

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Our staff meets with households requesting assistance with food, shelter, utilities, and other urgent needs. Based on our assessment, we may provide a food pantry, direct cash assistance for rent, utilities, etc., as well as budgeting and household management information, and/or referrals to alternative agencies or services based on client need.

Additionally, one of the greatest obstacles to sustainable employment is the lack of safe and reliable transportation. CSS receives, repairs, and donates vehicles to those in need.



VOLUNTEER WITH US

Help us stock the shelves of the food pantry, distribute sack lunches to the homeless and working poor, or assist us with our food recovery and redistribution program.

Additional opportunities of service include *St. Joseph Gift & Thrift Store*, baling our surplus clothing items for our recycling program, and general administrative support.

Our mission is about service to one another, including the disabled, the aged, the newcomer, and the poor among us. You can help us fulfill our mission!

Submit an online volunteer application at
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Hastings Programs

*Love for others, and especially for the poor,
is made concrete by promoting justice.*

- Pope Saint John Paul II

ABOUT US

Our Mission

Our mission as Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska is to perform the Works of Mercy in response to the call of God.

Our Core Values

- Dignity
- Integrity
- Empathy
- Trust
- Sustainability



FOOD RECOVERY & REDISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska in Hastings is proud to be an **Enabled Partner** with Food Bank for the Heartland. We are an equal opportunity provider.

Enabled Partners are responsible for the pickup and distribution of recovery food from select grocery stores. Our staff recovers perishable and nonperishable items from two Walmart locations and Sam's Club in Grand Island and from the Hastings Walmart. This food is then redistributed on a weekly basis to the public, at Crossroads, and at food pantries in the four-county area and beyond.

Last year, we redistributed **205 tons of food** to Aurora, Harvard, Sutton, Fairfield, Hastings, Glenvil, Superior, Red Cloud, Franklin, Alma, Oxford, Minden, Curtis, Culbertson, and Arapahoe.

SACK LUNCH PROGRAM

The Sack Lunch Program is a collaborative effort with **Open Table** and more than 25 agencies, local churches, and organizations from the Hastings area. Sack lunches are prepared and distributed daily from our office. Any individual may request a lunch, no questions asked.

Last year, nearly **30,000 sack lunches** were distributed to the homeless and working poor from our downtown office.

ST. GIANNA WOMEN'S HOMES WEST

The St. Gianna Women's Homes West provides financial assistance and case management services to women escaping domestic violence, coerced abortion, and other forms of abuse and control. In working with our case manager, clients are able to identify areas within their own lives that need support and improvement, such as writing a safety plan, establishing financial independence away from their abuser, and finding permanent, safe and affordable housing.

