

# Two Harbors Food Shelf: Moving 2 End Hunger

By Kitty Mayo

The Two Harbors Areas Food Shelf (THAFS) has found a new home across town, one that THAFS director, Michelle Miller hopes that will help make it a more integral part of the community.

Its new location will be at 517 - 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue in Two Harbors, across from city hall.

Visibility and accessibility are two of the issues that Miller says are motivating the move, with a heavy dose of functionality coming into play with finally having an entire building dedicated to just the food shelf.

The move has been in the making for several years, with the food shelf outgrowing the current space they occupy at the AEOA building located in the industrial park area of Two Harbors.

“We will be doubling our space, and it’s going to allow for a more efficient use of space and volunteer time,” said Miller, with being the only occupant of the building allowing for the preparation setup that will not have to be taken down prior to another day of distribution.

Currently distributing food four times a month, Miller says the new building will allow for more frequent distribution, possibly up to nine times each month.

The building is now being used for winter storage, and THAFS is hopeful they will be able to begin moving preparations May 1<sup>st</sup>. After several weeks of construction, the food shelf is planning to be open in its new location some time around July 1<sup>st</sup>. Miller is planning on having no disruption in distribution at the current location through that transition.

Overall, the cost of the move to the new building, along with needed construction, is around \$50,000. Current grants from the Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation, and Northland Foundation, along

with three other pending grants, have brought the moving fund up to \$44,000. Miller says that a robust and generous March campaign is being counted on to bring them over the finish line.

“We have this unique opportunity to provide a dignified and welcoming shopping environment that will be designed specifically for emergency food access, and in a more central location,” said Miller, adding that the layout design will be utilizing SuperShelf concepts that are designed for a positive and efficient shopping experience.

While all the plans for the move are very intense, and her efforts required to continue to provide services for the more than 120 families that utilize the food shelf every month, Miller says that volunteers are stepping up and embracing the move.

“People are starting to recognize how they can contribute their talents, money or input, and it’s really exciting to see the right people in the right places, with experts at every level needed to make this incredibly successful move,” said Miller.

Some key players have already made their mark with Kris Pederson donating his time and talent as an architect, Dan Holm from Donald Holm General Contracting providing services at cost, and Cecil Sogge acting as the volunteer project manager. Volunteers are always welcome and can contact Miller at [thafs2015@gmail.com](mailto:thafs2015@gmail.com) to discuss potential opportunities.

To learn more and to see the design plans, come to a community conversation meeting on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 pm to 6:00 for social time, and 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm for a presentation of the plans. The meeting will be held at the Two Harbors Community Center, 417 South Avenue.

# Public Invited to Lake County Volunteers Celebration

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Arrowhead RSVP volunteer program in Lake County is extending an invitation for the public to join them in the festivities of food, music and prizes to celebrate the contributions that volunteerism makes to enriching our communities.

The Volunteer Fair will be held at the Two Harbors Community Center on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, with visitors welcome to stop by for just a ten minutes, or sit and listen to music for as long as they like.

Nancy Frischmann, RSVP Coordinator for Lake and Cook Counties, says at least 15 different organizations that rely on volunteers will be represented at the event.

“We want this to be a celebration of how necessary our volunteers are to Lake County, how they help our neighbors, our economy, and the opportunities we have up here for everyone to learn about,” said Frischmann.

Hoping to draw more people into volunteer roles, RSVP believes that with more information individuals will learn that there are options that appeal to them, along with a flexibility some may not be aware of.

Whether an individual is interested in helping at a library, interacting with elders or children, or getting outside in the garden or on the trails, there is a volunteer opportunity for everyone. Frischmann also

emphasized that any level of contribution is welcome and appreciated.

“Most people don’t realize that even if they volunteer just once a year at an annual event that volunteering is invaluable,” said Frischmann.

In addition to informational tables by each organization, the public is invited to enjoy live music performed by several local groups, food, and door prizes. The drawings for the door prizes will be held, and if the winners are not present they will be contacted to pick up their prizes at locations in Silver Bay and Two Harbors.

RSVP is an umbrella organization that partners with nonprofits in northeastern Minnesota to coordinate volunteer efforts.

“We have such a legacy of volunteering, it’s a wonderful way to feel part of the community, and connected to other people by sharing talents and skills,” said Frischmann.

Designed to be different than previous events held by RSVP like a volunteer information event, Frischmann says it’s important to highlight the great impact that volunteers have on individual lives for the better.

“From Knife River to Finland, groups will have information showing the accomplishments of volunteers, and will share upcoming opportunities for volunteers,” said Frischmann.

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