



## WAITE HOUSE

February 18, 2010

*"Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility to give something back"*

Dear Neighbor,

**March is Minnesota Food Share Month. Please take this opportunity to help contribute to the Phillips Community by supporting our local food shelf and food programs.**

Waite House serves over three thousand individuals every year with its unique self-service food shelf. Instead of receiving pre-packaged groceries, families or heads of household come to Waite House and select items that best suit their households. Each person may receive up to fifteen pounds of self selected food every month. In 2009, we distributed more than 109 thousands pounds of food to the Phillips community.

In this economic crisis, jobs are scarce, money is tight and so is access to food. Currently, the Waite House food shelf supports an average of 25 new individuals each week, ensuring access to a variety of healthy and nutritious food.

**The Waite House Food Shelf is successful because our community is involved.** Food donations and volunteers ensure sufficient food to meet the needs of our community and enough help to get it the largest number of families. Our staff and volunteers speak Spanish and English and also help food shelf recipients gain knowledge about community resources, connecting them to employment centers, youth tutoring or other services.

**Help us reach our goal this March to raise \$10,000 and receive 30,000 pounds of donated food.** Please fill out the form attached in this letter and mail or email it to Kay Cunningham, Essential Resources Manager of Waite House.

**This year we can make your gift stretch even farther!** The Minnesota Food Share will allocate funds to local food shelves, based on what we can collect from the community in March. In addition, **the Alan Feinstein Foundation also has a matching percentage that includes March and April.** Please consider leveraging your gift with this wonderful opportunity.

If you have any questions at all about the operation of Waite House food shelf or would like us to provide a barrel for collecting the food, do not hesitate to call me at (612) 455-0369.

Your support matters! Please find our attached form to sign up and support the Waite House Food Shelf today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kay Cunningham".

Kay Cunningham,  
Essential Resources Coordinator