

Spring is definitely in the air. Fresh starts abound, we here at Centennial Community Food Shelf are getting a fresh start on our governing board. Our long time Executive Director Bridget McPhillips has completed her 3rd term and our Treasurer, Carol Paddock, has moved on to other opportunities. They have both served CCFS beyond expectations and will be missed.

Jennifer Parent, a proud and long-time resident of Anoka County, and Centennial graduate, privileged to witness the impact of good people giving back to the community, has generously volunteered to be our Executive Director. Jean Hanson, who has worked at US Bank in Lino Lakes for the past 38 years and is an active member of this community, has volunteered to serve as our Treasurer. We are excited to have these women with us in the spirit of love providing nourishment to this community.

Our thanks to Anoka County for providing some essential tools to our clients. They have given us a limited amount of Antigen Test Kits and KN95 masks. Internet Access was made available to clients via the Anoka County Library. All of these items were distributed and well received with some masks still available.

As per CDC guidelines, we have changed our masking guidelines to accommodate their recommendations. We no longer require face masks to be worn inside the building. We still recommend their use but ultimately it is the choice of our clients and volunteer staff. Everyone is expected to continue to respect social distancing for the sake of all. We request that if anyone is feeling under the weather to please wear a mask or to arrange to come back at another time. We also will offer to shop for the client with delivery to their vehicle, thereby eliminating the need to return at a later date.

Through the generosity of this community, we are able to serve an average of 217 households and distribute an average of 20,288 pounds per month. We have been very blessed to have a volunteer only staff which enables us to direct all of our resources to providing nourishment to people in need as well as a welcoming place to do it.

This summer we hope to be able to invite the community to share their surplus produce with us. Please visit our website, [Centennial Food Shelf.org](http://CentennialFoodShelf.org), for updates to this new policy.

In Christ,

Sheri Hanson

President CCFS Board of Directors