

NorthPoint Community Food Shelf's March food drive

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Last year, more than 30,000 North Minneapolis residents were served at NorthPoint's Community Food Shelf and that number is expected to grow in 2011. To help meet the growing need, NorthPoint's Food Shelf will again participate in the State's largest food drive known as the March Campaign. Cash and food donations received during March will be partly matched by Minnesota FoodShare and other local foundations.

This year, the March Campaign is calling for everyone to "FOCUS on the statewide fight against hunger in Minnesota." With support from civic groups, businesses, congregations, schools and individuals, NorthPoint will be working to raise a combined total of 55,000 in food and cash donations during the March campaign.

This represents a record goal for NorthPoint's March Campaign because the need continues to increase:

- In 2010, NorthPoint's Community food shelf helped serve 10,000 families in North Minneapolis.
- Since 2005, the number of people served by NorthPoint Food Shelf has grown by 60 percent.
- Two-thirds of NorthPoint Food Shelf users make less than \$1,000 per month.

"The March Campaign is the most important fund-raiser of the year for the food shelf," said Mustafa Sundiata, NorthPoint Food Shelf Coordinator.

"Because of the support of so many, no one in need has ever been turned away; and our goal is to ensure that continues in 2011."

Food or dollar donations can be dropped off at NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center 1315 Penn Avenue, North Minneapolis.