



**TO PROVIDE FOOD AND CLOTHING FOR PEOPLE IN NEED
THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF OUR COMMUNITY.**

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf (NACE) is the northern Anoka County's leading community hunger and clothing relief organization. Our mission is to provide food and clothing for people in need through the generosity of our community. Each year NACE's network helps provide food and clothing to more than **30,313** people facing hunger in Anoka County, including **10,989** children and **2753** seniors. Through community members, businesses, and meal programs, NACE's network serves all the cities and townships in northern Anoka County, Minnesota. Working together with our community we provide **639** thousand pounds of food directly to individuals and families in need.



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OUR DIRECTOR

SERVING PEOPLE IN NEED THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY.



Dear Friends,

The year of 2022 was a year of growth at NACE. Due to an increase in the cost of living, including in food and energy costs, NACE saw a large increase in family visits to the food shelf. In fact, there was a 115% increase in families served in 2022 over 2021.

We had a lot of new families come to NACE for assistance in 2022. The number of families that came to NACE who had never visited a food shelf was 7 times greater in 2022 than in 2021.

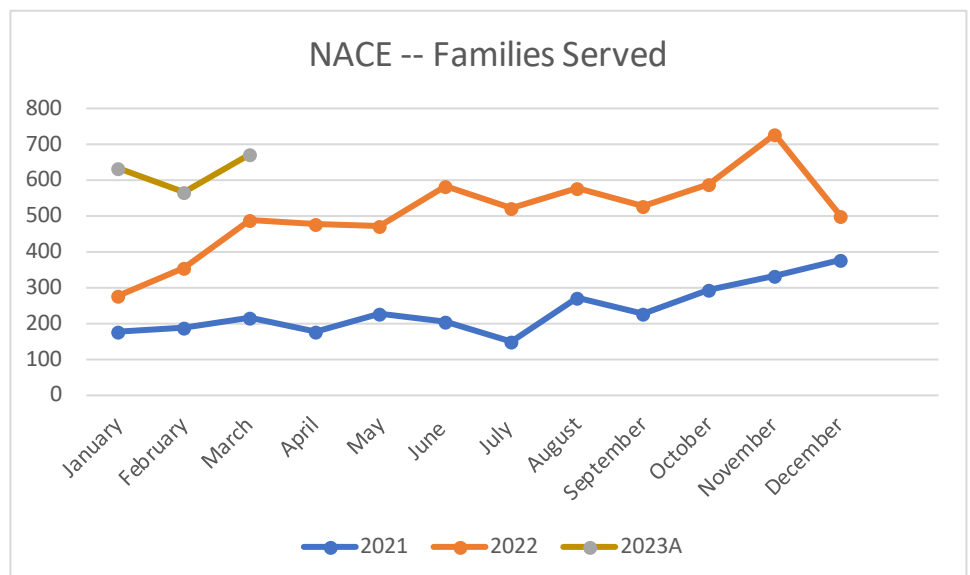
We had an average of 40 new families each month. It is often difficult for these families to visit for the first time, however our volunteers work hard to reassure them and welcome them to NACE.

This volume increase has put a higher demand on our hard working and compassionate volunteers. In 2022 our volunteers worked 10,162 hours.

Our food costs were impacted by the increase in grocery prices and the amount of food we needed to purchase to feed our increase in families. Our food cost in 2022 was 150% higher than our food costs in 2020 and 37% higher than our food costs in 2020.

The mission of NACE is to provide food and clothing to people in need through the generosity of our community. It is because of the generosity of our community members, churches, social clubs and businesses that we are able to help our neighbors in need. We are truly thankful for the donations we receive of funds, food and clothing.

Susan Diersen
Executive Director



CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NACE Board of Directors is made up of leaders from many sectors who are dedicated to our mission to feed and serve the people in our Community. NACE is fortunate to be led by generous stewards of the organization; 100 percent of the board members donate to NACE by serving and/or contributing.

OFFICERS*

Interim Chair:

Goody Vokovan

Treasurer:

Michelle Hudak

Secretary

Jill Brown

100% of NACE board members donate time and/or finances to NACE.

DIRECTORS*

Paul Boschaert

Beverly Vokovan

Wanda McLaurin

Jim Huff



STAFF

Executive Director:

Susan Diersen

Program Coordinator:

Paige Olness

Bookkeeper:

Lisa Novak

Volunteer Coordinator:

Barb Martin

Our current board was appointed in February 2023. We want to thank our outgoing board members for their support during 2022: Alicia Jaworski, Joanne Yackel, Connie Robillard, Jason Kuhlman.

* The Board of Directors and Officers are prohibited by NACE bylaws from receiving compensation yet together they give thousands of hours of time and money.



SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

NACE provides nutrition, clothing, and service needs to children, families and seniors in our service area. In 2022, with the support of individuals, volunteers, nonprofit and corporate partners, elected officials, and advocates, we were able to support an over 115% increase in the people in need. With innovative approaches to alleviate hunger, we continue to expand food sourcing channels and implement innovative distribution methods to provide food, clothing, and hope to people in need. We couldn't do it without our community of volunteers who worked more than 10,000 hours in 2022.

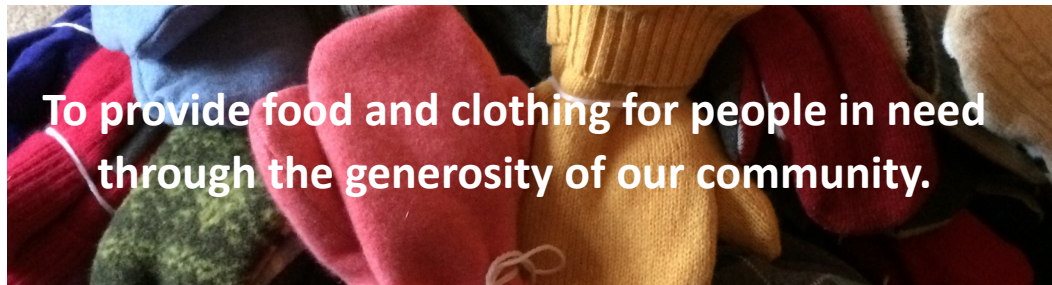
NACE COMMUNITY FUNDING FACTS

NACE is not part of the Anoka County Government. In our name, North Anoka refers to the area we serve but not our funding source. However, NACE does apply for resources when state and/or federal opportunities arise, such as the Open Your Heart Grant referred to in this report and TFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) foods offered through our partnering food banks.



The best way we can help people in need of food is to give NACE a financial donation. Looking on Amazon.com, a 15.25 oz. (about 1 pound) can of corn cost a little over \$1.25. NACE, using the buying power of Second Harvest Heartland and other food banks, can buy three meals of food for just \$1.00! Due to our busy lives society is often more convenient to give a gift of money. NACE takes cash and checks. In addition, you can make an online contribution on our secure website. Or you can bring your credit card to NACE during business hours. We process all major credit cards including the newer chip cards.

What does NACE do with it's operating budget? There are places in Anoka County were you can pull up in a parking lot and get a free bag of food; NACE is one of them. For more than 43 years NACE has provided services to our clients at zero cost to them. To do this we rely on the generosity of the community. Operating expenses include our building. Substantial electric costs to run the walk-in cooler, freezer, and display case to keep fresh foods. We have heat, water, snow removal, lawn services, and building cleaning expenses. There are phone bills, internet, and computer and software costs. These are operating expenses we need to cover to keep our commitment that when someone is in crisis and requires help, NACE will be there for them day after day, week after week, and year after year as we have been for the past 43 years.



To provide food and clothing for people in need through the generosity of our community.

To open our doors each day we need a minimum of 8 volunteers who are at NACE for 4 hours each. We are open 4 days a week. In one month that equals 160 volunteers and over 690 hours of time per month (minimum) on average. These volunteers and Board of Directors are generous and give of their time freely.

FEEDING AND CLOTHING PEOPLE



In order to cultivate a spirit of generosity with youth, NACE has worked with local high schools to encourage youth to volunteer. Because of these efforts, we have had a large influx of youth participating in distribution hours.

Two of the youth recently received gold medals from the United States Congress in part for their volunteer service work at NACE. They each logged more than 400 hours (more than 900 hours between the two of them). In addition, they have been recruiting fellow students to participate as volunteers at NACE.

These connections in our community will build strong leaders for our future.

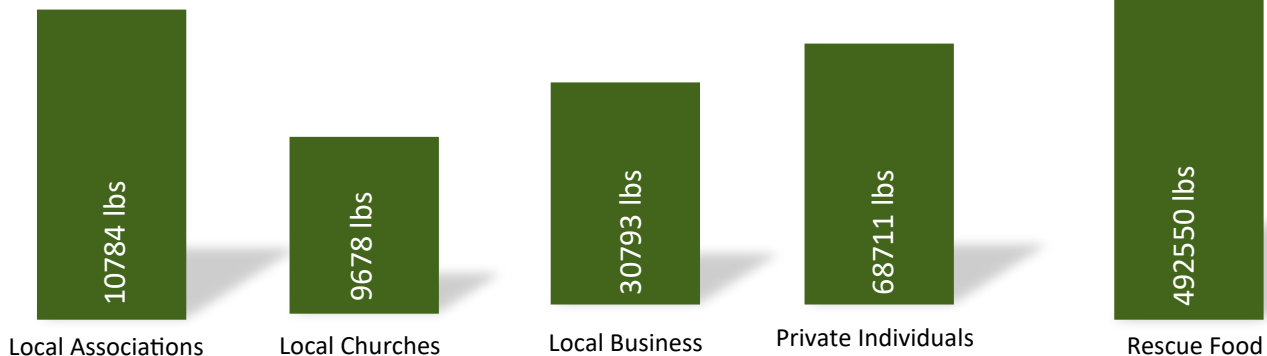


FOOD SOURCES:

With your support, NACE received 612 thousand pounds of food through the community in during fiscal year 2022

Rescue Organizations:

Pizza Ranch, Target, Costco, Cub Foods, Festival Foods, County Hearth, Kwik Trip



INVESTING IN OUTREACH

SNAP

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is an essential resource that helps millions of Americans meet their basic nutritional needs. Through SNAP outreach, NACE connects people to federal resources that are critical to providing much needed meals to families facing hunger.

Other monthly resources provided for NACE clients:

- Free clothing from the NACE closet
- Community Action Program guides are available
- Monthly listing of other Free Anoka county community Family Meals and food distribution



HOLIDAY MEALS

With the help of community partners we supplied 96 Thanksgiving meals and 99 Christmas meals.

AMERICORPS SENIORS RSVP—RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Anoka County RSVP connects people age 55 and over who want to volunteer with non-profit and social service programs in Anoka County.

By joining RSVP, we have access to part of a National movement of thousands of volunteers to respond to critical community needs.

PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL EVENTS

NACE participated in local events such as Ham Lake Freedom Festival, East Bethel Booster Days and Ham Lake Hometown Holiday.



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WEBSITE —www.nacefoodshelf.org

FEEDING MORE FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AND SENIORS

Groceries for families, after-school snacks for kids and fresh produce for seniors - in countless ways NACE serves the young and young at heart. Additional targeted program models are specifically designed to meet the unique needs of these vulnerable populations.

Hunger hurts everyone but it can be especially devastating for children. During school free meals help food-insecure children stay full, but outside of the school day they may not know where their next meal is coming from. NACE's hunger strategy is designed to reach children during these vulnerable times, specifically after school, on weekends, during summer and at home.

PROGRAMS

CRISIS PACKS

We are not always open and available when a need arises. For that reason, we have available non-perishable crisis packs for local churches or organization that desire to help individuals in a crisis.

These packs allow individuals access to food to get them through the night or weekend.



NATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM—SENIOR

NAPS is a federal program administered by the Minnesota Department of Health. We have partnered to be a distribution site. This program provides a food package to seniors. The package comes with a newsletter with healthy eating and other educational information. It is available once each month and is distributed the third Thursday of each month.



WEEKEND PACKS

Weekend packs are given during the school year to qualifying children. The week end packs secure nutritious food for kids over the weekend. The average cost is **\$5.40** per pack. These same children are provided summer bags in the months of June—August to children. These bags of food are packed with kid-friendly foods. The average cost for a Summer bag of food is **\$8.74**.



SUMMER PACKS

During the summer children and their families that relied on school breakfast and lunches to help feed their children lose that option. We have a program to help fill the gap by providing a bag of kid-friendly, easy to fix food during June, July and August to families with school-age children.



All of this is possible because of the hardworking Volunteers at NACE. Our Volunteers serve more than **690** hours monthly to assure that the NACE clients' needs are met.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

FOOD SHELF DISTRIBUTION:



NACE is a source of free healthy and nutritious food in our community. We directly serve local residents who suffer from hunger and food insecurity. We rely heavily on organizations and private citizens to provide a steady supply of monetary donations along with fresh produce, dairy products, meats and breads, and a wide range of canned goods.

CLOTHING CLOSET:

During all seasons, we receive donated clothing and distribute it to our clients. As cold weather approaches we receive and donate coats, hats, gloves and mittens.



HOME DELIVERY:

Our Home Delivery program provides groceries and builds positive relationships with homebound participants in Northern Anoka County.

There are many reasons an individual can find themselves homebound and unable to access groceries. Senior citizens or those with disabilities or perhaps a health reason. For these individuals; we are here to help. Volunteers will pack up groceries once a month and deliver it to their home.



HOLIDAY MEAL PACKS:

Thanksgiving and Christmas are times when we all like to come together to share a meal with family and friends. We work with partners in our local community to ensure that every family can have these special meals. We are always looking for partners such as organizations and churches to help make these meals possible.



BIRTHDAY GIFT BAGS:

We believe that every child is a blessing and deserves to feel special on their birthday. We prepare a birthday gift bag for children ages 1-17 when their family visits the food shelf the month of their birthday.

Each Birthday Gift Bag includes a cake mix, frosting, candles, and a gift for the child.





Donor Honor Roll

As food insecurity in the Anoka County holds steady at some of the highest rates ever recorded, the generosity of churches, businesses, associations, schools, and people like you are helping families access food, clothing, and services they need to thrive. NACE's generous supporters give their time, funds, and products to help feed the people in need in our community and work to end hunger in our county. On behalf of the people we serve, NACE is honored to pay tribute to the extraordinary individuals, organizations, and companies whose partnership and commitment to our work makes a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals supported by our mission.

PARTNERS IN MISSION

CHURCHES

- Andover Christian Church Missions
- Cedar United Methodist Church
- Church of St. Paul
- Constance Free Church
- Cross of Hope Church
- Family of Christ Lutheran Church
- Eagle Brook Church - Ham Lake
- Glen Cary Lutheran Church
- New Life Lutheran
- Oak Haven Church
- Open Range Cowboy Church
- Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
- Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church
- St. Andrew's Lutheran Church -
- St. Francis United Methodist Church
- St. Patrick's Catholic church
- The Church of St. Patrick of Cedar Creek

BUSINESSES

- 5 Star Insurance Professionals
- 21st Century Bank
- Aggressive Hydraulics - East Bethel
- All Auto Glass
- Allina Health Systems
- Ameripride Financial
- Anoka County - Anoka
- Anoka County Agricultural Society
- Anoka County Gardeners
- Anoka Master Gardeners
- Anytime Fitness - Ham Lake
- Arko Exteriors, Inc.
- Bank of America
- Bell Bank
- Benedictine
- Billiard Street Cafe
- Blaine Family Chiropractic
- Blaine High School
- Bow Wow Bakery
- Cedar Creek Elementary
- Central Trailer Sales
- Charities Aid Foundation America
- Chops, Inc.
- Commers The Water Store
- Connexus Energy - Ramsey
- Costco - Coon Rapids
- Country Hearth
- County Market
- Cub Foods - Blaine
- Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.
- Dem Com Companies

- Diamond City Bread
- Diamond Metal Products
- Dreams Realty Inc.
- E.J.'s Inc.
- East Central Chapter ABATE of MN
- Falcon National Bank—Ham Lake
- Festival Foods
- Financial One Credit Union
- Fisher Enterprises Inc.
- General Dynamics Missions Systems
- Grown for Love
- Hometown Holiday
- House 2 Home Flooring and Design
- Highland Bluffs Townhouses
- Hunters Gardens
- Infinite Campus Training - Blaine
- Invictus Brewing Co.
- Jam Hops
- JH Dow Davis Foundation
- Kemps
- Kwik Trip
- LaMachine Shop, Inc.
- Linwood Elementary School
- Lone Wolf Greenhouse
- Mansetti's Inc.—Ham Lake
- McKinley Elementary School
- Midwest Motor Express
- Minnco Credit Union
- MN Fresh Farm
- National Financial Services, LLC
- Northern Asphalt Inc.
- Oakview Middle School
- Par Aide Products Co.
- Patriot Builders II, Inc.
- Pavement Resources Inc.
- Pederson Family Trust
- Pershing Cetera Advisors Networks LLC
- Physical Therapy Consultants
- Pizza Ranch
- PJK Enterprises LLC
- Primary Automation Systems Inc
- Richland
- RBC Capital Markets
- St. Francis Elementary
- St Patrick's Elem Formation Program
- Sannerud Savarese & Associates
- Sahara Sands
- Smith Brothers Decorating Center
- Superior Framing Corporation
- TD Ameritrade Clearing
- TGK
- Target
- The Oaks Resident Fund

- Thrivent Financial
- US Bank—Employee Matching Gift Program
- Village Bank—St. Francis

NACE encompasses 226 ½ sq. miles of the Total 446 sq. miles of Anoka County Minnesota. The population of this area is 47,684 (data arrived for 2021 census)

ASSOCIATIONS

- Andover Senior Citizen Club
- Anoka County Employees Club
- Bengals in Action
- Blaine Festival Charitable Gaming
- Blaine Festival, Blazing 4
- Blaine Festival Volunteer Committee
- Bethel Fire & Rescue Relief Association
- Blaine/Ham Lake Girl Scouts
- Blaine Swim & Drive
- Boy Scout Troop 506
- Coon Lake Community & Senior Center Charitable Gambling
- DFA Cares Foundation
- Dynamic Sealing Tec Inc
- E&K Convenience Inc
- East Bethel Booster Days
- East Bethel Chamber of Commerce
- East Bethel Fire Department
- East Bethel Senior Center
- Girl Scout Troop 18404
- Girl Scout Troop 17945
- Girl Scout Troop 16670
- Christmas Committee
- Ham Lake Chamber of Commerce
- Ham Lake Farmers Market
- Ham Lake Fire Department
- Ham Lake Lions
- Ham Lake Seniors
- Knights of Columbus, St. Patrick's Council #9585
- Martha Chapter 132
- Medtronic Cycling
- Northwoods Service Girl Scouts
- Ponds Women's Golf League
- Rum River Kindness Club
- Teamster Food Shelf
- The Oaks Resident Fund




FINANCIALS


In fiscal year 2022 NACE had total revenue, including contributions and grants of \$1,306,000 and operating expenses of \$1,013,000 of which 98 percent went to program activities designed to advance our mission and vision to end hunger in northern Anoka County.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2022

ASSETS

2021
 \$553,516

2022
 \$492,756

	2022	2021
Current Assets		
<i>Checking/Savings</i>		
- Bank	56,621	19,273
- Savings	95,736	194,594
- Petty Cash	100	100
Total Checking/Savings	152,457	213,967
<i>Assets</i>		
- Fixed Assets	330,299	329,549
- Inventory	10,000	10,000
Total Assets	340,299	339,549
Total Asset	492,756	553,516

Current Liabilities		
- Credit Card, Payroll, Other	5,376	5,079
Total Current Liabilities	5,376	5,079
Current Equity		
- Edward Jones Investments	-405,601	-353,109
- Retained Earning	901,546	678,446
- Net Income	-8,565	223,100
Total Current Equity	487,380	548,437
Total Liabilities and Equity	492,756	553,516

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

2022
 \$492,756

2021
 \$553,516

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITES

PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE

	2022	2021
Public Support		
- Church Contributions	27,548	26,811
- Corporate Contributions	166,353	157,416
- Individual Contributions	154,569	177,696
Total Public Support	348,471	361,923
Revenue		
- Interest Income	618	287
- Investment Income	6,919	4,308
- Realized Gain	126	6,930
- Grant Funds	7,500	78,684
- State Grants	27,855	9,643
Realized Gain	126	6,930
- Unrealized Gains/Loss	-43,159	0
Total Revenue	-15	106,842
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE	348,455	468,765

EXPENSES

Program Services		
- Food Procurement	163,883	65,199
- Clothing Procurement	0	52
- Advertising / Newsletter	3,391	930
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0
Total Program Services	167,274	66,240
Supporting Services		
- Management and General	178,009	172,435
- Fundraising Expenses	4,339	0
Total Supporting Services	182,349	172,435
	349,623	238,675



North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf

18511 Hwy 65 NE, Suite 200 in East Bethel

www.nacefoodshelf.org

Hours of Operation:

Monday 9:00 am - Noon & 5:30 pm - 7:30pm

Tuesday 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Wednesday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

NACE Food shelf and Clothing Closet provides supplemental food, clothing and referrals to people in need of northern Anoka County.

NACE Food Shelf and Clothing Closet is a 501©(3) non-profit recognized by the IRS.

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