



KEYS TO SUCCESS

Join us for Keys to Success, a night of celebration, connection, and action. Your support helps Keystone be there when our neighbors need us most. Together, we can **be the connection.**

September 24, 2026
Allianz Field
400 Snelling Ave N. | Saint Paul

Get \$10 off your ticket with our Early Bird discount through August!

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keystoneservices.org/keys-to-success
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Strengthening the capacity of individuals
and families to improve their quality of life.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As summer comes to a close, I'm thinking about the incredible impact we make when our community comes together. Thanks to your generosity, Keystone has helped thousands of neighbors access healthy food, supported older adults, created opportunities for youth to learn, and continued to respond to the needs of our community.

In this newsletter, you'll see a few ways your support is making a difference. Whether it's providing fresh produce through our Free Farmers Markets, delivering groceries to seniors, empowering teens to develop award-winning innovations, or creating welcoming spaces where older adults can connect and belong, each story reflects the power of community.

Keystone is growing to meet today's needs while investing in tomorrow. This spring, our Grocery Delivery Program doubled the number of neighbors it serves each month to meet growing demand. At the same time, renovations at our West 7th Community Center have created a more welcoming and accessible space where children learn, older adults connect, and Meals on Wheels volunteers come together to serve their neighbors.

None of this would be possible without you. Whether you made a financial gift, volunteered your time, or shared our mission with others, you are an essential part of Keystone's work.

As we look toward fall, I hope you'll join us for our Keys to Success Gathering on September 24 as we celebrate what we've accomplished together and invest in the work still ahead.

Thank you for being an important part of the Keystone community.

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Keystone President & CEO



You Are The Key

A Keystone Newsletter



UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY



14,566
Pounds Collected



297
Bikes Collected

1000 bikes in 5 years of HealthPartners Bike Drive



18,322
Pounds Collected

137.1% increase from 7,732 in 2025

EVENTS LATER THIS YEAR

**2026 SCHOOL SUPPLY
GIVEAWAY EVENT**

August 20th, 2026
keystoneservices.org/school



**KEYS TO SUCCESS
GATHERING EVENT**

September 24th, 2026
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Supporting Digital Literacy

Free Online Courses Available



We are excited to share a new opportunity to access more than 200 free online courses designed to help support digital learning at every level.

These courses offer something for everyone, from a quick 10-minute introduction to AI to longer, more in-depth learning in areas like computer basics, digital skills, data literacy, analytics, and more. Some courses also provide digital certificates that can be shared on LinkedIn to support career growth.

The courses are free, flexible, and open to everyone. A free account is needed to get started, and learners can explore at their own pace.

Explore the courses here: keystoneservices.org/ibm
Please feel free to explore and share this opportunity with others who may be interested.

*This initiative is made possible through a national collaboration with the National Council on Aging, IBM SkillsBuild, and more than 25 partner organizations across the country and U.S. territories.

Feeding Our Community All Summer Long

Free Farmers Markets in St. Paul



Keystone Community Services is hosting 14 Free Farmers Markets across three St. Paul sites this summer. These drive-up distributions make it easy for neighbors to access fresh, healthy food as groceries are placed directly into vehicles, ensuring convenience, dignity, and respect.

Our summer 2026 Free Farmers Market schedule includes 14 events across three community locations: Roseville Covenant Church, Rice & Arlington Fields, and Allianz Field. As food costs continue to rise, your generosity helps remove barriers and ensures families can bring home nutritious produce without added stress. Because of supporters like you, fresh food is reaching more tables across our community. We invite you to attend a Free Farmers Market and see our team at work! Visit keystoneservices.org/ffmevents for event dates, times, and locations.

*Free Farmers Markets are made possible by our sponsors Fairview, Allianz, and Minnesota United FC.

Career Pathways Program

Demo Day and Minne Melt

This year, the Career Pathways program was paired with Project Invent to build an invention for a community partner. Our teens came up with an invention that will distribute salt more precisely so we do not overuse salt when salting our homes. The prototype is made up of an Arduino kit (put together and programmed by our teens) and 3-D printed parts (printed here at the Keystone Best Buy Teen Tech Center).

They were awarded the Moonshot Demo Day Award for their Minne Melt invention. The award is given to students for the most innovative and creative project with potential for real world use.



The Power of Community

Supporting Our Seniors

The Power of We was a concert performed by Seniors in Vocal Essence Vintage Voices at Keystone. With 68 members, the concert featured songs of compassion, togetherness, and hope - a musical journey through the moments that remind us we are never alone.

“The most fulfilling part of this program is witnessing older people experiencing joy and community and friendship on a regular basis.

- Robert Graham, Keystone Community Singers Director



Our Community in Need

Grocery Delivery at Keystone



Traditionally serving around 100 people a month, our Grocery Delivery Program now serves 200 people a month due to an increase in applications caused by Operation Metro Surge earlier this year. Staff and dedicated volunteers pack the food bags, process orders, and deliver the food to the community.

Recently, Mrs. Turk a program recipient sent us a letter in which she expresses her gratitude for the program.

“Since my husband’s passing I had to sell our car as I was in need of the finances. Now I am dependent upon people and programs such as yours who reach out to me in my Golden-Years and uplift my spirit.

- Grocery Delivery Recipient

Mordechai Tinney, Keystone’s Grocery Delivery Coordinator talks about the program and how you can help. Watch the video at: keystoneservices.org/surge

Updates and Renovation Highlights

West 7th Community Center

Neighbors and visitors are already seeing the benefits of the improvements, and we invite you to stop by and say hello when you have a chance!

After decades of establishing itself as a hub of vital youth, family, senior, and civic activities, Keystone Community Services was awarded a grant from the Minnesota Department of Education’s Multi-Purpose Community Facility Project. This is the first major update to the multi-purpose facility itself since it was built in 1985. The improvements are extensive and will have a profound effect.

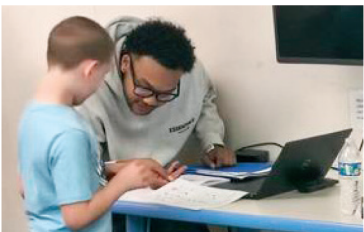
“These updates mean our participants of all ages will have a refreshed, modern space to gather, thrive, and stay connected to the community they love.

- Teisha Magee, Senior Program Director

Improvements include:

- High-speed building Wi-Fi expanding access to resources.
- Improved gym acoustics, floor, and newly painted walls.
- Improved heating and cooling for year-round activities.
- Restroom upgrades increasing accessibility and inclusion.
- New hydration stations to promote wellness.

These updates help create a more welcoming, comfortable, and connected community space. With nearly 1,000 neighbors visiting each week, your support helps shape the future of places like the West 7th Community Center.



Finding Purpose and Giving Back

Sue Rose on Volunteering at Keystone

“At the onset of COVID, I knew I had to find a way of “living outside of myself”. This led me to register on the Keystone Website and joining a great team in a small decaying store front. Since then, the new location has expanded Keystone’s opportunity to support the community and expand volunteer opportunities. What I like most about volunteering here is the people. It’s hard to find a more collegial and awesome team.”

- Sue Rose, Keystone Volunteer



The Key to a Heartfelt Thank You

Support Through Grace and Kindness

Sometimes our team has the honor of becoming a part of a family and helping them navigate difficult times and decisions. Kelly was a baker and spent time working in health care as an aide and enjoyed working with the elderly. We recently helped the Lund family, and they included the following in our client Kelly’s obituary.

“A heartfelt thank you to Keystone Community Services for their loving support of Kelly over the past many months. In particular, we would like to thank Phil Schmid, Aging Services Specialist, who gave Kelly such warmth and compassion, helping guide her through a difficult time in her life. As a family, we watched this support and felt that our mother, sister, and grandmother couldn’t have been in better hands to help her make the transition from independent living to her last days. The grace and kindness shown to Kelly will always be remembered.” *- The Lund Family*

