



# Hastings Family Service

Providing Help and Hope to our Neighbors

The people of the  
Hastings area reaching out  
as Family in support and  
Service to one another.

Since 1970

AUGUST 2019



## Every Child Ready for a Successful School Year!



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**Volunteers Needed!**

HFS has openings for the following areas:

**Volunteer Receptionist:**

Friday afternoon and substitute shifts available

**Donation Center:**

Substitute shifts available

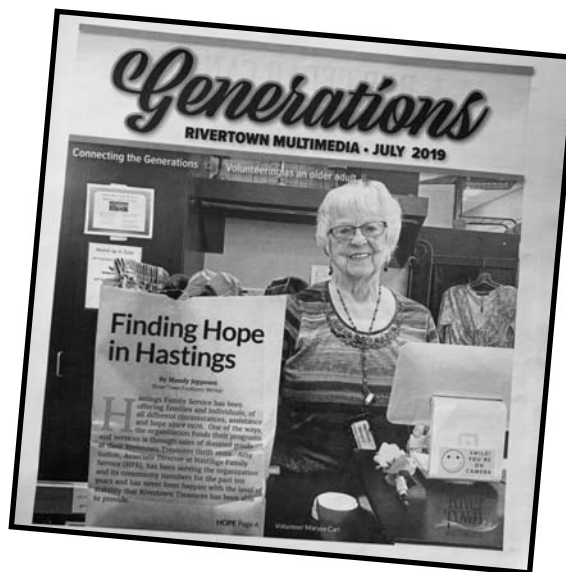
**Just Friends**

Volunteer drivers needed

**Volunteers needed for all shifts  
at Rivertown Treasures!**

HFS is adding a third volunteer on all shifts as well as some additional shorter shifts at Rivertown Treasures because of the increase in shoppers and neighbors needing emergency vouchers. Contact Maria at 651-437-7134 to learn more about this opportunity.

All proceeds from Rivertown Treasures support HFS programs and services.



Our Rivertown Treasures volunteers were recently featured in the front page article of *Generations*, a publication of Rivertown Multimedia. The article highlighted our many volunteers in the thrift store, sorting, and Donation Center and how they contribute to the mission of Hastings Family Service. The article stated: "We truly could not ask for a more committed, compassionate, or giving group of individuals to help us serve the Hastings area communities." Please consider joining our team of amazing volunteers!

To volunteer, visit [hastingsfamilyservice.org](http://hastingsfamilyservice.org) to fill out a volunteer application or call Maria at 651-437-7134

**The Staff of  
Hastings Family Service**

**Chris Koop**

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*Food Shelf Director*

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*Program & Admin Assistant*

**Annette Moynihan**

*Meals on Wheels Assistant*

**Sandy Norgaard**

*Rivertown Treasures Store Manager*

**Kathy Prange**

*Rivertown Treasures Assistant*

**Maria Slavik**

*Volunteer & Communications Coord.*

**Amy Sutton**

*Associate Director*



HFS Meals on Wheels team  
Joannie Becker—Annette Moynihan—Sue Hill

**Do you have a Thrivent Financial policy or product?**

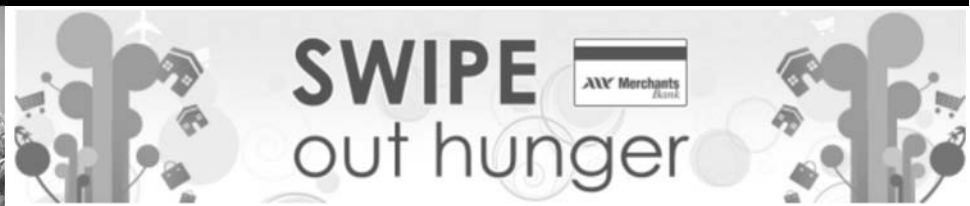
**If yes, YOU HAVE CHOICE DOLLARS TO GIVE AWAY!**

*Please consider designating them to Hastings Family Service.*

**Deadline to distribute your 2019 choice dollars is March 31, 2020.**

**Visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to designate your Choice Dollars!**





Merchants Bank in Hastings is a shining example of a community bank. Their staff are involved in various nonprofits throughout the community and the bank supports many local organizations including Hastings Family Service.

The Market food shelf at HFS is fortunate to be included in Merchants Bank's annual Swipe Out Hunger campaign. Thanks to all who participated, HFS again received the most votes on social media and is the recipient of the generous \$2,500 first place prize!

**THANK YOU Merchants Bank!**  
Your partnership and generosity is deeply appreciated!



**Planting the Seeds of Hope**

## July Match Results

**Thank you** to everyone who gave generously in July! Your gifts of \$46,639 will help HFS receive a larger portion of the matching grant offered by Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless!

Open Your Heart is an organization that has been supporting food shelves and shelters throughout the state since 1986. They have also supported HFS with grants to help with ADA compliant doors and refrigeration units to increase our capacity to provide fresh produce/foods.

Thank you Open Your Heart for supporting HFS and so many other community agencies!



## Take Your Place at The Family Table!

Monthly gifts are an easy way to make a very big impact. And if you set up your recurring gift in 2019, HFS will receive an additional grant matching your first \$200 of gifts! We need 15 more people to reach our goal of 100 Family Table members!

Go online at [hastingsfamilyservice.org](http://hastingsfamilyservice.org) to learn more or to set up your monthly gift! You can do it with a credit card or have it directly taken from a checking or savings account which incurs no fees! Contact Amy or Kelly at 437-7134 if you have questions or need help setting it up!

**Thank you for changing lives!**



*"We've always wanted to give back to our community but we don't have a lot of extra money. We started with \$20/month and it's automatic so we don't even miss it. It's nice to be a part of something bigger than ourselves that makes a difference for our neighbors." Mike and Julie*



Follow THRIVE on Facebook:  
[facebook.com/THRIVEinHastings](https://www.facebook.com/THRIVEinHastings)

HFS staff participated this past year in five Equity Innovation labs, with three primary themes or needs emerging: increased cultural competency, trust and safety for all, and bridging community. The community-wide initiative resulting from this is THRIVE, focusing on helping Hastings be a place where all people can live, work, visit and thrive. How can we each help to make Hastings a kind and welcoming community? Watch for monthly speakers on a variety of topics to provide continued opportunities for learning and conversation!

Your gifts provide HOPE!



January - June 2019

539 visits to the Market food shelf.

383 emergency food bags provided.

92,925 pounds of food distributed.

\$7,339 in emergency grants provided.

\$34,428 clothing & household vouchers issued.

4,387 meals delivered by Meals on Wheels.

1,049 rides provided by Just Friends.



Hastings Family Service

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# School Supplies Distribution

August 20th-22nd and August 26th-27th  
Appointments available 9am-4pm

Starting August 13th, call 651-437-7134 to schedule an appointment.  
*Must live in School District 200.*



Preparing every child for a successful school year...

HFS assists about 350 children each year in school district 200 with everything they need to get their school year started right!



## Most Needed Items!

- Large Backpacks / Character Backpacks (No wheels-large enough for snowpants)
- Pocket Folders- (sturdy, solid colors)
- Colored pencils
- College & Wide Ruled Loose Leaf Paper
- Red Pens / Black Sharpies
- Ear buds/headphones
- TI-30XII\$ calculators
- Dry Erase Markers
- Crayola Markers- (12 pack-basic colors)
- Pencil Boxes / Pencil Bags
- Glue Bottles (prefer no "school glue")

Your donation of school supplies is deeply appreciated and can be dropped off at the HFS Donation Center at 301 2nd St E.