



People Reaching Out To Other People
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Did you know that the number of suburban Minnesotans in poverty more than doubled in a decade (StarTribune)? This Night to Unite, you can help families in Eden Prairie by donating to PROP.

PROP provides a balanced, nutritious supply of food to our clients for a minimum of five days, so a wide variety of wholesome non-perishable food is welcome.

The following list includes items that we regularly provide for families.

Food Items

Canned fruit
Rice
Apple & other fruit juices
Pancake mix/syrup
Canned meat
Sugar
Boxed potatoes
Jelly/ honey
Crackers
Snack bars
Peanut butter
Canned tomatoes
Baked beans

Personal Care items:

Feminine products
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Deodorant
Razors
Bar Soap
Shampoo
Conditioner
Diapers, sizes 4, 5, 6

******PROP cannot accept expired food products or items that are dented, damaged, or opened.
Please check expiration dates prior to donating.******

The mission of PROP is to compassionately provide our neighbors in need with food and financial assistance and to provide support toward self sufficiency.

About PROP

PROP is a non-profit multi-service organization serving children, families, and adults in Eden Prairie and Chanhassen. Staff and volunteers partner with community members in need to assist with their self-sufficiency goals. PROP operates a food shelf, provides emergency services and offers short-term case management to qualified participants. Since it began in 1971, PROP's mission has been supported primarily through contributions generously provided by local businesses, civic organizations, churches, schools, and individuals.

PROP is Volunteer-Based

Over 120 dedicated volunteers fulfill the majority of PROP's services. The organization employs seven paid staff to complete its mission: Executive Director, Operations Manager, Social Service Manager, Case Manager, Client Intake Specialist, Volunteer Manager, and Development Specialist.

Programs & Services

PROP's philosophy of services is to help create long-term stability for our clients. PROP provides a comprehensive mix of resources to address a holistic range of issues for our clients.

In addition to the food shelf, PROP provides financial services to families and individuals in crisis where a financial plan will help resolve their issue. This may include homelessness prevention, transportation, medical, childcare, and utility support to assist families in regaining independence.

PROP also offers a variety of seasonal programs and works with collaborative partners to assist at-risk children with youth scholarships. PROP offers additional resources and referrals to enhance the obtainment of self-reliance. This includes referrals to the PROP Shop, a separate agency helping families with clothing and household needs.

In 2012, PROP expanded our support services for food shelf and financial service participants, including: free walk-in counseling, job readiness support, money management assistance, and skill building workshops.

PROP Facts 2013

3,495 Clients seeking food support and other services, of which **45%** are children

5,834 Food orders provided

226 Households receiving financial assistance to prevent homelessness

Over **90%** of the food PROP distributes is donated.

According to our client survey, **34%** of participants said the biggest reason for needing food services is "lack of hours or low wages," and **23%** said "job loss."