

MARCH - APRIL 2024

TEAM CEAP

VOLUNTEER VOICE



CEAP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

Dates: February 26 - April 6

Our Goal: \$150,000 and 150,000 lbs of food

March is a big month for coming together to feed our neighbors! Minnesota FoodShare provides a proportional match for every pound of food or dollar donated to CEAP as part of the March FoodShare campaign. The CEAP Community Challenge is our fun way of encouraging our community to come together to support our food assistance programs for our neighbors of all ages!



UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

There are no scheduled closures in March or April!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

During the CEAP Community Challenge, we need extra hands of support to get the influx of food donations out to our neighbors with care and efficiency. Opportunities to help sort and stock food donations will be added to VolunteerMatters under the project "CEAP Community Challenge" throughout the month.

We also need volunteers to help out at our Steak & Fish Fry at Osseo-Maple Grove American Legion on Friday, March 29 from 4:30pm-8:30pm (event begins at 5:30pm). 60% of proceeds from this event will be donated to CEAP! This opportunity is also available in Volunteer Matters under the CEAP Community Challenge project.

These shifts are a great opportunity for groups, so bring your friends, family, or coworkers with you (and cross a square off your CEAP Community Challenge bingo card - more on that on the next page). For more information about CEAP Community Challenge volunteerism, contact Keesha at keesha.sedgwick@ceap.com or (763) 450-3664.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 22-26! Be sure to sign up to volunteer that week to share in some fun treats. More info to come!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Richard is a dedicated, long-time volunteer for CEAP Meals on Wheels. His deep commitment shows through his daily volunteerism, consistent willingness to go the extra mile, and the attentive care he provides for each of our Meals on Wheels Participants. We're so grateful to have Richard on Team CEAP!

Richard is also a member of CEAP's 1972 Legacy Community. Visit www.ceap.org or contact Keesha at (763) 450-3664 or keesha.sedgwick@ceap.com for information about making a planned gift to CEAP through your will, trust, or other asset.



INSIDE BRIAN'S BRAIN



We'll be seeing an influx of food donations this month during the CEAP Community Challenge! Remember, smaller donations should be accepted by hospitality volunteers at the front. Larger donations, like food drive drop-offs, should be sent around to the back.

We want to accept donations at the front whenever possible, because we always have incredible volunteers stationed there! We do NOT always have staff ready to accept donations in the back.

As always, when in doubt, ask me for help! Thank you in advance for your extra support this month.

DONATION ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURE

- Food donations can be accepted at the hospitality desk, but large donations should be delivered in the back
 - If somebody is dropping off donations from a drive, please call Katy at (763) 450-3663!
- ALL DONATIONS must be weighed and recorded. This is true all of the time, not just during the CEAP Community Challenge.
- Once donations have been weighed, food should be taken to Station 1 - the sorting wall – to be sorted and stocked.
- Please ask donors to provide their email address when you weigh the donation so that we can send them their receipt.



TAKE ON THE CEAP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

There are so many ways for Team CEAP to take on the CEAP Community Challenge and help us reach our goal of raising \$150,000 and 150,000 pounds of food! We have created a Team CEAP bingo card with ways for you to take on the Challenge. Any volunteer who gets a bingo will receive a \$5 Caribou gift card.

Reminder that all food and fund donations made between February 26 - April 6 will be proportionally matched by Minnesota FoodShare. Because CEAP is able to receive food from food bank partners at discounted, bulk prices, your dollar goes further when donated directly to CEAP than purchasing groceries to donate at the store! Monetary donations can be made online at www.ceap.org/donate or by cash or check delivered to a CEAP staff member.

A full list of events, like Hunger Relief Happy Hours, and Dine to Donates, is included in this newsletter!

CEAP Community Challenge

Volunteer Bingo

Name: _____



Volunteer in the Food Market	Reshare a CEAP post on social media	Bring a friend to volunteer	Make a financial donation
Attend an event	Help unload/receive a donation of food/cash	Volunteer to sort food donations	Share donate link on social media or via email
Get a participant quote/story to share with Katy	Volunteer for a Meals on Wheels route	Bring in your own food donation	Wear CEAP swag!
Invite your employer or faith community to host a drive	Make a purchase from the Turning Leaf Thrift Store	Share why you took on the Challenge with Katy	Volunteer in the Turning Leaf Thrift Store

CEAP Community Challenge

Event Schedule



Date	Time	Type	Location	Details
Mon 2/26	5pm-7pm	CCC Kick-Off!	MC's Taphouse Brooklyn Park	10% of proceeds will be donated to CEAP!
Tue 3/5	5pm-7pm	Hunger Relief Happy Hour	Broken Clock Brewing Cooperative	Anyone who donates to CEAP will receive \$4 off their drink!
Thu 3/7	4pm-8pm	Dine to Donate	Panera Brooklyn Park	Portion of sales donated to CEAP when you present our flyer or use our code: FUND4U
Sat 3/9	11am-8pm	Dine to Donate	Godfather's Pizza Brooklyn Park	20% of proceeds from dine-in and carry-out orders will be donated to CEAP!
Mon 3/11	11am-10pm	Community Day Fundraiser	OMNI Brewing	OMNI will donate \$1 from every beverage and pizza sold!
Tue 3/12	4pm-8pm	Dine to Donate	Chipotle Brooklyn Center	Portion of sales donated to CEAP when you present our flyer or use our code: 2KHHQRC
Sun 3/17	4pm-8pm	Dine to Donate	Noodles & Company Golden Valley	25% of sales donated to CEAP when you present our flyer or use our code: GIVING25
Mon 3/18	12pm-11:30pm	Dine to Donate	Buffalo Wild Wings Crystal	10% of sales donated to CEAP when you present our flyer!
Tue 3/19	11am-10pm	Dine to Donate	Red Robin Plymouth	20% of food sales donated to CEAP when you mention our fundraiser!
Fri 3/29	5:30pm-8:30pm	Steak & Fish Fry	Osseo Maple Grove American Legion	60% of proceeds from each ticket will be donated to CEAP!
Sat 3/23	4pm-6pm	Hunger Relief Happy Hour	Surly Brewing	Anyone who donates to CEAP will receive a free drink!
Sun 3/31	10am-1pm	Easter Brunch	Surly Brewing	CEAP will table and accept donations!