



Bring Hope to the Table

2011 FACT SHEET

EMERGENCY FOODSHELF NETWORK

In 1976, the Emergency Foodshelf Network (EFN) began as a coalition of food shelves to create equal distribution and support among 12 member food shelves. Today, EFN continues to grow as a full service local food bank, providing quality, nutritious food and support services to over 230 hunger relief programs, including: food shelves, on-site meal programs, subsidized housing and other hunger relief programs throughout the state. EFN also distributes culturally specific foods that meet dietary needs of the many cultural populations served by our members. EFN helps its network serve over 2 million individuals per year with nutritious, quality food.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Emergency Foodshelf Network is to provide access to nutritious, culturally specific foods to serve the changing needs in our communities.

HOW WE DO THIS

We do this by partnering to: maximize the sharing of food, resources, and systems support; promote quality standards; and educate and advocate for the eradication of hunger.

CORE VALUES

For 35 years, EFN's service to the Minnesota community has been guided by three main principles: Quality, Value, and Efficiency. Hungry people really do come first at EFN!

EFN PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Agency Support	Harvest for the Hungry
Baskets of Hope	Lost Harvest
Bulk Purchasing	Mobile Foodshelf
Fare For All	Multicultural Mobile
Fare For All Express!	Foodshelf

EFFICIENCY

\$0.92 cents of every \$1 donated to EFN goes directly to programs serving hungry families.

VOLUNTEERS

Over 13,700 individuals put in over 38,092 volunteer hours during 2010.

EFN'S IMPACT

EFN provided over \$7 million in support and services to members agencies.

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EMERGENCY FOODSHELF NETWORK Programs

AGENCY SUPPORT is at the core of EFN's family of programs. It is a set of resources designed to provide member agencies with easy and affordable access to the food and infrastructure they need to serve their clients today and into the future. These include IT services, volunteer services, equipment assistance, delivery services and free food. EFN provided agencies with more than \$7 million in benefits in 2010.

BASKETS OF HOPE is a holiday program that distributes free meal packages to local families facing hunger. Each "basket" contains a traditional holiday meal to feed a family of up to eight people. Last year, EFN expanded the program by distributing the packages from 16 different locations around the Twin Cities.

BULK FOOD PURCHASING allows member agencies the opportunity to supplement the free food they receive. Members can purchase over 70 nutritious food staples, culturally specific items, and hygiene products at 40 to 50% below retail cost.

FARE FOR ALL is a cooperative food-purchasing program that distributes packages of reduced cost groceries through a statewide network of distribution sites. Distribution sites are organized by volunteers and are often located in churches, schools, community centers, and housing complexes.

FARE FOR ALL EXPRESS can be compared to a traveling grocery store – making monthly stops at 18 different host locations across the broader Twin Cities Metropolitan area. Sales take place several times per week with an average of 3,300 packages being distributed each month.

HARVEST FOR THE HUNGRY is a partnership between EFN and Community Supported Agriculture farms in Minnesota. Donations from the broader community and shareholders of each CSA are used to purchase local, organic produce from the participating farms. Food purchased through this program is distributed for free to member programs.

LOST HARVEST rescues produce grown in excess from the southwestern growing regions of the United States. EFN partners with Borderland Food Bank in Nogales, AZ to plan the logistics of each shipment of food.

MOBILE FOODSHELF is a partnership between EFN and the Minneapolis Public Hi-Rise Association. It is designed to help residents who struggle to access food from traditional food shelves. EFN brings a three to four day supply of food directly to housing complexes, community centers, and faith organizations. In 2007, EFN launched additional distributions for members of the East and West African communities, and in 2010 EFN expanded to include a Latino distribution.

Visit www.emergencyfoodshelf.org to learn more about our programs and the many ways you can become involved.