

OPEN HOURS:
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY
9:00AM—4:30PM

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, &
FRIDAY
9:00AM-3:30PM



United Way
of Steele County
Community Partner

COMMUNITY PATHWAYS: OUR MISSION IS TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES MEET THEIR BASIC NEEDS BY PROVIDING RESOURCES IN A HEALTHY AND CARING ENVIRONMENT. THROUGH THESE ACTIONS WE BUILD HOPE AND SUPPORT SELF SUFFICIENCY.



"It's time to reconnect."

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A Fresh Start : Choice Model

Effective June 1st, our members will see some exciting changes take place at Community Pathways. Our staff has been fully vaccinated and we're ready to welcome our customers back into a normal shopping experience!

MARKETPLACE:

- No more pre-packaged boxes! Our shoppers can come in and pick out the foods that their individual family needs and wants.
- Grocery shopping can be done every week! Our families can now do meal planning for a week rather than trying to figure out what they need for a whole month.
- Bring shopping bags or boxes! As we are doing away with prepackaged groceries, our members will need to bring their own shopping bags or boxes.

MARKETPLACE DELIVERY:

- Our delivery van will be stocked like a store! Troy, the Marketplace Delivery coordinator, will have groceries lining the shelves of our new trailer. Customers on the delivery route will be able to come into the van and choose the foods that best suit their needs.
- Staying at once per month. Because of the large number of households that receive their groceries through our mobile distribution, we need to limit this program to once per month. If customers on the delivery program are interested in coming to the store for their food, they should talk to Troy and he will be happy to get them moved to the non-delivery program.

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A Fresh Start Continued...

Unique Finds

Our store will be fully open! We are taking away the 3-person limit and will let anyone come into the store.

Shop at your leisure! Spend as much time as you want looking through our clothing and household items.

Open to the public! Anyone can shop at Unique Finds! You never know what you'll find when you shop at our store and all purchases stay local and help to support the programs of Community Pathways.

Donation's hours will remain the same (Fridays 9-12:00) for now, but we anticipate adding a day in the near future. Keep watching our website and Facebook page for updates.



The Marketplace
By Deborah Fearn

We are excited to welcome shoppers back in the store starting June 1st. With the new shopping model, we have redefined our volunteer positions to better serve our customers. Here are the new Marketplace position descriptions.

Front Desk

- Check in members to ensure their registration is up to date. If they need to re-register, inform staff.
- Confirm they are eligible to shop. Shopping for food can be done once a week.
- Assist other visitors as appropriate.
- Check in donations and provide a receipt if requested.
- Assist with answering the phone and directing calls.
- Assist with other miscellaneous jobs when it is not busy.

Assisstant

- This position is responsible for checking members out when they are done shopping.
- Be available to answer any questions our customers might have during their shopping experience.
- Weigh and record the food weight in the data base.
- Assist with stocking the shelves when time permits.
- Keep dairy coolers, produce, and bakery items stocked.
- Allow shoppers room to shop keeping carts out of the way and refraining from stocking in the area where shopping is being done.
- There will be some lifting. We ask volunteers to use the product lift when possible.

If you would like to join our volunteer team, please contact Deborah at 507-455-2991.



Nice to meet you!

Hello Everyone,

My name is Robin Starr and I am honored to be serving as the new Marketing and Outreach Coordinator.

I started at Community Pathways in January as an intern working toward my Bachelors in Social Work through The College of St. Scholastica.

My professional career has been based in human services as I have always had a passion for helping others. I am also an animal lover!

My first non-profit experience was with an animal rescue where I worked at the shelter and served as an officer on the board of directors. I look forward to growing with the organization in the years to come!



Marketplace Delivery
By Troy Bice

Hello everyone!

It sure has been busy in the Marketplace delivery program. The addition of the trailer to the program is making it possible to make some changes to benefit our members. Starting in June, we will be switching away from the prepackaged boxes and will be setting it up as a mobile pantry.

Members will be able to come inside the trailer to shop for what they need. This is a big change from the way it has been done. I believe that this will be welcomed as everyone will be able to shop for things that they can use.

For March and April we had a student from Winona State University that is doing his internship with us and had been helping with the mobile program. It was a great way for him to get out and use the skills that he has learned in school.



Unique Finds
By Dakota Oreskovich

New shopping model starting June 1st. The store will be reopening to full capacity and with that we have redefined our volunteer positions.

Keep watching our Facebook and Instagram pages for additional donation hours coming soon. Unfortunately, we still will have a limit of 4 bags or boxes with each visit.

Thank you for your donations and support. Hope to see you in the store soon!

Front Desk

- Greet people as they come in
- Assist members and customers with store questions
- Check customers out on the computer
- Check cash sales out on the tablet
- Answer the phone and direct calls as needed
- Organize the store (make sure things are off the floor and keep the store in neat order)
- Color code the racks per instructions
- Take hangers to the backroom
- Help with projects when we are slow or have down time

Floater

- Greet people as they come in
- Assist members and customers with store questions
- Start and monitor a waiting list of members waiting to register or shop as needed
- Answer the phone and direct calls as needed
- Organize the store (make sure things are off the floor and keep the store in neat order)
- Color coding the racks per instructions
- Take hangers to the backroom
- Help with projects when we are slow or have down time

If you have questions about these positions, please contact Dakota at 507-455-2991

A Letter from the Directors:
Capital Campaign Progress



Dear Friends,

2020 is finally behind us and 2021 is looking bright and full of possibilities. We kicked off our capital campaign “Building New Pathways” in January of 2021 to expand our facility to meet the growing needs of our community. When completed we will double our space to offer more services, provide more selection and variety for our families, and be an improved resource for the community. More space will allow us to accept and store donations that we are unable to manage in our current facility.

The new building will also include space for Let’s Smile and Transitional Housing – 2 well-known Steele County nonprofits. On March 5th, we held a virtual event to kick off the public portion of our capital campaign. The night was full of excitement and fun energy. We wished we could have shared it with all of you! We raised \$85,000.00 in forty-five minutes. AMAZING! Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a success. Since then, the campaign has continued to go extremely well, thanks to a very generous and supportive community.

This summer we will be reaching out to the local businesses and faith communities asking for their support with this much needed project. We will also be holding a fun in-person event schedule for July 17th at the Steele County Fairgrounds. Be watching for more details to come.

Our goal is \$2.6 million and to date we have raised \$1,170,000. If all goes well, we are hoping to break ground sometime this fall.

Thank you for your generosity and support.
Thank you for Building New Pathways.

Sincerely,
Nancy Ness & Maureen Schlobohm, Co-Executive Directors

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Steele County Fairgrounds



Keep watching for more details

If you would like to have your name removed from or added to our mailing list, please contact us by calling 507-455-2991 or email us at Admin@communitypathwaysSC.org