

# Support a Vital New Community Food Site

You Can Support Neighbors  
& Stabilize our Community



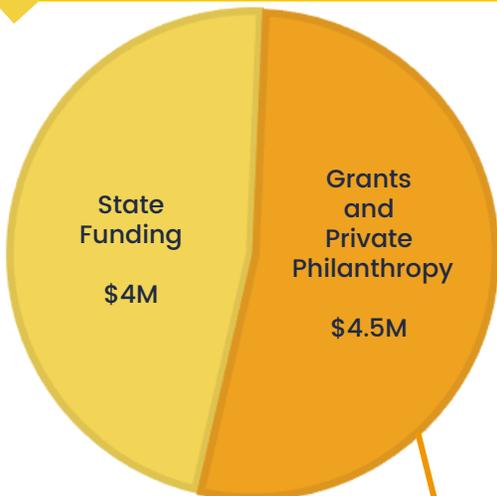
Our vision for our new Community Food Site, located at 1800 University Avenue West, St. Paul. Keystone acquired the properties in December 2020.

## THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW!

Keystone Community Services is requesting an investment of \$4 million of state funds to renovate and equip a new Community Food Site in Ramsey County.

This new site will allow Keystone to significantly expand food and crisis services for people in Ramsey County. During this time when food support is needed by more people, this site will stabilize our community today and for years to come.

### State Support is Critical to Project Success



71% raised towards project goal in just 15 months

### The estimated total project cost is \$8.5M.

Since September 2020, our community has generously contributed \$3.2M towards this new site.

- \$1.1M secured in government funding, largely from the City of St. Paul
- \$2.1M secured from foundations, corporate gifts, and community donors

### Our 20,000 square-foot site will offer:

- A large market area for people to select free food and household items
- Increased capacity to receive and store donated food and household essentials
- Private meeting space for crisis assistance support and providing community programs
- Large areas to offer more volunteer opportunities for people to support hunger relief efforts

### Your support is needed now!

With secured state funding, construction will begin on this shovel-ready project in Sept. 2022 and the site will be operational in spring 2023.

# FOOD INSECURITY IS ON THE RISE AND KEYSTONE IS PREPARED TO RESPOND



Food shelves ensure people have the food support they need in times of crisis.

**On average our food shelf participants utilize food shelf services 3 times per year.**

The pandemic, high unemployment rates, and long-term affordable housing issues are wreaking havoc on families in Minnesota, particularly for low-income people and people of color. Food shelves are a vital safety net support for low-income seniors, families, and individuals.

Keystone has added services to meet the growing demand for food support, and requires more space to meet community need. **This new site will bring more food and resources to more people.**

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*"I have not had to go hungry because of Keystone and their programs. It's really something that's saved my life."*

Mary, a Keystone program participant



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**Join us in combating food insecurity!**

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**Keystone: 80+ years as a trusted resource in our community**

Keystone provides hope, stability, and support through basic needs, youth and senior programs which support more than 40,000 people annually.

## Did you know?



Keystone is the largest provider of food shelf services in the East Metro within an ecosystem of other hunger relief partners.

Annually, Keystone provides the equivalent of 180,000 free bags of groceries to our community.



Keystone's new grocery delivery program brings food shelf items directly to the homes of 150+ seniors and adults with disabilities every week and we plan to expand this program at the new site.



Keystone's Foodmobile (mobile food shelf) stops at 30+ high-demand locations in Ramsey County each month, with plans for expansion at the new site.



With a new site, we expect to be supporting over 50,000 people with food and crisis support. This is doubled from our 2019 service levels.



**We need your support!**

You are a critical piece to providing food and support to people in our community.

