

Help Us End the Crisis of Hunger

SACA Food Shelf needs your help to continue our work to end hunger in Anoka County and NE Minneapolis

SACA is requesting \$1,500,000 from the Legislature as part of the Partners to End Hunger Coalition’s legislative request. Help us build our urgently needed new facility and continue our work to end hunger in Anoka County and Northeast Minneapolis.

SACA Food Shelf & Thrift Store

SACA Food Shelf and Thrift Store provides basic needs services to the communities of Columbia Heights, Hilltop, Fridley, Spring Lake Park, and Northeast Minneapolis. As a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, our mission is to serve participants with dignity and respect, and to provide a positive pathway to stability & self sufficiency.

SACA continues to successfully meet the challenge of the growing request for food and services, but our current location has become insufficient to hold the necessary supplies and staff.

	2019	2020	2021
Individuals	41,400	44,600	49,100
Households	17,200	17,500	18,700
Pounds of Food	692,000	805,000	800,000

SACA’s Capital Campaign

Between 2019 and 2021, demand for SACA’s services jumped by 15%, or 7701 additional individuals. Our current building is bursting at the seams, forcing us to store much of our food off-site. In addition to a larger, modernized building, we also urgently need to increase our staffing capacity to fully meet the need in our community.

In response, SACA has embarked on a capital campaign to acquire a parcel of land from the City of Columbia Heights and build a new facility that will enable us to serve 50% more families. We are also planning to create nine new positions that will enable us to better support culturally-specific needs of individuals and families; increase our youth programming; provide career coaching; and increase our capacity to coordinate with other service providers.

To date, we have raised \$186,624 towards a \$5,100,000 goal, and are fundraising and working with various partners to raise the remaining funds.



*Tentative Building Elevation

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SACA's Impact in Your Community

- In 2021 SACA provided food for 49,115 individuals in our community, an increase of 15%, or 7701 individuals, from 2020.
- Approx. 70% of SACA's clients have a source of income (either employment or retirement).
- SACA served 15,674 children and 13,446 seniors in 2021.
- 57% of our clients are BIPOC

1 in 9 Minnesotans, including 1 in 6 Minnesota kids, don't know where their next meal will come from (source: Second Harvest) and this number is increasing. Housing instability, job losses, and rising inflation caused by the pandemic will fuel food insecurity for years to come.

SACA's Services

Our services are always community centered and 93% of our service hours are carried out by volunteers.



Client Choice Food Program

The Client Choice program gives families the independence to select high-quality nutritious items such as fresh produce, eggs, milk, and meats.



SACA Delivers

A food delivery service for homebound seniors that also provides social interaction, unobtrusive welfare checks, and referral to other services.



Low Barrier Homeless Food Assistance

Homeless individuals are provided with a compact supply of food and hygiene products that can be easily carried.



In-School Food Shelf Partnership

A Food Shelf Partnership with 10 local schools that discreetly provides pupils with food who would otherwise miss meals (vouchers are provided if needed).



SACA Thrift Store

A thrift store that sells clothing and household goods at garage sale prices, giving clients the dignity of purchasing items they need.



Holiday Dinner & Toy Drive

To help clients navigate a tough time of the year a full, nutritious meal and toys for youth are provided.