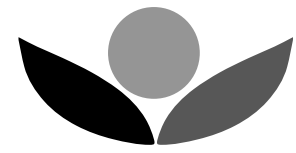


Hope *in action*



Hastings Family Service
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Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign February 26 – April 6



Volunteers Mike and Nina sort food for the Market.



MARCH CAMPAIGN

a gmcc program

Did you know?

Minnesotans made a record-breaking 7.5 million visits to food shelves in 2023.*

Food shelf visits to the HFS Market were up 53% in 2023.

*Source: <https://gmcc.org/hunger-facts>

Nourishing Hope During Tough Times

Neighbors are experiencing a record-breaking need for food assistance across Minnesota and Hastings Family Service is seeing this same need in our community. You can help! Every gift of food and funds received Feb. 26 through April 6 will be proportionately MATCHED by the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign. Let's work together to offer more help and more hope!

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Hope Through the Storm

Hello friends,

Hastings Family Service has experienced tremendous growth with 53% more visits to our Market food shelf last year—and that is just one of our food programs.

Amy Sutton

Executive Director

The question I usually get: why is there such an increase in need? I

guess the answer is that it's been a perfect storm. An unprecedented pandemic created many struggles like job losses and medical bills, and then we immediately entered an economy of inflation and high interest rates where basic items like gas and groceries increased by up to 30%. Families who are just getting by can't absorb all of that. But that is why HFS is here, and that is why we need and appreciate your help—especially when we can maximize your generosity with proportionate matching funds during Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign (see pages 4–5).

HFS concluded a five-year strategic plan in 2023 and we are currently in a planning process to determine priorities for the next three to five years. A big part of that is determining how to address the needs of the community in innovative ways that will increase our capacity and expand access for our neighbors who need a little help and hope. HFS strives to run a lean yet generous organization, finding our way to “yes” whenever possible.

These unprecedented times have amplified how important it is for us to work together as a community to take care of each other. The need never goes away, so please consider joining me as a member of our Family Table monthly giving program—it makes it easy to impact families all year long!

So much good ahead!



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Emergency Services

HASTINGSFAMILYSERVICE.ORG | 651-437-7134

MEALS ON WHEELS | 651-404-1548

Service Hours

By phone Mon–Fri | 9am–4pm

In person Tues–Fri | 9am–4pm

Rivertown Treasures

Tues–Fri | 9am–4pm

Sat | 10am–3pm

Donation Center

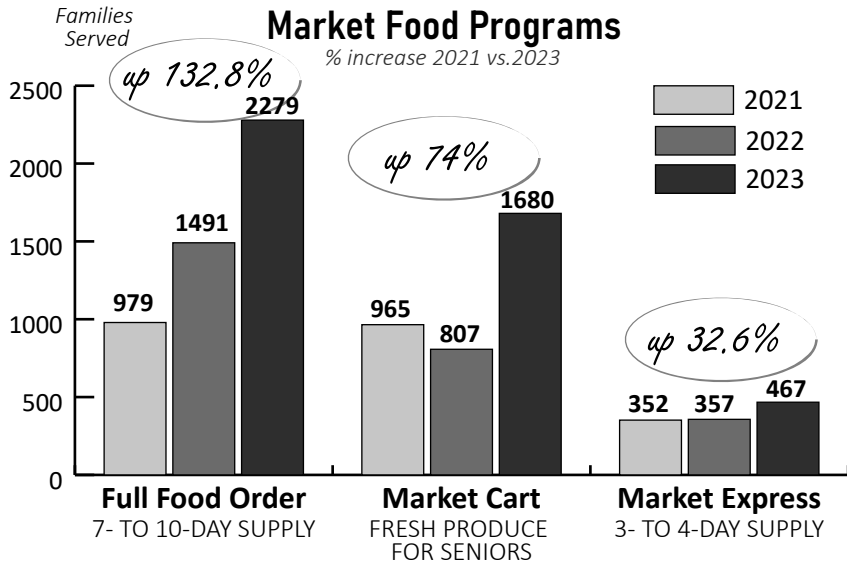
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Food Program Growth



Families Served Market Food Programs



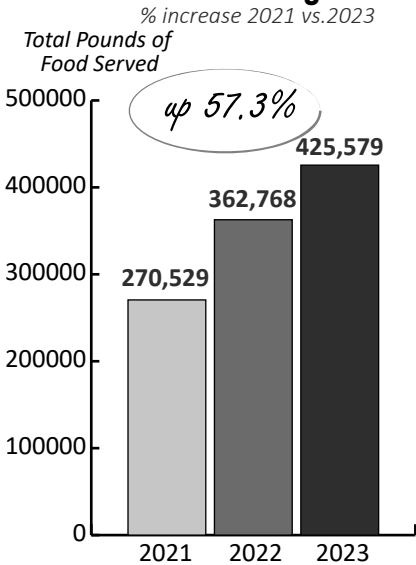
Your Gift Amplified

HFS is able to purchase even more nutritious foods at a large discount through Second Harvest Heartland with your gift.



Food you purchase with your \$10.

Pounds Served All Food Programs

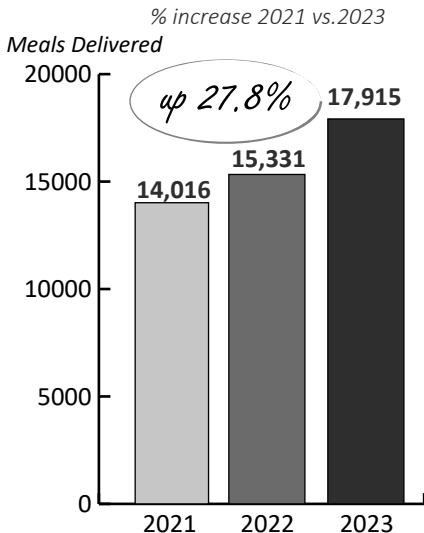


Number of people served across all food programs



Food HFS can purchase from Second Harvest Heartland with your \$10 gift.

Meals on Wheels



► Food Rescue in Hastings

In 2023 HFS volunteers picked up rescued food from Coborn's, Cub, Kwik Trip, and Walmart several days a week, greatly expanding pounds of food served.

► Emergency Grant Funding

HFS facilitated seven times more emergency grant funding in 2023 for assistance with things such as rent deposits, car repairs, and prescriptions.

Every Gift Matters

\$30 feeds a family of three for one week

\$75 provides one week of meals for summer SPARK program kids

\$100 provides two backpacks filled with school supplies

\$250 provides 25 families with complete Project Share holiday meals

\$500 serves 50 to 60 seniors in a living community fresh produce

Donate Food & Care Items

Every pound of food or care items received through April 6 counts towards the proportionate match.

MOST NEEDED

- Flour
- Sugar
- Condiments
- Pasta Sides
- Rice Sides
- Potato Sides
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Ramen
- Canned Meats
- Chunky Soups
- Canned Vegetables
- Cereal
- Diapers Sizes 1–5
- Pull-Ups
- Feminine Products
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Razors
- Paper Grocery Bags

DID YOU KNOW?

Donating most-needed items helps HFS fill gaps in sourcing food and care items.

Citywide Food Collection

Hastings High School’s National Honor Society will be distributing empty paper grocery bags to area households. Simply fill the bag with nonperishable food and personal/household care items, and leave it out on Sunday, March 3, to be picked up from 4 to 6pm.

Reverse Food Truck Events

The HFS Market on the Move van will be collecting food and personal/household care donations at these events:

- **COBORN’S HASTINGS**
March 10 | 11am–1pm
- **ALLINA HEALTH HASTINGS CLINIC** (1880 N Frontage Rd)
March 19 | 11:30am–1:30pm
- **CUB HASTINGS**
March 29 | 1–3pm

Community Collection Sites

- Purchase a prepacked grocery bag of most-needed items at Cub in Hastings, located near the registers, and drop it off in the west exit’s collection bin.
- Shop and drop off food and care items in one stop using the collection bin at Walmart’s pharmacy entrance.



More Ways to Help



Offer Hope

Host a Food & Fund Drive

Get information, register your drive, and access promotional materials at hastingsfamilyservice.org.

ately MATCHED by MN FoodShare

26–April 6



How to Help

Dine & Donate Events

DURING MARCH ALEXIS BAILLY VINEYARD 

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Drop off nonperishable items in March for HFS; open Fri., Sat, Sun.

MARCH 15 

T-REX COOKIE | 11am-6pm

525 DIFFLEY ROAD, SUITE 2080, EAGAN

HFS receives 20% of sales at this location.

MARCH 18 

CULVER'S NIGHT | 5–7pm

Ten percent of all sales benefit HFS; dine-in and drive-thru.

MARCH 19 

TAPROOM TAKEOVER | 4–7pm

Join us at Spiral Brewery; \$1.00 from every beer sold benefits HFS.

APRIL 1 

CULVER'S NIGHT | 5–7pm

Ten percent of all sales benefit HFS; dine-in and drive-thru.

MARCH 25  **HASTINGS TASTINGS**
A FEAST FOR MN FOODSHARE

4:30–7:30pm | Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

Enjoy delicious cuisine from a variety of local restaurants while participating in a silent auction and raffles. Proceeds from this event are proportionately MATCHED by Minnesota FoodShare to support the HFS Market food shelf.



Tickets \$40

This event sells out quickly—order your tickets today!

Join the Family Table

Provide neighbors with a stable source of help and hope all year long through this monthly giving program. Register online, use the enclosed envelope, or contact HFS if setting up an EFT.



Scan to Join

Volunteers Make it Happen



Pat picks up and unloads food rescued from grocery and convenience stores via the refrigerated HFS Market on the Move van.



George and Mike weigh in and record bananas on their morning food rescue run.



Fresh produce in unlimited quantities greets Market shoppers, along with smiles from Teresa and Mari.

Food Programs Snapshot

How many volunteers does it take to support all HFS food programs?



317

Active volunteers

500

Volunteer shifts per month

Thank you volunteers! HFS couldn't do it without you!

Join the HFS Volunteer Family

Some of our most-needed shifts are as follows:

- **MARKET FOOD SHELF**
Wed/Thurs mornings and Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri afternoons
- **FOOD RESCUE SORTING**
Tues/Wed/Fri shifts
- **DONATION CENTER**
Friday afternoons
- **RIVERTOWN TREASURES**
Saturdays and Monday mornings



Learn more and apply

Stories of Hope

A first-time shopper left in happy tears recently. After entering the Market for in-person shopping, she was overjoyed to find unlimited fresh produce as well as the variety of meats. Being an avid cook, she was excited to get back home to create healthy and delicious meals for her family. Her shopping trip ended with hugs for the Market volunteer and HFS Food Programs Coordinator Amy Schaffer.

"I just want to say that the Hastings Family Service in town is absolutely amazing. They really helped me out today on groceries for my little family. I'm not the person to ask for help usually, but I had to today and I was very embarrassed doing it, but they welcomed me in with open arms and helped me out tremendously. Thank you!! We are so blessed to be a part of this amazing community."

— A Market Shopper

Source: Hastings MN Community Facebook Group

Making a Difference Together



2023 PROJECT SHARE

HOLIDAY GIFTS

205 FAMILIES ADOPTED
841 FAMILY MEMBERS

HOLIDAY MEALS

233 FAMILIES
901 FAMILY MEMBERS

Pictured (L-R): Margie, Connie, and Kathy help pack holiday meal boxes.

Thank you to all who shared holiday hope and joy with ISD 200 families! From meeting with neighbors to adopting families to meal packing and gift coordination, HFS is grateful — Project Share couldn't happen without you!



Pictured (L-R): Brian Radke, Kelly Carter, Jay Kochendorfer, Amy Sutton, Mayor Mary Fasbender.

Gobble Gait organizers presented a record-breaking donation of \$130,000 and 2,303 pounds of food to HFS. Thank you to all sponsors, as well as the over 3,000 registrants, volunteers and spectators. Thank you for making Gobble Gait your Thanksgiving Day tradition!

HFS Welcomes New Board Members



Kristy Barse

Kristy is Executive Director of the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce; Kari is Director of Community Education Communications for ISD 200; Debbie is Vice President of Retail Banking at North American Banking Company; Tony is an insurance agent with Insurance Works and served three terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives. HFS is grateful to have their experience and expertise!



Kari Gorr



Debbie Grimm



Tony Jurgens

2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Katy Lindberg, *President*
- Amy Sutton, HFS Executive Director
- Dave Wilske, *Vice President*
- Peggy Horsch, *Secretary*
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- Kristy Barse
- Kari Gorr
- Debbie Grimm
- Brittney Hirschauer
- Tony Jurgens
- Brandi Poellinger
- Rev. Joel Rova-Hegener
- Josh Schoaf
- Marta Tierney

Thank you to David Fransen and Dr. Nick VenOsdel for your dedicated service on the HFS Board of Directors!

Stay Connected

Stay up to date—follow us on social media.



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Your Gift is Proportionately Matched in March

During the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign, all monetary gifts and pounds of food donated are proportionately matched! Use the enclosed envelope or donate online today.



Scan to Give



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301 Second Street East

Hastings, MN 55033

Learn how HFS amplifies your gift on page 3.

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A FEAST FOR MN FOODSHARE

Monday, March 25
4:30-7:30pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

Ticket Price: \$40

Tickets available at:

- HFS Donation Center
- Hastings Cub Foods
- Hastings YMCA
- Online



This event sells out quickly order your tickets today!

Sponsored By



Drive Out Hunger Golf Tournament

Save the Date! **Monday, June 10**
Hastings Golf Club

Gather your team for a fun four-person scramble to benefit HFS! Watch for registration to open soon. Sponsorship opportunities available!



Learn More

Tournament Sponsors

