



TRUST AND CHOICE NURTURES PARTNERS AND FAMILIES

Everyone deserves access to food that is nutritious, culturally relevant and affordable. When families have to choose between healthy meals and monthly bills, it affects every aspect of their lives. That's why our work meeting urgent needs increases access to food while creating lasting change by strengthening our regional food system.

Our long-standing partnership with CAPI USA supports our shared commitment to food security by providing flexible operating funds and capacity building support. Located in Brooklyn Center, CAPI works with immigrants, refugees and those in need, helping them meet their basic needs, reach financial stability and get engaged in their communities.

Food security is a core goal of CAPI's work, including a food shelf that was one of the first in Minnesota to prioritize access to fresh and culturally specific foods. When nonprofits have flexible operating funds, they can work with their staff and community as they know best. Mary Niedermeyer, CEO of CAPI shares, **"We serve a lot of Hmong elders who don't speak English, so it's really key for us to have language access. A lot of food shelf-related grants don't pay employees to provide the service. Flexible operating funds have filled a major gap for CAPI and our ability to run our programming effectively for the community."**

CAPI understands the power of partnership that enables individuals to choose what they need. Their food shelf gives participants the choice to shop for groceries that best fit their dietary and family needs. Together, we're cultivating a future where all our neighbors, whether they've been in Minnesota for generations or are just arriving, have the food they need to thrive.

