

Basic Needs

The need for crisis assistance soared in 2008 as more families turned to Keystone for food, information, and referrals for housing and other basic needs. A change from “by appointment” to “walk-in” services at the Midway and North End foodshelves permitted greater numbers of clients to be assisted. At the Fairview Foodshelf in Roseville, the launch of evening hours for clients who work during the day was made possible by the commitment of St. Rose of Lima parish in Roseville to provide consistent volunteer staffing. The Keystone Congregations partnership grew in 2008, with three more faith communities joining this collaborative effort to serve people in need. At the first annual Walk to End Hunger, Keystone benefited from strong participation by supporters who collected pledges and food for the Thanksgiving morning event at the Mall of America. The end-of-year Gifts of Hope program matched nearly 75 families with sponsors who provided gifts for the children and household needs.

IN 2008...

Foodshelves

12,692 individuals served
4,612 households served
981,447 pounds of food distributed

Family Outreach

156 families served by helping them access emergency assistance programs or with short-term case management.

Gifts of Hope holiday program

315 individuals from 73 families were sponsored by 62 donors/groups; 56 volunteers assisted with the program.

snapshots

1 At the Walk to End Hunger, Keystone board member Steve Kufus and his wife, Genie, stopped by the Keystone booth. Pictured are (l-r) Hollie Ott, Keystone’s volunteer coordinator; Steve and Genie; Eric Nyberg, Keystone president; and Christine Pulver, Keystone’s basic needs program director.

2 Thanks to the commitment of St. Rose of Lima in Roseville to provide volunteers every week, the Fairview Foodshelf now offers convenient evening hours. Pictured are St. Rose of Lima volunteers Deanne Beedon and David and Renae Mottaz.



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3 Dan Nedoroski volunteers weekly at the Midway Foodshelf, which serves hundreds of area families every month. More volunteers are needed to stock shelves and assist foodshelf users. To learn more, call 651-603-6650 or email volunteer@keystoneservices.org.

4 Students from St. Paul’s Hazel Park Middle School Academy shared the holiday spirit by volunteering to sort and wrap gifts for the 2008 Gifts of Hope program.