

THE CROSSING OF MANITOWOC COUNTY

2023 IMPACT REPORT

Our vision of 'A HEALTHY FAMILY FOR EVERY CHILD' compels us to support families during pregnancy and beyond. We believe every parent loves their children; building on this strength, we offer the tools and skills necessary for families to thrive.

YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

Actively reduces community red flags



CHILDHOOD ABUSE AND NEGLECT



COMMUNICABLE DISEASES



BARRIERS TO HEALTH CARE

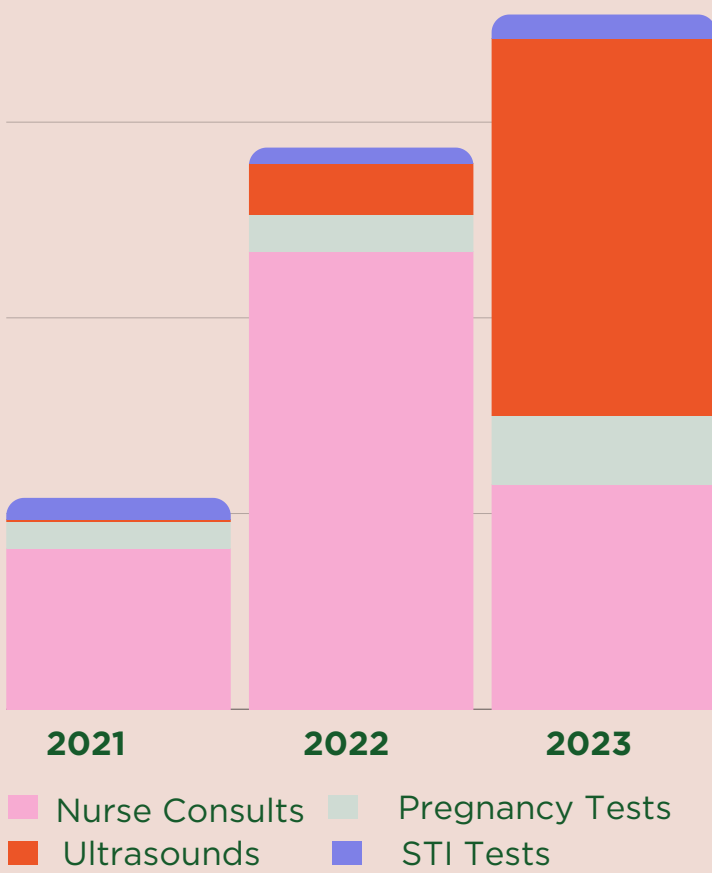


SMOKING DURING PREGNANCY



CHILDREN IN POVERTY

MEDICAL CLINIC SERVICES



PRENATAL CARE

- 1) One-on-one Nurse consultations, offering comprehensive prenatal education, preparing parents for their baby.
- 2) First trimester 3/4 D ultrasounds reveal detailed images of baby, providing a connection with the father and growing the bond between mother and child.
- 3) We offer prenatal vitamins and post-partum self-care kits to expectant mothers with the goal of promoting women's well-being and ensuring a smoother transition into motherhood.

FROM CRISIS TO STABILITY

We believe every child deserves a great start in life, yet we realize that not every child starts from the same place. Our programs are helping bridge that gap. **We have served 300 families in 2023.**

77% of parents REPORTED

POSITIVE TRANSFORMATION IN RELATIONSHIPS

Through establishing and maintaining personal boundaries, cultivating healthy connections, finding satisfaction in at least one positive relationship, and distancing themselves from unhealthy ones

72% of parents REPORTED

A POSITIVE SHIFT IN BOTH LANGUAGE AND TONE WHEN SPEAKING TO THEIR CHILDREN

48% of parents REPORTED

THEIR LIVING SITUATION HAS BECOME STABLE

BECAUSE OF YOU

Parents have redeemed their earned points to provide for their families:

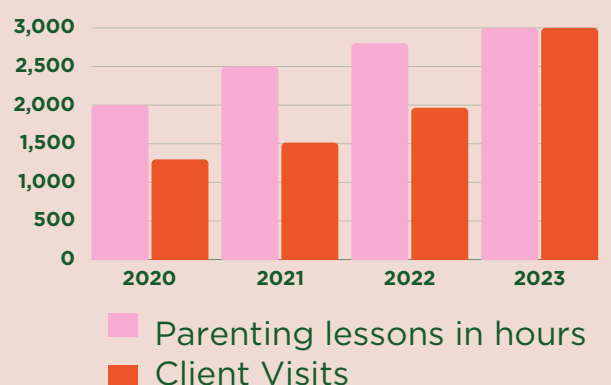
- 11,000 clothing items
- 2,500 household products
- 30,000 diapers
- 500 cans of formula
- 95 car seats

EARLY LITERACY

57% of parents have completed at least one Early Literacy Lesson

600 books distributed

GROWTH THROUGH THE YEARS





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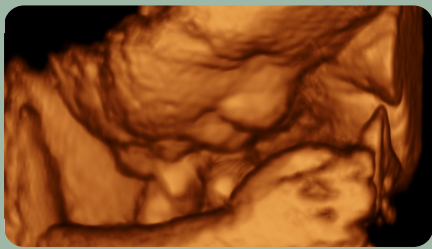
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EMPOWERING JOURNEY

Determined to make a change, Krista walked into The Crossing. She was apprehensive and guarded, wondering if she would be judged. Krista was met with kindness and compassion instead. She said: “The Crossing has been a place of refuge and safety for my boys and me, a place for healing, growth, and self-discovery.”

At first, Krista expressed being overwhelmed by the many challenges ahead. With the support of The Crossing staff, she began setting goals and achieving those, becoming more and more confident. In the last 18 months, Krista got her high school diploma, driver’s license, and she’s currently working toward her Bachelor’s Degree, a double major in Social Work and Psychology. Krista has discovered her calling and aspires to guide others toward the light, embodying the transformative journey she herself experienced.



A MEMORABLE VISIT

Our clinic provided a breathtaking experience through a 3D Ultrasound to Elena*, who came to The Crossing for support.

Elena and her husband recently immigrated to the United States from Latin America in search of a better future. While her husband has secured a job, they have limited support, no health insurance, and little understanding of the healthcare system. Our Nurse collaborated with them to eliminate barriers by establishing care with a local OBGYN. Grateful for this new-found connection, the couple plans to return to The Crossing and participate in our Earn While You Learn Program.



A FUTURE DOCTOR

Clara*, a resilient physician-to-be, is pregnant, navigating the uncharted waters of single parenthood, and realizing she needs support. The first time she came to The Crossing, we discussed balancing the anticipation of her impending residency and the weight of a partner who faded away when an unplanned pregnancy surfaced.

She recently experienced the joy of an ultrasound, marking a poignant connection between her challenges and the life she carries. Clara is participating in our Earn While You Learn program, a stepping stone towards the knowledge and support crucial for her journey. We are excited to see Clara eager to unravel the mysteries of motherhood.



FINDING COMMUNITY

Alberto* came to The Crossing seeking stability for his family as they adjusted to life in Manitowoc. With children of varying ages and needs, he consistently chose lessons that helped him become a better father. The Crossing provided him with a secure space and support in his journey through fatherhood.

Our discussions, often grounded in Biblical principles, formed a foundation crucial for every parent and child. Alberto appreciated The Crossing's supportive staff and the warm welcome extended to his family. He is now actively involved in a bilingual community, where he and his family are learning English, participating in Bible Study, and finding essential support. The Crossing played a key role in building Alberto's and his family's confidence to establish themselves in Manitowoc's American life. It's a testament to the positive impact that a supportive community can have on individuals and families.

• Name has been changed to protect privacy