



Steele County Food Shelf Mission Statement: The Mission of the Steele County Food Shelf is to provide nutritious food to the hungry; promote client self-sufficiency; identify causes and effects of hunger; make referrals to additional resources and advocate and educate primarily through the work of volunteers.

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Welcome New Executive Director Nancy Ness

.County through this organization.

My husband and I have a family that closely resembles the Brady Bunch, although the children are no longer children, but adults. I love to laugh and smile but am pretty bad at telling jokes, although I have a few funny life stories that I love to share. I am an avid rock hound and a silver smith and I also weave rugs on the loom my mother gave to me. My family and friends are dear to me.

forward to meeting and working closely with everyone.

For those of you who have helped by giving donations or volunteering in any way, I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness and hope that you will continue to consider the Steele County Food Shelf as a primary organization to donate your time, talents, and monetary contributions. We would not be who we are if it weren't for who you are.

Editor's Note: Nancy has been at SCFS on an hourly basis in November working on the designated new collaborative software with the Technology Committee and Steele Co Clothesline staff and board and the awarded grant for the mobile food shelf. Her Director 'duties' officially start December 1.

I was born and raised in Owatonna but moved to Southern Illinois for over 17 years before coming back home. While living there, I was honored to be the Executive Director for the local county chapter of the American Red Cross. The many learning opportunities that I had during this time, plus several years in the corporate world, have really given me some wonderful experiences that I hope to bring to my new role. I am excited to serve the citizens of Steele

I hope to provide a positive leadership style in an environment that is caring and passionate and will do my best to ensure a smooth transition during this time. I can't tell you how excited I am to become a part of the food shelf and look

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Monday, Wednesday

9:00am–5:30pm

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9:00am-3:30pm

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8:00am-11:30am



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Retiring & Newly Elected Board Members & Officers

January 1 is the Vickie Skala, Secretary 'changing of the Sarah Struss, Treasurer guard' at SCFS. Thanks to each of you Leaving the Board for your office commitment: Betsy-Kennedy Lindgren, Dan Struss, year.

Lois Nelson, & Welcome to each of Priscilla Reitz. During these new board members who have gone through orientation and also retired from the are becoming well acquainted with the SCFS Thank you all for operation.

your years of service. Dianna Verley- Officers elected at the Owatonna; Lavonne November Board Cammock-Medford; meeting are: Nicholas Farmer- Tom Hyland, President Owatonna; Darrell Hansen-Blooming Prairie; Rev. Dick Hegal, Vice-President Ted Leon-Owatonna; Kristin Haberman-

Owatonna and Sarah Struss-Owatonna. (Future newsletters will include a little more biography information on each of these new members.)



September Newsletter overlooked a special long-time volunteer **Luci Degen** from the list of volunteers prior to the Appreciation Dinner. Our apologies to someone who has been a mainstay at SCFS

Board of Directors

Stormy Trom, Director
Alonso Hernandez, Manager

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Dr. David Dow, President, Owatonna
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Meals in Motion to Debut in Early January

During the summer SCFS became aware of the Hunger Solutions grant possibility for a mobile food shelf for those who cannot access traditional brick & motor food shelves due to transportation, mobility barriers and travel distance.

Locally a number of organizations and agencies identified the need in the rural communities of Ellendale, Blooming Prairie, & Medford as well as diverse neighborhoods and senior living centers in Owatonna. Other programs with possible benefit include: Owatonna Public School

District's Summer Meal Program, United Ways Farmer to Family, Weekend Backpack Meals, Centro Campesino Community Health Worker Outreach, Manos Latinas' Bio-Business, Meals on Wheels and many others.

A collaboration of agencies worked in developing the grant application. It was just a few weeks ago, the collaboration was notified of the \$75,000 award.

Stormy Trom responded to the news: "Congratulations, giant step forward for the Healthy Eating initiative! Thank you to this

committee and the representatives that diligently worked together in an effort to improve access to healthy food for people living in Steele County."

Presently the position for a part-time coordinator responsible for food distribution, supervision of volunteers, inventory, record keeping and other organizational responsibilities has been advertised and is to be filled around the first of the year.

You'll be hearing more about this new addition to our community.



Your Donations Help Everyday!



- This year's "Boo for Food" was a great boost to our inventory of food items. Thanks to all the young people in both the Owatonna and Medford School Districts for going out on a fall evening and collecting. Owatonna young people collected 3,593# of food and \$134 in cash. Medford students collected 515#.
- The area Boy Scouts also finished their November campaign recently. Your organization and hard work are much appreciated! We don't yet have your final totals, but know that your effort will help families through the end of the year!
- Businesses continue to support SCFS all year round. Thank you to these businesses for sharing food items and cash in recent weeks: Lakeside Foods, Little Rascals Daycare, Express Temporary Services, Itron Community Investment, Federated Insurance Companies, Hager Snow Removal, Owatonna Clinic-Mayo Health System, Sterling Drug, Tara's Day Care, Real Life Cooperative, Stepping Stones Child Care & Owatonna Ford Chrysler.
- Late fall gardens meant extra produce donated by many.
- Our faith community have long been supporters of SCFS. Recently these parish families have been generous with both food collections and monetary contributions: Moland Lutheran Church, United Methodist Church, Blooming Grove Methodist Church, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, Zion Lutheran Church-Lemond., Good Shepard Lutheran Church, First Lutheran Church-Blooming Prairie & St. John's Lutheran Church.
- Individuals and families continue to share food items and monies all year round. ***Thank you everyone for your support!***

Families Served

The Steele County Food Shelf continues to serve nearly 600 families a month. Volunteers and staff also share other organizational services available throughout the area. A donation this month will help many families have a supply of food at their homes during the holidays.

Happy Holidays!



Stormy's Corner

Dear all,

This is to share with you all that I will be retiring from my current position with The Steele County Food Shelf at the end of this year. Though it is a happy opportunity as I will be able to spend more time with my family, I will miss not coming to work after spending the past twenty-three years here.

I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuous support and assistance over the years from those who volunteered and to the food shelf staff (Lorraine Ferguson and Alonso Hernandez). Your unconditional assistance has been a key to the achievements and all the success that we had during my tenure. I have learnt a lot from this organization. I am proud that I had this time to give assistance to so many families in need.

I wish Executive Director Nancy Ness, the Steele County Food Shelf Board and volunteers-all of you future success.

Thanks to one and all.

Yours Sincerely,

Stormy Trom

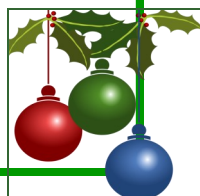
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*Happy Holidays and
Merry Christmas to
everyone who
volunteers at SCFS or
uses the services of this
organization. All the
best during the
2017 New
Year.*



THANK YOU, STORMY TROM!!



*Please join us as we bid a fond farewell and a happy retirement
to Stormy, Steele Co Food Shelf Executive Director 1993-2016.*

Thursday, December 8 3:30-5:30pm

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adios—adieu—addio—aloha—arrivederci—ciao—auf Wiedersehen—au revoir—bon voyage—sayonara, shalom

A goal of SCFS in 2016 is to update our mailing list and build an email data base for those of you who would like to receive our newsletter electronically. Please confirm BOTH your mailing and email address to: newsletter@steelecountyfoodshelf.org