



**RAMSEY COUNTY
FOOD SECURITY
AND BASIC
NEEDS:
PROGRESS
REPORT**

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PROGRESS REPORT TO COMMUNITY: FOOD SECURITY & BASIC NEEDS

New Information?

- Zip Code Data Tracking
- Increased meals delivered
- Funding for food/meals
- The Food Resource Map

What has changed?

- Increased requests for growing food
- Unemployment is up
- Resources have dried up
- Partnership between City and Food Shelves
- Low barrier for food access
- Website with information
- County funded what the community needed
- Community felt listened to by county

What impact has the county made?

- Showed a level of improved trust by letting community help meet needs of people
- County provided food services as planned
- Regular updates of resource info
- Child Protection workers deliver food to families & children
- Drive thru delivery fresh foods/dairy

Limitations/Barriers?

- Org Chart showing community connections
- County plans for winter distribution
- Communication plan needs monitoring & enhanced
- Not everyone has access to internet

Suggestions?

- Is there a prevention strategy for those on the brink?
- Volunteers who speak the languages of those served
- Small community groups need connection with Ramsey Co for hot meal delivery
- Language line open to everyone
- Strategies for use of funds
- Contact with underserved to facilitate relationships

How often should we meet?

- At least monthly
- Every two weeks
- Monthly until funds run out
- No more frequently than monthly
- E-mail updates between meetings
- Planning meetings for post CARES funding

What will mark success or failure?

- Vote
- Community Health Worker & Community Paramedic inform patients
- Provide food in winter months
- Elders and people w/o transportation have fruit/veggies/dairy
- More delivery options for homebound
- Map of food distribution sites
- Solution for post federal funds
- Meet to plan for 2021

Who is missing?

Neighborhood House
Small scale food shelves
St Paul Area Council of Churches
The Mexican Consulate
Multi Family Housing Associations
Keystone
Small Orgs.
Transit Link
Second Harvest, WIC, FAS

Other suggestions

- County and State partner with farmers
- Explore options for long-term funding
- Land stewardship good growing
- Support capacity building
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