



**Steele County Food Shelf Mission Statement:** The Mission of the Steele County Food Shelf is to provide nutritious food to the hungry; promote client self-sufficiency; identify causes and effects of hunger; make referrals to additional resources and advocate and educate primarily through the work of volunteers.

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**Office Hours**

**Monday, Wednesday**

9:00am—5:30pm

**Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday**

9:00am-3:30pm

**Saturday**

8:00am-11:30am

an agency of:



**MARCH MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE MONTH**

**Steele County #13 in overall campaign!**

Minnesota Food Share month is sponsored statewide by the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. They recruit thousands of people for the March Campaign, the largest fund and food drive for local food shelves in the state.

Like Steele County Food Shelf (SCFS), this campaign raises awareness of hunger issues, good nutrition and access to government food programs.

March is our biggest fundraising month starting with the Hometown Sampler. Corporate donations from Federated

Insurance, Gopher Sports, and Wenger Corporation all add to the overall campaign.

Most of the month's campaign comes from individuals supporting us with your checks and food donations.

**Thank you...to our business community and all of you for supporting us during this month.**

**Your total contributions amounted to \$138,506 and 27,610# of food. THANK YOU to everyone who supported SCFS during this March campaign!**

We will be receiving a check from the Council of Churches soon as a percentage of the overall amount collected during the statewide campaign. We were #13 and estimating this should be somewhere around \$7,000 which will continue to help provide our clients with food.

The #1 campaign was Channel One, Rochester. This is where we purchase food at discounted prices. Congratulations to them also on their effort.



**The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Letter Carriers National Food Drive!**

Locally the Letter Carriers from Owatonna collected **8,781 pounds of food and \$145.00** during the National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO food drive.

Thank you to the mail carriers who helped organize the local drive. Bags donated by Hy Vee were placed at postal customer homes the week prior to the collection.

Boy Scout Troop 351 assisted in this local food drive by helping collect food donations during the regular mail routes.

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## SCFS Client's Need

“Jackie” when reaching age 65 and retirement had her income cut in half. Living alone and independently on a limited budget had a friend suggesting to her that she should check the income guidelines at SCFS as she would find access to groceries, fresh produce and bread. She did qualify and has been supplementing her food supply at home for about three months.

She can't say enough

about the help both Alonso and the SCFS volunteers provide with each visit. All are helpful and caring as they work with each client.

She is also amazed at the generosity of the partnered grocery stores- HyVee, CashWise, Aldi and Fairway Foods, Wall Mart and Bushel Boy for sharing their food items. She was even more surprised to hear that many of the food vendors at the Saturday Farmer's Market also share unsold food items weekly.

“Jackie” appreciates the fresh fruit and vegetables and bread available throughout the month. She also feels this is a wonderful service for any resident in the county who is within the income guidelines for accessing SCFS.

**Reminder** to our readers: If you have extra garden produce, please share it with SCFS. This is a special treat for our clients. Fresh fruits and vegetables are a critical part of our diets and growing families.

*Thank you for thinking of us!*

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## SCFS Volunteer-Dr. David Dow

Dr. Dow returned to Owatonna in October, 2000, after purchasing Dr Jeff Falk's practice. His wife, Lezli, is the office manager at this full-service chiropractor office. The practice specializes in weight loss, smoking cessation, joint health, structural support, hormonal issues and stress management.

Their son, Justyn, is now 30 living in Denver and will be getting married April 27, 2017.

David has always had an interest in music and it was Dan Leer who ap-

proached him in 2003 to join the GOGS and the Hometown Sampler. Now it has been 13 years!

It was during one of the rehearsals that board member, Kent Rossi, approached David about joining the board. He joined in 2012 and is currently serving as Board President.

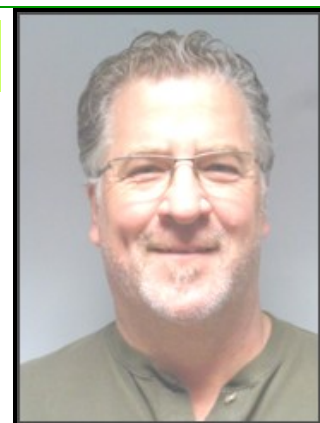
He sees the ten-day, healthy food package as a real asset to the clients. The access to fresh fruits and vegetables adds to the overall nutrition and healthy eating that is a goal of the board. The food demonstrations that support healthier options are also a

plus.

Challenges continue to be the discussion of collaboration with our Steele County Clothesline neighbors and the co-location with a number of non-profits and agencies that serve many of the SCFS clients. Both of these discussion require a great deal of time and effort.

He is appreciative and amazed at the generosity of this community. The record \$138,506 raised in March for MN Food Share Month is outstanding!

His Dad, George, has been a volunteer at SCFS for years. He was the first to pick up tomatoes at then, Vine Right, now



Bushel Boy every Monday afternoon.

David helps pick up the produce at the end of each week's Farmers Market which, last year, amount to over one ton of food.

He loves music, watching sports-the Twins & Wild and being with his 'little'.

## Executive Director Search Underway

The Steele County Food Shelf is asking your help with encouraging qualified candidates to consider this position and apply. Stormy's twenty-plus years to serving in this position is something we can only hope to duplicate!

this position this fall who will then have around thirty days to spend time at SCFS and with Stormy as the torch of leadership is passed.

Feel free to call any of us with questions you may have about this position.

Our goal is to have someone in *Steele County Food Shelf Board*

## Executive Director - Position Overview

In cooperation with and under the direction of the Steele County Food Shelf (SCFS) Board of Directors, the Executive Director will provide overall management, planning and leadership of the Steele County Food Shelf, Inc. The Executive Director reports to the SCFS Board of Directors.

The Executive Director is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations, including supervision of staff and volunteers, operational planning, financial management and public relations. The Executive Director is to set and achieve quality in every aspect of the SCFS operations.

### Experience and/or Qualifications:

Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Non-Profit Management, and/or Food and Nutrition is highly preferred; or similar degree or a minimum of five (5) years of experience in a similar role of responsibility.

Knowledge of nutrition and food resource management with professional certification (Nutrition Specialist or Registered Dietitian) is highly preferred.

Exceptional interpersonal communication skills; written and verbal.

Skills in leadership, supervisory management and human resource development to promote a positive working environment for staff, volunteers and clients.

Strategic planning experience.

You can review the complete Job Profile by visiting the website: <http://steelecountyfoodshelf.org/>

## Stormy's Corner

### WHERE DO I START?

I'd like to share with you, some of the things I have found helpful on my journey, and to give credit to those who've taught me many life lessons. My first introduction to the food shelf began with a visit from Dr. John Arnesen who had an appointment to meet with Father Paul Halloran but he was not able to meet, so Father deferred Dr. Arnesen to me, the church secretary.

In an effort to help our county's people living in poverty Geneive Morales and Dr. John Arnesen met often at the Blooming Prairie community center and discussed the necessity for the county wide food shelf. He and the food self board were looking at how the divided service that existed be combined as one-Blooming Prairie, Ellendale, Medford, Owatonna and the Migrant Food Shelf.

I was invited to join the Steele County Food Shelf Board of Directors and later became the Steele County Food Shelf Executive Director. It was there that my lessons learned were used to help educate and empower the direction of our founders high standards.

At the end of this year. I will be retiring my position at the food shelf, and want to thank all of my past and current board members and volunteers for their support. It has been a great journey and a rewarding experience.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. **Margaret Mead**

*Stormy*



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supporting us.  
Summertime demand  
at SCFS increases  
almost 30% as  
families feed their  
families during school  
vacation.*

## Thank you, Cargill



A check for \$7,500 was presented to SCFS Board Chair Dr. David Dow and Executive Director Stormy Trom by Eric Clark and Tom Streit on May 19, 2016.

This donation was made possible due to a collective effort of three Cargill Cares Councils; the plants in New Richland and Big Lake, Minnesota; and Provimi, their North America Premix Nutrition business.

Cargill Cares Councils are employee led groups dedicated to giving back to the communities in which they live and work,

During Cargill's 150 years of doing business, they have strived to help build vibrant, stable communities and work to promote the social well-being of the communities they serve through long-term solutions to reduce hunger, improve education and protect the environment.

A goal of SCFS in 2016 is to update our mailing list and build an email data base for those of you who would like to receive our newsletter electronically. Please confirm BOTH your mailing and email address to: [newsletter@steelecountyfoodshelf.org](mailto:newsletter@steelecountyfoodshelf.org)