

# 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."

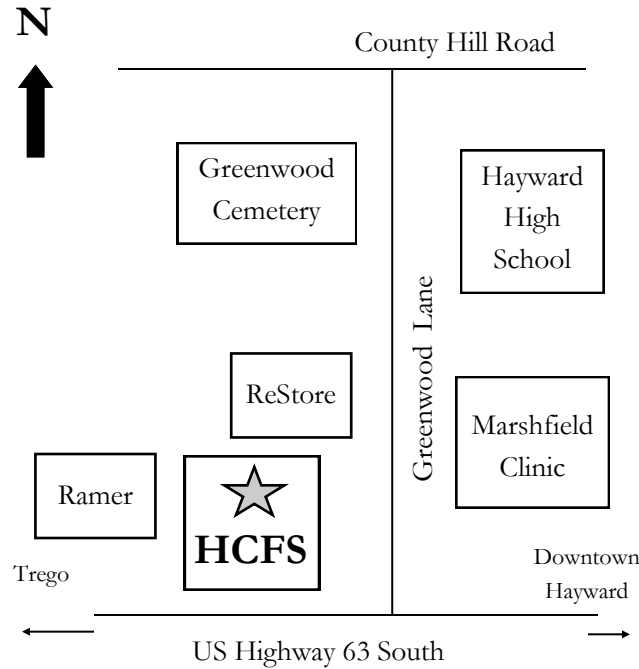
Since its creation, the need in our community has continued to increase. We now provide assistance to approximately 300 families each month. Those families represent approximately 700 individuals. Annually, HCFS serves approximately 700 different families representing approximately 2,000 individuals.

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, but we do distribute government commodities.

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.



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

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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 or Stone Lake is eligible to receive assistance from the Hayward Community Food Shelf (also known as HCFS or the Shelf). The requirements are that a Social Security number for each individual seeking assistance be provided annually along with proof of residency for the family. First-time clients do not need an appointment, but verification with a Social Security card or other legal document containing the number, along with current mail, is required.

**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 and on our Facebook page.

Individuals receive a three-day supply of food. Every attempt is made to provide the ingredients for well-balanced meals. Government commodities are also being distributed to qualifying families.

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

Twenty-six percent (26%) of our clients are children, forty-nine percent (49%) are adults between the ages of 18 and 59, and twenty-five percent (25%) are 60 or older. Our clients come from a wide variety of situations and all need food assistance. Our average family size is 2.5 individuals.

One in seven Sawyer County residents is 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. 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 free by Peoples Bank Midwest. Our website is [www.haywardfoodshelf.net](http://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***

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

**FOOD 4 KIDS:** This year-round program provides weekend meals to participating children who attend any Hayward Public School, any LCO 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 Wheels Program.

**FOOD 4 TRANSITION:** Emergency bags of food are provided to the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department for distribution as they deem appropriate.

**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.

**SUMMER PICNIC:** In addition to regular food given to clients, ingredients for an end-of-the-summer picnic are usually distributed in August.