



# Hastings Family Service

Providing HELP and HOPE since 1970

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# Giving Thanks

**Executive Director Report**  
**Project Share Begins**  
**Gobble Gait 25th Anniversary**



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**Amy Sutton**  
Executive Director

## Making it Happen!

As we near the end of 2022, I will always remember this year as being one of the most challenging and most rewarding years of my life.

It has been a time of incredible transition and growth at Hastings Family Service starting with great new additions to our team. This HFS team works hard and works with heart. What we have been able to do with over half of our small staff

new this year is nothing short of amazing. I'm so grateful for the energy, perspectives, ideas and skills this team provides! We are making so many things happen!

Some of the year's highlights include completion of the expansion and renovation of the adjacent building, and shifting the entire food warehouse into the new space. We re-opened our Neighbor Services area and the in-person choice-model Market food shelf while continuing our Market drive-thru and all programs started during COVID. We have expanded our ability to provide Emergency Cash Assistance, brought back in-person school supplies assistance, and Rivertown Treasures is open on Saturdays again! And we recently added Cub Foods to our Food Rescue efforts that already include Coborn's and Kwik Trip. Cub has always been a willing partner and we finally have the space and staff to make it happen!

What is Food Rescue? Essentially, we pick up food from retailers that is nearing expiration but is still good. It allows HFS to offer more options to neighbors who visit the Market, but we will now have more than we can possibly give out in the food shelf, so we are expanding our Market on the Move mobile programming. It is estimated that 40% of all food in the United States goes to waste, and we can do something about it. We will be able to take care of families who need a little help and hope at HFS, but we will need the rest of the community to help ensure that food doesn't go to waste. Watch for more information in the near future about these mobile mini-markets, many of which will be open to all community members.

HFS provided as many full food shelf orders by the end of August as we did in all of 2021. With the current economy, the holiday season will be difficult for many families to make ends meet and create holiday magic for their children, but Project Share will be here to help. We are also excited to have you join us for the 25th anniversary of Gobble Gait on Thanksgiving morning! Thank you so much for helping HFS make it all happen!

So much good ahead!



Giving  
made  
easy!

### HFS Operating Hours

Programs available by calling 651-437-7134  
Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Rivertown Treasures & HFS Donation Center  
Tuesday - Friday, 9am-4pm, Saturday 10am-3pm  
Closed Mondays



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# Help and Hope for the Holidays

Project Share holiday assistance provides gifts for children and food for the holidays for all households.

With anticipated supply chain and shipping delays, families are strongly encouraged to register early, allowing additional time for gifts to come in.

## Receiving Project Share Holiday Assistance

- Registration for families requesting food and gifts for children ages 18 and under is open! Call 651-437-7134 to set up your registration appointment that you can complete in person at HFS or by phone.
- Households requesting food only for the holidays may do so by calling 651-437-7134 beginning Monday, November 28.

## Supporting Project Share

- Sign up to Adopt-a-Family at [www.hastingsfamilyservice.org](http://www.hastingsfamilyservice.org). Families are added as they register so if none are available, check back! All families will be adopted this year; individual toys are not needed.
- A \$30 monetary gift covers the cost of a holiday meal.



## Your Generosity Grows Hope



Fleet Farm surprised us with a \$3000 donation! They have been invested and involved in the community from the moment they decided to come to Hastings and we are excited to have them here! Thank you Fleet Farm!



Every growing season, HFS receives thousands of pounds of locally-grown fresh produce.

Thank you to all who grew and gave this growing season!

TO THE  
**give** **MAX**  
Nov. 17, 2022

Support HFS during the  
Great MN Give-Together!

Please consider a donation to HFS during Give to the Max day. Drop off your donation at HFS on November 17th or visit [www.hastingsfamilyservice.org](http://www.hastingsfamilyservice.org) to SCHEDULE your online gift starting November 1st!

**Matching Funds will be available on November 17th! Stay Tuned!**

Your online donation could help HFS win golden tickets of \$500 every 15 minutes or \$1000 each hour throughout the day! One \$10,000 golden ticket will be awarded at the end of the day.



Want to share help and hope in the Hastings area this holiday season?

*Adopt a family or Join the Turkey Team: your \$30 donation covers the cost of a holiday meal.*

Need help with gifts for your children or food for the holidays?

*Project Share holiday assistance is available!*

Additional details inside and at [www.hastingsfamilyservice.org](http://www.hastingsfamilyservice.org)



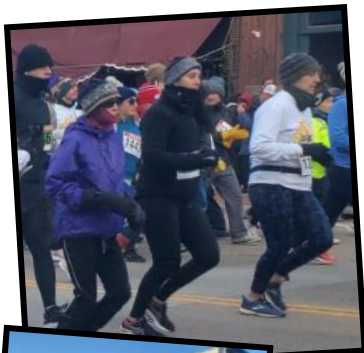
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Gobble Gait has been a Thanksgiving morning tradition for 25 years, providing over \$1.5 million in support for the programs and services of Hastings Family Service since 1988. Register to run or walk the 8K or 2K online at [www.gobblegait.com](http://www.gobblegait.com)

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