

TEAM CEAP

# VOLUNTEER VOICE



## CEAP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

**Dates:** March 1 - April 6

**Our Goal:** \$150,000 and 200,000 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

CEAP needs volunteer hands of support at two upcoming events:

- Wednesday, March 12 Safety Net Steak Fry at the Crystal VFW
  - Volunteer shift is 4:30pm-7pm
  - Food runners and waiters needed
  - 75% of proceeds will support CEAP!
  - \*Tickets now available for purchase!
- Friday, April 11: Fish Fry for Food Security at the Osseo-Maple Grove American Legion
  - Volunteer shift is 4:30pm-8pm
  - Food runners and bussers, dish washer, and bake sale attendant needed.
  - 60% of proceeds will support CEAP



To sign up and learn more about these opportunities, please log in to VolunteerMatters or connect with Kathryn.

## FOOD MARKET REMINDER

Thank you all for jumping in and embracing the improvements we made together during our Food Market “refresh”. Reminder that all community members – including volunteers – must access Food Market resources via appointments. You can:

- Make a Food Market through standard procedures by calling (763) 566-9600, visiting our front desk, or going online at [www.ceap.org](http://www.ceap.org) OR
- If you’d like to make a Food Market appointment directly following your volunteer shift for convenience, please contact Peder to set up your appointment.

CEAP encourages all neighbors (including you!) to use our Food Market when you need to. Consistency in our processes for every participant ensures equity in how every neighbor in our community accesses healthy food. Thank you for understanding and being part of our collective effort towards food equity!



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Mary Lepien is a committed Turning Leaf Thrift Store volunteer, with over 200 hours volunteered in the last year!

Mary volunteers twice a week and is dependable and dedicated. She helps keep the Turning Leaf running smoothly and we're thankful that she gives her time and talent. Thanks for being on Team CEAP, Mary!



## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 21-25! Be sure to sign up to volunteer that week to share in the festivities. More info to come!

## 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 Kathryn at (763) 450-3681!
- 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 200,000 pounds of food!

Reminder that all food and fund donations made between March 1 - 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](http://www.ceap.org/donate) or by cash or check delivered to a CEAP staff member. Plus, all donations are currently matched thanks to a \$10,000 CEAP Community Challenge Fund - that means your gift is currently more than DOUBLED!

**A full list of events at local breweries, restaurants, and civic groups is included in this newsletter!**

# CEAP Community Challenge

## CEAP Community Day @ OMNI Brewing

**Monday, March 3, 7am-10pm** \*Space reserved for CEAP in the taproom at 4pm

Join us for pizza, beverages, and community! OMNI will donate \$1 to CEAP for every beverage and pizza sold all day.

## Give a Damn About Hunger @ Surly Brewing

**Saturday, March 8, 4pm-6pm**

Donate food or funds, get a free beer!

## Safety Net Steak Fry @ Crystal VFW

**Wednesday, March 12, 5pm-7pm**

\$13 tickets available in advance at CEAP or at the door - cash and check only. 75% of ticket proceeds and 100% of silent auction support CEAP!

*\*We are seeking volunteers to help serve food and beverages, bus tables, and wash dishes. Visit [www.ceap.org/volunteer](http://www.ceap.org/volunteer).*

## Slices for CEAP @ Godfather's Pizza in BP

**Saturday, March 15, 11am-8pm**

20% of all dine-in and phone takeout orders will support CEAP, all day!

## Fish Fry for Food Security @ Osseo-MG American Legion

**Friday, April 11, 5pm-8pm**

Tickets available in advance at CEAP or at the door - cash and check only. 60% of ticket proceeds and 100% of silent auction and bake sale support CEAP!

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