

SUMMARY

Established by a small group of concerned citizens in 1985, the Hayward Community Food Shelf's mission is "to provide food for those in need in an efficient, compassionate, and non-judgmental manner."

Since its creation, the need in our community has continued to increase. We now provide assistance to 300 to 350 families each month. Those families represent almost 1000 individuals. Annually, HCFS serves approximately 900 different families representing well over 2100 individuals of all ages.

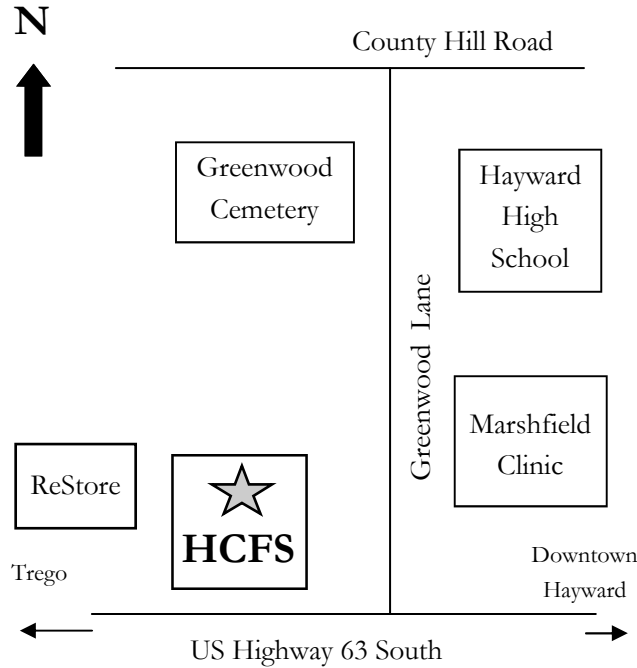
HCFS or the Shelf, as it is commonly known, is a **501(c)(3) non-profit organization** and therefore, all donations may be tax deductible depending on your personal situation.

Our operation is **funded solely by donations** from individuals, businesses, and organizations. No government funds are received.

Our operation is **100% volunteer operated**. No volunteer receives any financial compensation for his/her efforts or contributions. Therefore, all donations are used to provide food to those in need in our community and cover any operational costs.

HCFS is a non-discriminatory organization dedicated to reducing hunger in Sawyer County, Birchwood, Cable, Springbrook and Stone Lake.

Please contact HCFS if you have any questions at 715-634-4237 or hcfs@centurytel.net



OPEN EVERY MONDAY &
FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
(except holidays)
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Hayward Community Food Shelf

PO Box 779
Hayward, WI 54843-0779

Located at
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Hayward, WI

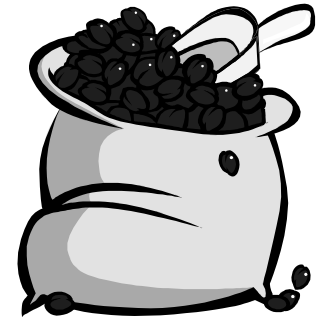
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HAYWARD COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF

*Working to reduce
hunger in
Sawyer County
&
adjacent communities*



CLIENTS

Any person living in Sawyer County, Birchwood, Cable, Springbrook and Stone Lake is eligible to receive assistance from the Hayward Community Food Shelf (also known as HCFS or the Shelf). The only requirement is that a Social Security number be provided annually for each individual seeking assistance. Verification with a Social Security card or other legal document containing the number is acceptable.

HCFS IS OPEN FROM 9:00 A.M. — 12:00 NOON EVERY MONDAY AND THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, EXCEPT FOR HOLIDAYS. All changes to our regular hours of operation are posted at our building.

Individuals receive a three (3) day supply of food. Every attempt is made to provide the ingredients for well-balanced meals.

Clients may receive food assistance one time each month. Some clients receive assistance only once a year, while others need assistance more frequently.

Thirty-three percent (33%) of our clients are children, fifty percent (50%) are adults between the ages of 18 and 59 and seventeen percent (17%) are 60 or older. Our clients come from a wide variety of situations. Some are disabled, some are working, and some simply cannot find gainful employment in this area. Our average family size is 2.5 individuals.

One in seven Sawyers County residents are currently considered food insecure.

DONORS

HCFS gratefully accepts both financial and food donations. Since we are a 501(c)(3) organization, all donations may be tax deductible. Thank you notes are sent for all donations of \$10 or more. Receipts are provided, on request, for smaller cash or food donations.

Through our affiliation with Feed My People, Second Harvest Heartland and Feeding America, we can stretch your donated dollars to assist more clients.

FOOD DONATIONS: We accept non-perishable food donations. In addition to bringing food donations to the Shelf during our regular hours of operation, donations may be dropped off at Marketplace Foods in Hayward 24/7. Additionally, many local churches, organizations and businesses have periodic collections for the Shelf. Please check directly with them for more information.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS: Checks and cash donations may be dropped off at the Shelf during our hours of operation or mailed to HCFS. We are also able to accept securities.

AUTOMATIC DEPOSITS: Automatic deposits from your checking or savings account are also welcomed. Please contact Peoples Bank Midwest for details.

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS: Donations may also be made through our website using a credit card. This secure method is provided fee-free by Peoples Bank Midwest. Our website is www.haywardfoodshelf.net.

VOLUNTEERS

All volunteers give freely of their time and energy to assist our clients. No compensation is given to any HCFS volunteer, director or officer.

This hard-working group performs all duties necessary to keep the Shelf operating smoothly and efficiently. A wide variety of talents and skills are needed to keep the Shelf in good working order. If you are interested in volunteering regularly, or on an occasional basis, please contact us.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

These programs receive approval annually when sufficient funding is available.

BIRTHDAY BAGS: Birthday bags are given to children ages 3 to 9 during their birthday month.

FOOD 4 KIDS: This year round “backpack” program provides weekend meals to participating children who attend any Hayward Public School or St. Francis Mission School.

FOOD 4 SENIORS: Emergency bags of food are provided in conjunction with the Sawyer County Senior Resource Center’s Meals on Wheel Program.

HOLIDAY MEALS: An extra meal is given in November to help families celebrate a holiday. Those who don’t come in November may receive it in December.

Additional programs may be available periodically at the discretion of the Board.