



Hastings Family Service

Providing Help and Hope to our Neighbors since 1970.

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

FEBRUARY 2020



Join the City-Wide Food Fight!



Hastings Family Service Co-Founder Lew Linde and Executive Director Chris Koop invite you to join the City-Wide Food Fight during MN FoodShare month. Details inside!

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20/20 Vision in 2020



Chris Koop
Executive Director

As I reflect on 2019, I am still in awe of the over 200 enthusiastic volunteers who came in and wrapped presents, packed holiday meals, loaded cars and loved on their neighbor. A woman told us that she never thought she would find herself in the place of needing help, but each night when she goes to bed, she feels gratitude for the new fleece sheets she received through Project Share.

Another mom told us of how she has come back from homelessness and is getting back on her feet. She was so grateful to put gifts under the tree and make the traditional holiday meal; it was the Christmas she had

always dreamt of. "The material things meant a lot, but knowing that someone would help us means even more," she said. "Thank you for giving me hope for the future." Messages like these that affirm the work we do each day.

2019 was also amazing because the staff and board spent several months defining the strategic direction of Hastings Family Service for the next 5 years and beyond. We are just kicking off our 50th anniversary year and I am so grateful for a community that continues to ensure we can provide services that respond to the environmental changes of this community. In our strategic planning, the vision remains clear... that we must first see the person and not just the problem. We must see a mom trying to do the best she can, one day at a time, and today we got to help her with that. It isn't for us to judge the way she conducts herself, the choices she makes, or even her expression and body language could easily be mis-interpreted. Instead, we must remember that she is a mom first and her experience or her life might not be as easy as mine. First and foremost, she is doing the best she can right now to give her kids the kind of life that I want for my own kids.

In this 50th year of "reaching out as family in support and service to one another," we must never forget the reason we are here. We must continue to strive for 20/20 vision in 2020 and for the next 50 years!

In the words of our co-founder, Lew Linde... "Straight Ahead!"

Chris Koop



Hastings Family Service

50 YEARS OF HELP AND HOPE

Save the Date: Friday, August 21, 2020

HFS 50th Anniversary Community Celebration

Watch for a special 50th Anniversary edition of this newsletter in May!



Hastings Family Service

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50 Years of Impact made Possible by YOU!

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Amy Sutton
Associate Director

50 Years of Service... Striving for 50 More!

Hastings Family Service will be celebrating 50 years of service to the community on April 21st and we are planning a year of gratitude and celebration! Your generous support has changed the lives of your neighbors and has built a stronger and better community for us all.

As we celebrate this milestone, we will also be looking ahead. A primary goal in our 50th year is to build sustainability so HFS is here to serve the community for another 50 years. We invite you to be a part of this community's legacy of help and hope by sharing a gift in your will, trust, retirement account or life insurance. Designating HFS as a beneficiary begins a legacy now that will last your lifetime and long after!

50 years... made possible by YOU! Another 50 years... made possible by you? What will the next 50 years look like? That will depend on each of us.

**Begin to build your legacy of generosity now by joining
The Family Table monthly giving program!**

Choose one of these easy options:

1. Direct payment from a checking account. Fill out the authorization on the enclosed envelope and send it in with your voided check. There are no fees with this option.
2. Go to hastingsfamilyservice.org and click on *The Family Table* page. Follow the instructions to set up your monthly recurring donation online.
3. You may set up a recurring monthly donation using an electronic funds transfer through your bank account's Bill Pay service. Please notify Amy at HFS if you choose this method.

"My monthly gift is sent from my retirement account, giving me tax benefits while helping my community. I have seen first-hand how a little help can change your path, and I want to be that little bit of help for someone else."

Family Table member-2 years



IRA Contributions:

If you need to make a required minimum distribution from an IRA, consider a Charitable Rollover gift to HFS. With a direct transfer to a qualified nonprofit like HFS, it counts toward your required minimum distribution and reduces your taxable income. Keeping your taxable income lower can reduce the impact to your Social Security/Medicare. Contact your financial advisor for details!

Honor/Memorial Gifts:

This is a beautiful way to recognize someone who no longer wants or needs "things!" It is a special way to honor or remember a life well lived.

Stock/Gifts of Appreciated Assets:

Give a gift of stock, and you can avoid capital gains taxes that you would have paid if you sold the asset.



Thank You for Making Gobble Gait 2019 a Success!

Thank you to the organizers, sponsors, volunteers, and participants who made Gobble Gait 2019 a success. Hastings Family Service is grateful to Mary Fasbender, Jay Kochendorfer and Brian Radke for all they have done to build this event over the past 22 years. Gobble Gait has provided over \$1.5 million in support for HFS programs and services since it began, adding \$120,000 in 2019! Talk about building a legacy of impact and generosity!

Every dollar and every pound of food receives a



Join the
City-Wide
Food Fight!



As a business, group, school, individual, family, or as part of the faith community, you can hold an event or food and fund drive to fight hunger in our community!

ALL GIFTS OF MONEY AND FOOD RECEIVE A PROPORTIONATE MATCH

from March 1 through April 12th!

Go to hastingsfamilyservice.org to join the fight!

PROPORTIONATE MATCH from MN FoodShare

Upcoming Events:

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events that benefit HFS during MN FoodShare month!

HFS Taproom Takeover at Spiral Brewery

Thursday, March 12th
5:00—7:00 p.m.
Spiral Brewery



Join Hastings Family Service at Spiral Brewery for a Taproom Takeover!

\$1 from each beer sale goes to HFS and will be proportionately MATCHED by MN FoodShare.

While you are there, purchase your Hastings Tastings tickets and visit our volunteer appreciation table!

25th Annual

HASTINGS TASTINGS

A FEAST FOR MN FOODSHARE

Monday, March 30

5:30 p.m.— 8:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Social Hall

\$35 advance tickets / \$40 day of event

Tickets available now at the following locations:

Hastings Family Service | Cub Foods | Coborn's

Hastings YMCA | ONLINE— hastingsfamilyservice.org



*See you
there!*

Thank You Lead Sponsors:



Delicious Food

Silent Auction

Raffles

Cash Bar

Project Share Donors and Volunteers

Make a Difference!

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Project Share donors and volunteers have a big impact on local families during the holidays. Donors generously cover the costs of holiday meals and provide gifts for local families through Adopt-a-Family and donations to the HFS North Pole.

Volunteers spread holiday cheer with friendly greetings as they lend a hand with gifts and groceries.



Below is a note we received this year from a family that received help and hope through Project Share:

I would just like to thank everyone that was involved with Project Share. I have never needed to ask for help before but the last couple months have been tight financially & I just would like everyone involved to know how much my daughter & I appreciated the gifts & food. My daughter loved her toys & we have been able to go out sledding a couple times already!

My new work shoes have been so much appreciated & the pressure cooker makes getting dinner ready so much easier & faster!

Words can not even cover how thankful we are & I hope one day I am also able to help someone who needs it!



Thank You Local Businesses!

Several local businesses contribute to the holiday food boxes for our neighbors during Project Share, providing apples, bread, milk, eggs, turkeys, pies, and more. Collectively, they contributed more than 11,000 pounds of food this year! Thank you for your generous support and partnership!

Afton Apple Orchard
Edward Jones office of Abra Hovgaard
Emily's Bakery & Deli
McDougall's Apple Junction
Plainview Milk Products Cooperative
Polk-a-Dot Dairy
Treasure Island Resort & Casino

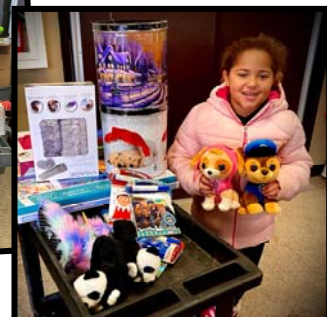
Project Share 2019 Impact

315 households were provided holiday meals

208 families received gifts through the Adopt- a-family program

167 Families received gifts donated to the HFS North Pole

Volunteers provided 817 service hours





Join the HFS Volunteer Team!

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HFS has openings for the following weekly shifts:

Donation Center:

Friday afternoon, Saturday,
and substitute shifts available.

Rivertown Treasures Thrift Store:

Weekday morning and afternoon,
Saturday, and substitute shifts
available.

Meals on Wheels:

Drivers needed

Just Friends:

Drivers needed

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

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Deliver More than a Meal

The Meals on Wheels program is expanding its reach this year by adding an additional delivery route. As a result, we're adding to our team of dedicated volunteers!

Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver a warm, ready-to-eat meal over the lunch hour and provide an important safety check and friendly smile to those we serve.

Meals on Wheels volunteers can sign up for a regular schedule (weekly, monthly, etc.) or as a substitute on an as-needed, as-available basis. Visit hastingsfamilyservice.org to complete a volunteer application or call Maria at 651-437-7134 to learn more!



HFS Renews Service Enterprise Certification



Hastings Family Service has been certified by the Points of Light Foundation as a Service Enterprise for another 3 years!

Service Enterprise is a national recognition for organizations that strategically engage volunteers to achieve operational efficiency and greater community impact.

Hastings Family Service completed an extensive assessment and many hours of internal planning to continually improve how we integrate volunteers into day to day operations at HFS. By achieving this level of excellence and certification, Hastings Family Service is now better equipped to engage volunteers at a higher level and in a wide variety of capacities, ultimately helping HFS to better meet the needs of the community.

Service Enterprise certification is offered in Minnesota in partnership through Points of Light, Hands on Twin Cities and the Minnesota Association for Volunteer Administration.

Welcome New Volunteers!

The following volunteers have joined HFS since October 2019

Paula Angell - Special Projects

Colleen Carducci - Rivertown Treasures

Doug Duin - Food Shelf Pick Ups & Donation Center

Dan Eggert - Donation Center & Market Food Shelf

Melissa Freiermuth - Board of Directors

Rachel Hoffman - Meals on Wheels

Mick Humbert - Just Friends

Heidi Langenfeld - Rivertown Treasures

Dana Leibbrand - Meals on Wheels

Jeanne Loesch - Volunteer Receptionist

Tracy Mathison - Rivertown Treasures

Rich Robinson - Market Food Shelf

Tim Stanley - Board of Directors

Tim Tabery - Donation Center

Erica Trost - Meals on Wheels

Barb Wieners - Just Friends

And welcome to the 12 new Meals on Wheels drivers on the Dakota County Sheriff's Department team!

Join the city-wide
Food Fight against Hunger!
All monetary gifts
and pounds of food are
proportionately MATCHED
by MN FOODSHARE!



See page 4 for details.



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Join the Food Fight against Hunger at...



Your \$35 ticket
purchase helps
feed a family of
five for a week!

Monday, March 30th | 5:30-8:00 pm | SEAS Church

Have a silent auction item to donate?

Please contact Kelly at kellycarter@hastingsfamilyservice.org.

More details on page 5 or visit hastingsfamilyservice.org

- Supports the Food Shelf • Event Proceeds Matched •
- Silent Auction • Raffles • Cash Bar • Delicious Food •