

Sample Proposal #3

So Others May Eat (SOME) is a charitable 501c3 organization serving the Northside of Minneapolis that believes access to fresh, healthy food is essential for supporting stronger children, families, and community. Our Healthy Eating initiatives work to ensure healthy food for those in need (households at 200% FPG or below), and support children and their families to make healthy choices. Currently, we serve 750 families regularly each month which equates to distributing over 20,000 pounds of food monthly.

At our pantry, children, their families, and neighbors can shop at no cost for fresh, healthy produce and healthy pantry staples. At least 40% of the food available at each market is composed of produce, such as sweet potatoes, squash, and kale. Also available is meat protein, and non-perishable staples that range from peanut butter to whole-wheat pasta and beans. Visiting our pantry is just like visiting the grocery store; families move from station to station shopping, music plays and fresh food samples along with recipes are distributed.

Additionally, we ask every household if they are claiming all the public benefits they are eligible for, specifically SNAP. Because our clientele is extremely diverse, we have trained multi-lingual staff on-site to assist with public benefit program screening, applications and/or registration. These staff check-in at each pantry visit to ensure that families receive the benefits which they are eligible for. We also conduct safety planning when identified as a potential concern, and offer guidance to navigate resources for employment, housing stability, energy assistance, transportation, early childhood family education, and free and reduced price lunch programs so clients can meet other basic needs.

Our program is seeking \$75,000 to support this programming.