



2023 Food Partner Challenge Award Recipients

Club /Group Name	County	Project Name	Project Description
Happy Go Getters 4-H Club	Dakota	Backpack Meals For Kids	Weekends can be hard for kids who may not have access to food. Many kids in the Hastings Public School District often are left without a healthy meal on the weekend. Throughout this project our 4-H club would like to work with the United Way to pack meals to put into kids backpacks.
Jack Pine Pals 4-H Club	Clearwater	Jack Pine Pals Help with Holiday Hunger	Our 4-H club donates to our local food shelf once a year. We would like to offer Holiday items in a bag with ingredients that a family could prepare their own holiday meal. We would check with the food shelf to see what they suggest for items. We would hand out bags on December 20th, 2023.
Farmers Friends 4-H Club	Le Sueur	Leprechaun Food Drive	Members of our club will go door to door collecting food and/or monies for our local Elysian food shelf. We will dress up in a St. Patrick's/4-H theme making it extra entertaining. When we are finished we will deliver all food and monies to the food shelf.
Dresser Valley 4-H Club	Olmsted	Stock the Truck: A mobile nutrition collaborative project	The Landing is a nonprofit organization that provides services for people experiencing homelessness. They have a mobile unit to help distribute food and basic necessities to people in need throughout the community. Our 4-H club would like to help stock the mobile unit with food and supplies.
Otsego 4 Leaves 4-H Club	Sherburne	Pledging Our 4-H Dairy Farming Hands to Larger Service	Many of our club members live on a dairy farm. The CAER Food shelf lacks fresh dairy products so we would use our \$500 to partner with our dairy co-op to sell them to us at a discount. We also will coordinate a winter clothing drive for the food shelf which is in dire need of warm winter gloves.
St. John's Roadrunners 4-H Club	Kandiyohi	Senior Kits for the Community	We will pack senior kits and help distribute them with the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf and the Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors. We will pack a few items that can help relieve the budget for seniors and hand them out near the holiday season.
Beltrami County 4-H Program	Beltrami	Provide turkeys to local food shelf	To purchase turkeys for the local food shelf. We have worked with the local grocery store to purchase turkeys so the kids can deliver to our local food shelf. We have done this in November so they have them for the holiday season
In School Program taught by 4-H / U of M Extension Educator	Douglas	Applied Food & Nutrition Class	Grade 7-12 students are taking an Applied Food & Nutrition course. This course's connection to 4-H is that the instructor is a volunteer U of M Douglas County Extension Educator. One component of the course will be to learn what foods are healthy and then do a food drive for these types of foods.
Portland Prairie 4-H Club	Houston	So Very Thankful for You!	Our club would bake and deliver a single serve homemade pumpkin pie along with a small box of grocery supplies to all local senior citizens in our community during the upcoming winter and holiday season.
Pleasant Busy Bees 4-H Club	Winona	Pleasant Busy Bees Food Drive	Our club would like to do a food drive in our community. One of our club families can purchase canned food at a discounted rate through a growers program with a local canning company. This would maximize the dollars that we would be given through this grant.
Anoka County 4-H Leaders Council	Anoka	Hope 4 Youth - Local Unhoused Youth Meal Support	Anoka County 4-H will provide a meal at Hope 4 Youth for local unhoused youth and conduct an essentials supply drive for their drop in center.
Viola Victors 4-H Club	Olmsted	Christmas Dinner	Our 4-H club plans to work with our local food shelf and grocery store to provide the items needed for local families to make their own Christmas dinner. We will decorate boxes with wrapping paper and make cards to hand out with the food items.
Rural Ranchers 4-H Club	Beltrami	Hygiene for Humanity! Everyone deserves a fresh start!	A couple years ago our club did a hygiene drive for our local food shelf! The youth loved doing this as it was a huge need and really want to do something like that again! We feel everyone deserves a fresh start to each morning!
Silver Creek Rustlers 4-H Club	Houston	Growing Our Community	Each family in our 4-H group will pick a local business and ask if we can put a donation box for food for our Houston Food Shelf, with a sign for our food drive. Then the families will pick up the donations 3 weeks later and bring them to the Houston Food Shelf.
Credit River Comets 4-H Club	Scott	Our Community Rocks!	Our club will host a food drive at local grocery stores and in our neighborhoods to collect for ROCK. ROCK supplies weekend meals for students in our school district that suffer from food insecurity. We are also helping to pack those meals at our March meeting. Our club loves helping other kids!
Milan Navigators 4-H Club	Lac qui Parle	Let's have a slumber party!	We want to provide community youth their very own tie fleece blanket and a special pillow case and pillow so they can snuggle and feel comfort. We would partner with LqP Family Services and the food shelf to distribute them to youth in need. Our goal is to work together and see smiles!
Glencoe Jr Pioneers 4-H Club	McLeod	Turkey Drive	We will purchase frozen turkeys to donate to our local food shelf for the upcoming holiday season. The food shelf will also match our donations. We will also solicit additional donations from our members and other local organizations.

Olmsted County 4-H Club	Olmsted	Humbly Helping Hungry People	We will be collecting food to donate to the Plainview/Elgin food shelf. We will be setting up a table outside Bennets grocery store in Elgin to collect food as a club. We are going to plan this fundraiser after the holidays in early March when resources tend to be lower for the food shelf.
Mazeppa Musketeers 4H Club	Goodhue	Christmas Meal Under the Tree	Put a Christmas meal together for families to pickup at the Mazeppa Area Food Shelf
Weeping Willows 4-H Club	Sibley	Feed the Hunger	Weeping Willows will conduct a food drive and partner with other local clubs and businesses. We will collect and distribute food to the local food shelf and help with distribution to those who may not be able to travel to the food shelf in their time of need.
Happy Ramblers 4-H Club	Wabasha	Sharing Supplies With the Plainview Elgin Area Food Shelf	Our Club is planning to have an in-gathering at our November meeting for supplies such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc to donate to the Plainview Elgin Area Food Shelf. We will also use Grant Funds to purchase and donate additional supplies.
Comfrey Comets 4-H Club	Brown	Holiday Food Drive for Springfield Area Food Shelf	Our 4-H Club would advertise for donations of non-perishable food items for our local foodshelf for the holiday season and have drop off spots around our community. In addition, we would offer to match cash donations from our club and use the money from the food challenge to purchase turkeys.
Valley Victors 4-H Club	Meeker	Eagle Packs	Our club will partner with the local Lions Club to provide food for kids who need extra help with meals on weekends and over long breaks. Two breakfasts, two snacks, two vegetables, two fruits, two drinks, and two lunches will be provided.
Clearwater County Ambassadors	Clearwater	Hunger No More!	We would like to help people in our community with food or essential needs. We would use the funds to help get food to those that might be facing food insecurities as well as give them essential supplies they need to be healthy.
Moe 4-H Club	Douglas	Meal in a bag	By creating a Meal In A Bag, we will provide a meal for people who are experiencing food insecurity. We hope to make at least 10 bags full of shelf stable meals and the utensils needed for included meals.
Bondin-Belfast 4-H Club	Murray	Thankful for Food	Club members go grocery shopping at our local grocery store and buy the food and supplies needed to make a Thanksgiving dinner. The items purchased are donated to the local food shelf for them to distribute. All items purchased and donated are kept local in our small town of approx. 1200 people.
St. Louis County (North) 4-H Program	St. Louis (North)	Christmas Food Basket	The goal is to collect food and personal care items to assemble into food baskets to help low income families prepare a holiday meal. Agencies that are working with low income families will notify us of the number of baskets they would like for their clients.
Nobles County 4-H Federation	Nobles	Hygiene & Birthday Bags for Local Food Shelf	At the December or January gathering we will assemble bags to donate to the food shelf with hygiene supplies and birthday supplies. The hygiene bags will include things like shampoo, Chapstick, and other personal care items. The birthday bags will include things like a cake mix and decorations.
North Star 4-H Club	Polk	Socks & Snacks for Students	Coordinate a Sock & Snack Drive for our elementary school. Use the grant funds to purchase additional food and essential items for students.
Zumbrota Busy Bees 4-H Club	Goodhue	Caroling for Good	Our club is going to set up a caroling parade in lieu of our December meetings. Our local food shelf has had a spike in the number of families in need. We will advertise and collect food, hygiene, and household needs.
Stevens County 4-H Program	Stevens	Stevens County 4-H Food Insecurity Initiative	To fulfill a community need by raising awareness of food/essentials insecurities (of Stevens County) to the public through a community service event (either supplying essentials/backpacks or hosting a supper and food drop/live auction in our community). To challenge the Stevens County 4-H Club Leaders and Ambassadors to take on this project and grow in their civic engagement and leadership. To establish valuable partnerships with the Stevens County Food Shelf and Farm Bureau to magnify our reach, service, and support.

