

Hope *in action*



Hastings Family Service
HELP AND HOPE SINCE 1970

A Season of Gratitude



Would you like to join this amazing group of volunteers?

Immediate help needed in all areas!

- Weekly and substitute shifts available
- Seasonal shifts to cover our snowbirds
- Flexible hours

Visit hastingsfamilyservice.org to fill out an application and get started right away!



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and apply

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Together Growing Hope

Hello friends,

Growth, transition, impact, generosity . . . all words that describe the past year at Hastings Family Service. On the next page, get to know the amazing HFS staff who are working with our volunteers to make it all happen. We have 16 staff

members, eight full-time and eight part-time, with nine joining HFS in the past two years. This time of transition provided an opportunity to restructure, increase capacity, and move forward boldly and creatively. I'm so grateful for this team! They work hard and bring fun and energy, new perspectives and skills, and a willingness to always try to find our way to "yes".

The need continues to grow. August was our largest month this year with 428 households/978 people served through our Market food programs, more than tripling our pre-covid numbers. Statewide, over 5.5 million visits were made to Minnesota food shelves in 2022, with one in 11 people unsure where their next meal would come from.

HFS is working hard to identify gaps, increase access, and respond to the growing and changing needs of our community. We can provide help and hope for our neighbors because together, this remarkable staff, the most amazing volunteers, and a supportive community make it happen!

Hope to see you at Gobble Gait, and Happy Thanksgiving!

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Service Hours

By phone Mon–Fri | 9am–4pm
In person Tues–Fri | 9am–4pm

CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS
NOV 23–24, DEC 25–JAN 1

Rivertown Treasures

Tues–Fri | 9am–4pm
Sat | 10am–3pm

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Donation Center

Tues–Fri | 9am–4pm
Sat | 10am–3pm

NO CLOTHING OR
HOUSEHOLDS ACCEPTED
IN DECEMBER.



At Your Service

“There’s nothing better in this world than helping people!”

—Amy Schaffer

Meet the Hastings Family Service staff, their years of service, and learn why we’re so passionate about providing help and hope.



Leadership/Administration

(L-R) Larry Anderson (4), Tanta Horning (4), Jessica Bierbrauer (3), Amy Sutton (14), Deana Dunning (1)



Rivertown Treasures

(L-R) Melanie Peters (1), Stevi Ritt (1), Diane Dillinger (1)

“Watching miracles happen! Yep, that is what inspires me as store manager.”

—Diane Dillinger



Programs: Market Food, Emergency Services, Meals on Wheels

(L-R) Amy Schaffer (1), Amy Tix (1), Rob Berg (< 1), Joannie Becker (10), Tammy Rud (< 1)

“I am inspired by the incredible passion and dedication our volunteers have for their roles at HFS!”

—Jessica Bierbrauer

“After five years, I’m still amazed by the generosity of this community. I am very fortunate to see all the good going out to those that need it and all the good that comes in from those helping neighbors.”

—Kelly Carter



Resource Development

(L-R) Maria Slavik (5), Kelly Carter (5), Sharon Deziel (< 1)



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

Receiving Project Share

Do you or someone you know need help with gifts and food for this holiday season?

Registration for families requesting food and gifts for children ages 18 and under is open! Call

651-437-7134 to schedule your registration appointment that you can complete in person at HFS or by phone.

Families are encouraged to register as early as possible. Registration closes on Dec. 5. Gifts and Holiday Meals will be distributed to families Dec. 18–Dec. 21.



Supporting Project Share

**Adopt-a-Family
Opens Nov. 15 at Noon**

You can sign up to Adopt-a-Family at 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. Gifts must be dropped off by Dec. 18.

Holiday Meals

Donate \$40 to cover the cost of a Holiday Meal for a neighbor. See page 8 for details.

Holiday Shopping that Gives Back

Rivertown Treasures

...Your Hometown Thrift Store

Holiday Room

NOV 7 – DEC 23

Get into the spirit of the season! Check out the Holiday Room featuring a wide variety of festive holiday decor and clothing.

Small Business Saturday

NOV 25 • 10AM–3PM

Enjoy specials and festivities during the Downtown Hastings Holiday Hoopla.

Friendly Reminder

No Clothing or Household Donations Accepted in December

Due to space needs for Project Share, Rivertown Treasures is unable to accept clothing and household donations during the month of December.

The Donation Center will be open to accept Project Share and food donations during the month of December.

Clothing and household donations will resume on Tuesday, January 2.



Follow us for sales info and more:
RivertownTreasuresHastings



Holiday Events



Join us at these family-friendly events to support Project Share and Hastings Family Service.



Give Thanks Concert

NOV 12 • 2PM

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Enjoy songs of the season performed by Pete Likes and local musicians. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit HFS.



10 Days of Giving

DEC 1-10 • ISD 200 SCHOOLS

Merchants Bank hosts a 10-day donation drive for HFS, collecting food and monetary gifts and culminating with the Holiday Train. Watch for information from your school communities!



Gobble Gait

NOV 23 • 8K/2K 8:30AM

DOWNTOWN HASTINGS

This beloved tradition returns for its 26th year with proceeds benefiting HFS programs. Details on page 8 or visit gobblegait.com.

Taproom Takeover | NOV 15 • 4-7PM
SPIRAL BREWERY

Join us for a fun evening! A portion of every beer sold will benefit Gobble Gait.



Holiday Train

DEC 9 • 8PM Arrival • 8:15-8:45PM
Event | CP DEPOT

Enjoy the arrival of the CPKC Holiday Train and free holiday concert by Tenille Townes and Breland in support of local food shelves. Cub Scout Pack 278 will be collecting non-perishable food and monetary donations.



Santa on the Farm

DEC 9 • 5-7PM

BREMER FARMS, 7048 150th St E

Drive through the Christmas lights display, get a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and a dairy treat! Santa will be collecting food and monetary donations for HFS. Bremer Farms Lights are open the entire month of December from dusk to 10pm, with donations to HFS being accepted throughout the month.



Christmas Market

DEC 10 • 11AM-3PM

MIESVILLE FIRE HALL

Join the Miesville Fire Department and the Douglas 4-H Club for a festive day to visit Santa and the reindeer and shop market vendors. Non-perishable food donations will be collected.



Skate with Santa

DEC 16 • 6-8:30PM

HASTINGS CIVIC ARENA

River Blades Skating School will perform at 6pm with an open skate 7:20 to 8:30pm, and pictures with Santa from 7:15-8pm, with a suggested donation to HFS.

Stay Connected

Stay up to date by following us on social media. Please note that events may be subject to change.



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[hastingsfamilyservice](https://www.facebook.com/hastingsfamilyservice)

Your Gifts Provide Help & Hope

Join the Family Table

- Scan the QR code to set up an online monthly donation.
- Set up direct payment from a checking account: complete the authorization on the enclosed envelope and send it in with your voided check. This option incurs no fees!
- Use an electronic funds transfer through your bank account's Bill Pay service. Notify Kelly Carter at 651-437-7134 if you choose this method.



Scan to Join

Thank you. Your monthly gift provides a stable source of help and hope.

Planned Giving

You can leave a legacy and continue to offer help and hope for generations to come by including HFS as a designated beneficiary on insurance policies, investments, and/or in your will. When giving through Retirement/Donor-Advised funds, your financial advisor will need our Tax ID# 23-7083534 and our address: 301 2nd St E, Hastings, MN 55033.

IRA Contributions

If you need to take a required minimum distribution (RMD) from an IRA, consider sending it directly to HFS to reduce your taxable income. Keeping your taxable income lower can reduce the impact to your Social Security and Medicare. Starting in 2023, the age requirement for RMD increased to 73 years. Contact your financial advisor to determine if this is a good option for you!



Support HFS during the Great MN Give-Together!

Drop off your donation at HFS on November 16 or visit hastingsfamilyservice.org to SCHEDULE your online gift!

Your gift will have a greater impact with \$20,000 in MATCHING FUNDS!

Thank you matching-fund donors:

American Veterans Post 1

Peg Baringer

Stacey Baringer

Ronald & Terry Ferriss

Elaine Ficker

Anonymous Donor



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HFS Expansion Multiplies Impact

HFS expanded into the adjacent building in June of 2022 and the additional space has greatly improved our capacity to expand food programs and provide more food than ever before. The in-person Market re-opened summer of 2022 and we continue to offer the drive-thru option as well. We also added two Market Express

dates for smaller food shelf orders each month, and we expanded our Market Cart mobile produce program from visiting one senior living community each month to one each week. With our Market on the Move van, we have added food rescue with Cub and Walmart in addition to Coborn's and Kwik Trip.

65%
Increase in Market
appointments available



68%
More households served
Market Food programs

**Food Rescue
Tripled**
6,000 lbs to 18,000 lbs
monthly



Meals on Wheels
25% More meals
provided
40% More neighbors
served

These numbers are a comparison of this August versus August 2022.



**My food day is very
important to me
and I am so
thankful for all of
your assistance!**

—A Market Shopper



Stories of Hope

A neighbor called distressed because his heart medication prescription was more than he could afford. Retired and on a fixed income, his medicare plan leaves him with no coverage through the end of the year. HFS was able to utilize financial assistance to cover the cost, and circumstances made it necessary for emergency services staff Amy Tix to meet him at the pharmacy to pay for the prescription. Our neighbor was relieved and was able to set up additional appointments for food and transportation. Amy told him this is what HFS is all about . . . **neighbors helping neighbors.**

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Share the Gift of a Holiday Meal

Your gift of \$40 will cover the cost of a Holiday Meal.



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P.S. Holiday Assistance is available.
See page 4.



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THANKSGIVING MORNING DOWNTOWN HASTINGS

Race Day Registration Begins at 7am
8K/2K Begins at 8:30am

Gobble Gait is an 8K and 2K race/walk in support of Hastings Family Service. Over the past 26 years, over 1.8 million dollars has been raised to help area neighbors with food, clothing, emergency assistance, and more. Gobble Gait is one of the largest Thanksgiving morning runs in the Twin Cities and is a beloved community tradition.

Thank you to all who help organize, support and participate!

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