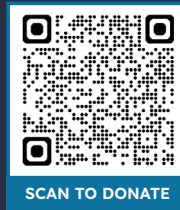


## SUPPORT KEYSTONE TODAY

By making a charitable contribution before the end of the year, you may be eligible for deductions that reduce your taxable income, while directly investing in programs that strengthen our community. Support Keystone's mission while enjoying the benefits of tax-advantaged giving. Together, we can meet growing needs and ensure that every member of our community has the resources to succeed.

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# You Are The Key

## A Keystone Newsletter

### Youth Services



### Basic Needs



### Senior Services



Allianz Field, home of Major League Soccer's Minnesota United FC and a partner of Keystone Community Services.

Keys To Success Gala - September 25, 2025



FALL 2025



Strengthening the capacity of individuals  
and families to improve their quality of life.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



As the seasons change, I am reminded of how much beauty and strength can bloom when a community truly cares for one another. Every story in this newsletter, whether it's about the flowers that bring joy to an older adult, the expansion of our Foodmobile routes, or Roger's journey toward greater independence, shows how compassion in action makes a difference.

This year has been a testament to the power of community. From celebrating 30 years of our Express Bike Shop to hosting another successful season of Free Farmers Markets, we've seen our community come together to meet growing needs with generosity. Behind every new initiative and milestone is someone who gives their time, energy, or heart to make it possible.

Our Case Managers, Foodmobile drivers, youth mentors, volunteers, and partners all share a common purpose, to make sure every person has access to the resources and support they need to thrive. Their work reminds us that accessibility, dignity, and connection aren't just goals at Keystone; they are our guiding values.

As we look ahead, I am filled with gratitude for the hope you bring to this work every day. Together, we're not just meeting needs, we're growing something extraordinary, a stronger, more connected community where everyone belongs.

Sincerely grateful,

Adero Riser Cobb  
Keystone President & CEO



## EVENTS AND IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY

### FREE FARMERS MARKET Drive-Through Events



**170,276**  
Pounds Distributed

### SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY EVENT



**936**  
Backpacks Distributed

### SUMMER BOOKFAIR & LITERACY EVENTS



**100+**  
Books Distributed

## UPCOMING EVENTS END OF YEAR

Give To The  
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## Blooms That Brighten Days A West 7th Tradition of Caring

For at least 15 years, the staff in our Older Adults program have frequently brought flowers to our clients who need an extra pick-me-up. In recent years, we have grown the flowers on-site at West 7th Community Center specifically for this purpose.



Pictured is our Community Social Worker, Holly, with a vase full of fresh-picked flowers that are on their way to a client who had just gotten home from a hospital stay.

## The Need Continues to Grow More Neighbors Served

Demand for food is increasing with 32 stops per month. We've added stops at Frogtown Community Center, WIC Clinic, Lamplighter Village Apartments, and an additional stop at Roseville Library.



## The Importance Of Accesibility A Story Of Resilience And Support



Roger, a 68-year-old Keystone participant from St. Paul's Midway neighborhood, embodies the strength and resilience of our community members. Roger regularly visits Keystone's Foodmobile and Food Center to access essential resources.

Despite facing significant challenges, including recovering from cancer four times, living with broken vertebrae from an accident, and managing a traumatic brain injury, Roger continues to persevere.

This past year, Keystone staff assisted Roger in applying for Medical Assistance, opening the door to an elderly waiver that provides vital in-home services. With Keystone's support, Roger successfully applied for SNAP benefits, which recently increased to meet his needs. He also gained access to Metro Mobility services, further enhancing his independence. Roger's story is a testament to the power of community and the importance of accessible, dignified support.

## 2025 Free Farmers Markets Make a Big Impact Serving Thousands, Distributing Tons



### THAT'S A WRAP!

Over the past 5 months, Keystone hosted Free Farmer's Market events, distributing fresh fruits and vegetables to our community. Our Volunteer and Basic Needs team partnered with numerous corporate partners and volunteers to make it all possible.

A few highlights from this season include a whole new mobile crew, a new location, amazing volunteers and some awesome produce.

Thank you for 2025! Here are some stats from the year:

- 14 events at Roseville Covenant Church, Allianz Field, and Galilee Lutheran Church
- 19,249 duplicated individuals served / 9,407 unduplicated served
- 6,304 duplicated households served / 2,963 unduplicated served
- 170,276 pounds distributed

A record 14,530 pounds of food were distributed at Galilee Lutheran Church in October. The most in a single day.

Thank you 2025 Free Farmers Markets Sponsors:



## A Summer of Learning, and Fun Youth Team Programming

In the span of 8 weeks during Summer Camp, the Youth Team:

- Engaged 140 youth & 14 families across 6 programs
- Placed 40 youth employees & interns in leadership roles
- Organized 10+ field trips around learning, & exploration
- Partnered with 20+ community organizations
- Offered 4 workforce training sessions
- Facilitated 2 family advisory meetings & 2 book fairs
- Supported youth from 32 different schools

A highlight for this semester is Keystone's Community Kids after-school program which serves 65 students across three classrooms. Each day of the week features a different focus area: social-emotional learning, math, STEM, literacy, and arts & crafts. We partner with the University of Minnesota to provide engaging nutrition classes, where students not only learn about healthy eating but also get hands-on experience preparing nutritious meals.



## A Produce Partnership Surly Delivering Veggies

Surly Gives A Damn (SGAD) volunteers have logged more than 600 volunteer hours to Keystone under the direction of SGAD Executive Director, Mary Selke. For 10 years, SGAD has been growing fresh produce and donating it weekly to a nonprofit partner organization for distribution.

Last November, Mary asked Keystone if we would like to receive the harvest from Surly's garden efforts as their previous partner was no longer accepting the produce. Through September, SGAD has donated 1939 pounds of vegetables to Keystone with more to come as the season ends. It is wonderful to get locally grown produce into the hands of those that need it!



## Caring for the Community at Keystone Get To Know Case Management

### Did you know that Keystone currently has 25 Case Managers?

Case Managers help people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds get Home and Community Based Services through County Waivers. Our Case Managers are a diverse group of professionals including individuals from different ethnic backgrounds that speak a variety of languages including Somali, Karen, Burmese, Cantonese, Oromo, and Amharic.

Most of our Case Managers have background in Social Services, Psychology, and other related Human Service fields. Lead Case Manager Joanne Glasspoole joined Keystone in April 2023 and works with clients with disabilities. When asked why she works in Case Management she said:



I wanted to work with human services. My goal is to help as many people as I can before I retire. - Joanne Glasspoole, Lead Case Manager



## Express Bike Shop Turns 30! Empowering Keystone Youth

Express Bike Shop celebrated 30 years of providing work experience for youth and making bikes accessible to all. Staff had a blast educating and showing the community what Keystone's youth programming is all about!

### BACK TO SCHOOL SUCCESS!

With help from volunteers, Keystone staff distributed 936 backpacks this summer in less than 2 hours. Families also enjoyed snocones and free books!



## A Brighter Tomorrow Keys To Success Gala 2025

On September 25, community members came together for a night of celebration, connection, and action. Volunteers, Keystone supporters, and donors alike all stepped up to drive our mission forward. Attendees heard impactful stories from real program participants, celebrated our wins, and looked forward to the organization's future.

We are grateful to be a part of a community that cares so deeply about our neighbors and is committed to ensuring everyone has access to the resources they need to thrive.

Couldn't attend and still want to donate? Donate today using the attached envelope or by visiting: [keystoneservices.org/donate](https://keystoneservices.org/donate)

Your support helps youth, families, and seniors thrive. Thank you!

