

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 2018





Every Child Ready for a Successful School Year!

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Chris Koop
Executive Director

A Community with Much to Celebrate

HFS is able to provide help and hope in many ways because we are a part of a community that comes together to solve problems and celebrate successes. The recent Rivertown Days 40th anniversary weekend made me proud again to be a part of this community. We were excited to have HFS near the center of the action and congratulate the Chamber on a wonderful community celebration!

Often times, our role at HFS is simply connecting people with resources and walking alongside them as they navigate unchartered waters. At HFS, it is one of our values to always "see the person

before the problem" and to take the time to listen and explore longer term solutions. People come to HFS with many different needs and because of the support of the community, we are able to spend time getting to know their individual situation.

Your support and partnership provides the opportunity to give people hope that tomorrow is going to be a better day. Thank you!



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 2018 choice dollars is March 31, 2019. Visit **Thrivent.com/thriventchoice** to designate your Choice Dollars!

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HFS Meals on Wheels team

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Dedicated HFS volunteers have served more than 3,200 hours just this summer! These hours include weekly and monthly shifts at HFS and Meals on Wheels, Just Friends rides, and special events like Le Tour de Vin and Rivertown Days. THANK YOU!

Volunteers Needed!

HFS has openings for the following weekly shifts:

The Market:

Monday and Friday afternoon shifts available

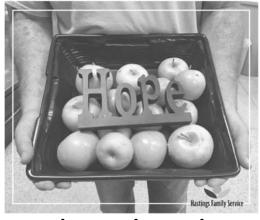
Rivertown Treasures Thrift Store:

Monday afternoon, Wednesday morning, & Friday morning shifts available

Donation Center:

Saturday afternoon and substitute shifts available

Visit hastingsfamilyservice.org to apply online or call Maria at 651-437-7134



July Match Results

Thank you to everyone who gave generously in July! Your gifts of nearly \$40,000 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. Food shelf use tends to increase during the summer when kids are out of school, so the OYH summer challenge grant provides incentive for communities to support food shelves during that busy time.

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



Donor Spotlight—Allina Health



Allina Employees recently packaged 40 bags full of summertime activities and necessities for children and seniors. These bags will be distributed through our Meals on Wheels and **Emergency Services** programs.

Allina Health Clinics and Regina Hospital partner with Hastings Family Service in many ways. All meals for the HFS Meals on Wheels program are prepared at Regina and then delivered each day by HFS volunteers.

Staff from Allina Clinic and Regina Hospital collaborate throughout the year to host food drives, coat and glove drives, school supplies and whatever the current needs are. HFS recently worked with Allina to distribute bicycles to community members who could use them.

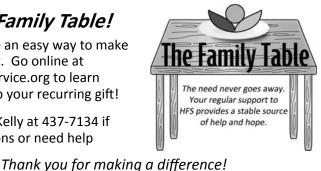
Allina Health Community Engagement has provided grants to HFS to support healthy eating through the food shelf and to help pilot new programs like the Market Cart, a fresh produce initiative for seniors.

Thank you for your partnership and generosity!

Join The Family Table!

Monthly gifts are an easy way to make a very big impact. Go online at hastingsfamilyservice.org to learn more or to set up your recurring gift!

Contact Amy or Kelly at 437-7134 if you have questions or need help setting it up!



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Your gifts provide HOPE!



January - June 2018

527

visits to the Market food shelf.

284

emergency food bags provided.

123.218

pounds of food distributed.

\$6,122

in emergency grants awarded.

\$33.672

of clothing & household vouchers issued.

4,324

meals delivered to 244 neighbors.



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School Supplies Distribution

August 21st-23rd and August 27th-28th
Appointments available 9am-4pm

Starting August 13, 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 (NO WHEELS)

Crayola Markers – (12 pack-basic colors)

Pencil Boxes / Pencil Bags

Pocket Folders- (sturdy, solid colors)

Colored pencils

College & Wide Ruled Loose Leaf Paper

Red Pens

Glue Bottles (prefer no "school glue")

Black Sharpies

Ear buds/headphones

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