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The Spotlight Newsletter

BEYOND BREAD TO THE BREAD OF LIFE . . .
BEYOND OURSELVES TO JESUS CHRIST



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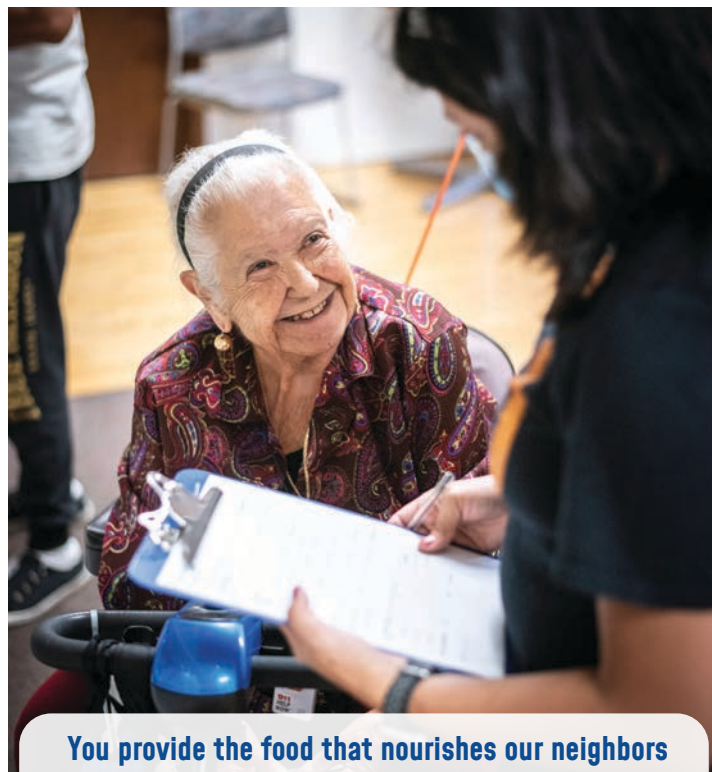
IT TAKES A COMMUNITY

Bill was all alone, but was glad to be out of the cold. He looked around his room with one chair, one small desk, one stool that stood by the counter where one pan sat on a one burner stove with one plate, bowl, glass and silverware nearby for his food from the CES Food Shelf. Oh, yes, he had one sheet and blanket to cover himself to keep warm and a small Christmas tree. It wasn't much, but it was his and he was grateful to CES' Jean's Closet for most of the items. **The CES Community was at work.**

During this season of giving and celebrating, others do not have the luxuries that many of us take for granted. Yet, **it is the small things that our clients appreciate.** It may be just a blanket, a can of soup and a can opener to open the can, a loaf of bread (without butter), some day-old fruit and produce, or an occasional half gallon of milk. Or, as one Meals on Wheels recipient experienced – a bed!

Marjorie, a previous **Meals on Wheels (MOW) client**, was reinstated after being successfully relocated into her own apartment from a stay at Avivo, a program that helps individuals who face complex barriers achieve stability and housing. As she talked to Rebecca (MOW staff) about starting her MOW delivered meals again, **Marjorie indicated that she was in need of a bed.**

The **CES Community** was already at work at another location. Rik, a volunteer, had mentioned to Linda, Director of Volunteer Engagement, that he had a bed



You provide the food that nourishes our neighbors

available. Rik and Marjorie were connected! Not only did Rik give Marjorie the bed, but he delivered it to her new apartment. Marjorie, Rik, Rebecca, and Linda each experienced the success of the **CES Community.** Marjorie shared, "The bed was such a blessing in my present situation."

Everyone who donates time or funds is a part of this **"Community."** It takes numerous donors and volunteers to make sure that people like Bill or Marjorie have what they need to survive and achieve some form of stability!

Remember, as we celebrate Christmas and New Year's, **your partnership impacts this wonderful "CES Community."**

Thank you to the CES Community for spreading tangible joy and hope to others.

*Names in newsletter have been changed to preserve anonymity

CES Board Members provided a generous
\$15,000 match for all gifts through December 31st



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all,

I always feel so excited and hopeful at this time of year. We all have survived the COVID pandemic and its aftermath. We have worked faithfully for the past 50 years to meet the needs of those in our neighborhoods of Minneapolis. God has been good to CES!

Our hearts are filled with joy

because we have had the opportunity to serve more than 100,000 people in our community this year.

However, **our hearts are burdened by the needs** that still exist and the challenging times we face now and what the future holds. In this month's Spotlight, you will see how a community of people come together under the umbrella of Community Emergency Service to serve the needs of our neighborhood.

You will be introduced to our **amazing staff** without whom we would not be able to accomplish even

a fraction of what we do each day. They are a wonderful group with a servant's heart.

Our friends from **City of Lakes Rotary Club** have been wonderful partners with CES for many years. You will see of the myriad ways they help serve the people of our surrounding community.

With the rising costs of food, housing, transportation, medical needs and everyday expenses, the people we serve are really struggling. In times like these, **people with the least resources, suffer the most.** As a result of the difficult economic times, our support to continue to help our neighbors is down, but extremely vital.

During this season of generosity, please remember CES. **Your faithful support and gift will make a real difference.**

Have a Merry Christmas and may the Lord richly bless you,



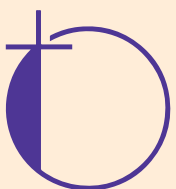
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SAVE THE DATE

Annual Minnesota March FoodShare Campaign

Coming March 2023 - Starts at the end of February and continues into April

Plan to be a part of the state's largest food and fund drive to help CES restock both food and funds!

More information coming early next year



HOUSEHOLD ITEMS NEEDED FOR JEAN'S CLOSET

Jean's Closet was started by a faithful volunteer to help our neighbors during a time of transition to provide household items they may need. It is fully supported through donated goods and is organized and managed by a small team of loyal volunteers. We are currently in need of the following items:

- Eating utensils • Dinner plates
- Pots and pans • Blankets
- Pillows • Bath towels
- Sheets (especially queen sets)



MERRY CHRISTMAS

From our family to yours . . .
We pray your Christmas will be filled with warmth, loved ones, and cheerful celebration of the birth of our Savior!

Blessings to you, CES

Bottom Row: Sandra Holden, Sahra Ali, Kate Sosa, Kelsey Hansen

Second Row: Mike Lloyd, Linda Velez

Third Row: Brian Krysinski, Diane Jones, Krista Petersen, Molly Hauver

Fourth Row: Melanie LaPointe, Ligia Kendall, Olivia Lindberg

Fifth Row: Annette Roth, Juanita Lindgren, Jerome White, Mike Lynch

Not pictured: TC Crawford, Armand DeJong, LaTrellis Holden, Paul St. Martin, Jen Thomas, Rebecca Washington, Chris Wood

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When did the Minneapolis City of Lakes Rotary Club start supporting Community Emergency Service? “I really can’t remember, but I know it was before the remodel and the elevator,” Gary Mosiman shared, after another Saturday Club Volunteer Event. Gary schedules the Club’s Community Service Group every other month.

“Volunteering at CES is a friend and family event. I want to make sure that children feel welcome and see the **value of volunteer service.**” said Gary. The Club helps with Home Delivery grocery packing, collecting food, specialty drives such as peanut butter, coffee, tea and hygiene products. Members work with friends to focus on specialty drives like a recent hygiene product drive from a Rotary member’s friend who owns a salon.

The Club has also provided hats, mittens and scarves working with Edina Morningside Rotary Club’s *Warm Hands, Warm Heads, Warm Heart* and with Gary’s sister, Marcia, through the Thimble Bees at *Wayzata Community Church*. They work to get the whole community involved. “Because the Club has been involved for almost 20 years,” Gary stated, **“we see the need and we know that CES is doing good work in the community.”**



CES thanks the Minneapolis City of Lakes Rotary Club and Rotary District 5950 Foundation for its generous financial support, volunteer hours and thousands of pounds of food, hygiene items, hats, mittens and scarves.



Join these volunteers in providing food through Home Delivery for isolated seniors.

WINTER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Meals on Wheel Drivers (Monday-Friday 11am-12:30pm)
- Food Shelf Advocates (Monday & Tuesday 12:45-4:15pm)
- Home Delivery Warehouse Shoppers (Monday 10am-Noon)
- Telecare Callers (virtual with flexible hours)