

# HOLIDAY \* GIFT GIVING

Waukee Area Christian Services (WACS), Waukee Community School District (WCSD), Waukee Police Department, Mentor Iowa, and Waukee Community Schools Foundation worked together to streamline a single holiday resource program, both for the people who give and those who receive. This effort reduces the holiday program workload of WCSD staff, ensuring their focus remains on students and the school day, increases the equity of resource distribution across our community, and connects families with support beyond holiday needs.

**516 YOUTH SERVED**

within our school district's boundaries



**346 STUDENTS**

enrolled within our school district were served between WACS (318 served) and the Waukee PD (28 served)



**19% INCREASE IN STUDENTS SERVED**

Of the 112 youth served who were not enrolled students, the majority were not of school age. Mentor Iowa filled gaps by serving an additional 30 families that did not have access to WACS.



**100%**

OF REQUESTED NEEDS WERE MET



### Positive feedback from District staff

counselors and educators across the district appreciate the community collaboration to meet all student needs

Donors with specific requests (e.g. specific schools, age groups, etc.) were matched to their requests

**100% OF DONORS WITH KNOWN REQUESTS WERE ACCOMMODATED**

### FAMILIES RECEIVED HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES

and had access to clothing, winter gear, and/or medical services as needed as a result of their engagement with the holiday resource program



More families are now connected to the breadth of services provided by WACS, and other community partners, than before we launched this collaboration.

### NEW FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

were established within WACS, which serves the whole child throughout the year (e.g. during school closures) moving us closer to our goal of ensuring all students have what they need to be successful

### THE COLLABORATION

streamlined the process for families seeking help, allowed for greater wrap around services for families, and decreased duplication of services ensuring more needs are met

