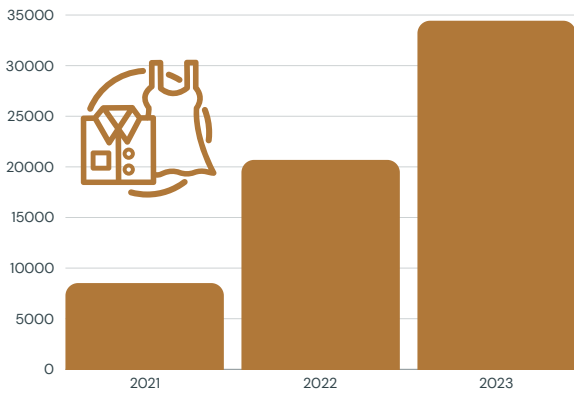
**THE FACE OF  
HUNGER IS  
SHIFTING**



# 3 Year Review

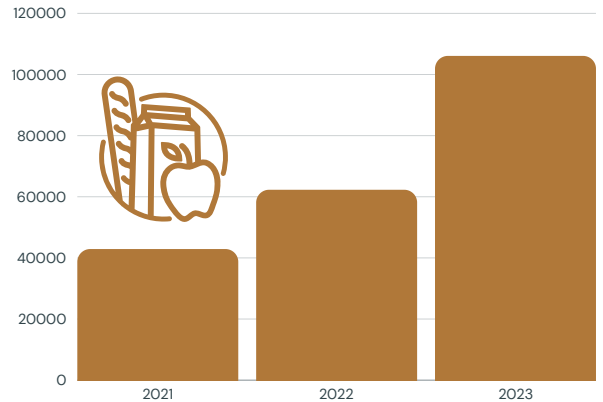


The Diaper Bank experienced remarkable growth over the past three years. The most impressive leap in diaper distribution occurred in 2023, with a staggering 562,068 diapers distributed. This 755% surge from 2021 and 45% increase from 2022 highlights the urgent need for this essential resource.



The clothing bank saw 34,437 individuals in 2023. An overlooked component of the services we offer has seen steady growth in the community seeing a 304% increase from 2021 and a 66% increase from 2022.

As the pandemic has receded, Partners Inland Northwest are adapting and thriving, aligning their efforts with the increased demand for services in our area. These community resources have become essential in addressing the evolving needs of the region during these challenging times.



The food bank saw a record 106,085 individuals in 2023. The economic effects of the pandemic are still showing their prowess as the number of visitors is a 147% increase from 2021 and a 70% increase from 2022.



# Future of artners

The future is bright for Partners INW with many exciting changes and opportunities to better serve the Inland Northwest. One of the most important changes coming to Partners is a new place to call home for our operations. We have been proud to call our location on Broadway home for many years but as the demand for services grows, our building does not. Partners looked to secure a new home for the foreseeable future and the Ziegler family believed in our mission and growth enough to not only sell us their building on Sprague in the heart of Spokane Valley, but also invest in the future of Partners.

## What Next?

The upgrade to our facilities will meet the upward trend in need here in the Inland Northwest. Though the building and land have been secured for our operations, it is still crucial to make important and lasting renovations to the new building to accommodate the ongoing growth of service needs in our region.





# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**LISA LEE, PRESIDENT**

Assistant Executive Secretary, Avista

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EVP, CFO, STCU

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Healthcare Consultant, Community Link Consulting

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Vice President, Kiemle Hagood

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Director of Learning & Curriculum, Central Valley School District

**JAYDEN SNYDER**

Campus Administrator, MultiCare Valley Hospital

**OLIVIA CASSIE**

Student Member

**HANNAH LIND**

Student Member

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Student Member

**BROOKLYN HANSEN**

Student Member

**CALVIN COBLENTZ, Ex-Officio**

CEO, Partners INW

# Staff List

**Dr. CALVIN COBLENTZ**  
CEO

**Brandon Roberts**  
Food Bank Assistant

**Cora Yount**  
Clothing Bank Manager

**David Stone**  
Emergency Services Coordinator

**Hayden Funk**  
Community Engagement Coordinator

**Jan Humphrey**  
Diaper Bank Assistant

**Jason Defilippis**  
Food Bank Assistant

**Justin Carlile**  
Director of Operations

**Lizzie Riesenberg**  
EFAP/CSFP Coordinator

**Michelle West**  
Food Bank Assistant

**Seth Dow**  
Accounting Manager

**Tania Handleman**  
Intake/Reception Supervisor

**Terri Fortner**  
Director of Philanthropy and Communications

# CEO Letter

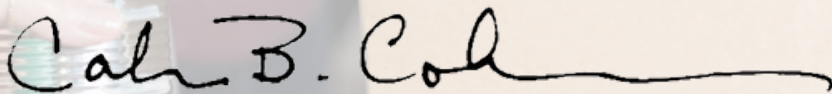
Dear Partners,

I reflect on all the good work we accomplished together in 2023, and my heart is thankful and hopeful. As you look through this report you'll see a massive increase in services. We witnessed firsthand thousands of families humbled by dire economic circumstances. But we also felt your embrace of support and that made it possible for us to say yes to our neighbors. The continuous growth in community need year over year since the pandemic has caused us to trim some services in order to increase our primary responses. We are doing the deep work to verify our identity, our purpose, and our vision for the next decade.

Moving into 2024 we have a renewed set of values: relationship, stewardship, service, and kindness. We have narrowed our focus and deepened our commitment. What began as a primary resource to Spokane Valley is now a regional response, because of your support. We've become the lead agency for Spokane County's food pantry network, and we've established a diaper bank system that distributes diapers in 15 counties. We purchased a 65,000 SQF building (Ziggy's Valley store) and prepare for renovation and relocation in 2026. All of these big transitional building blocks are in place to set up Partners INW for tremendous future sustainability and service capacity.

Although this is a time of great uncertainty, we are poised to respond. Please join us as we continue this fulfilling service to our community.

Kind regards,



Dr. Cal Coblenz, CEO

# Partners INW wouldn't be partners without you!



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