



# Responsive, Reliable, Resilient

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2025 Impact Report

Through a turbulent year,  
Open Cupboard was a steady  
presence and a trusted, safe  
resource for our community.

We supported a record number of  
people with free, fresh food in ways  
that work best for them:

- 🍎 Two Today's Harvest markets
- 🍎 Drive-up service
- 🍎 Home delivery
- 🍎 Mobile distributions reaching  
senior residences and mobile  
home communities



*\* For every \$1 of investment, Open Cupboard generates \$27 in community benefits according to a 2025 quantitative benefit-cost ratio analysis by the Constellation Fund.*

# Free, Fresh Food

## BY THE NUMBERS

# 1,179,028

VISITS\* TO OUR PROGRAMS

# 6,681,719

POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED

No visit to Open Cupboard is the same. Some people visit to weather a short-term crisis. Others do so weekly to stretch a limited food budget. Whether they're living on a fixed income or have experienced a job loss, Open Cupboard provides fresh, healthy food, no matter the circumstances.

**Whatever brings people to us,  
we're here for them.**



*\* We follow food shelf reporting guidelines, which define visits as the number of people in the household served by each visit.*



**For Val, food has always meant survival—and dignity.**

Growing up in a family of 13, hunger was constant and help was hard to find. Today, rising grocery costs still make food access challenging, especially on a fixed income. **Open Cupboard has become a lifeline.**

Through our drive-up service and Today's Harvest free, fresh market, Val receives high-quality food in a welcoming, efficient, and judgment-free environment. She values not just the fresh produce and proteins, but the kindness of volunteers and the sense of community.

**“More than the food,  
it’s a place to go.”**



**READ VAL'S STORY:**

[opencupboard.org/shopper-stories](https://opencupboard.org/shopper-stories)



# Welcoming, Efficient, Judgement-Free:

OUR VOLUNTEERS

**2,343** TOTAL VOLUNTEERS

**1,166** FIRST-TIME VOLUNTEERS

**60,220** VOLUNTEER HOURS

**\$2.3M** IN VALUE ADDED BY VOLUNTEER HOURS CONTRIBUTED\*

\* Based on Minnesota-specific data—\$38.16 of added value per volunteer hour—released by Independent Sector (April 2025)

## Sourcing from Farms & Partners

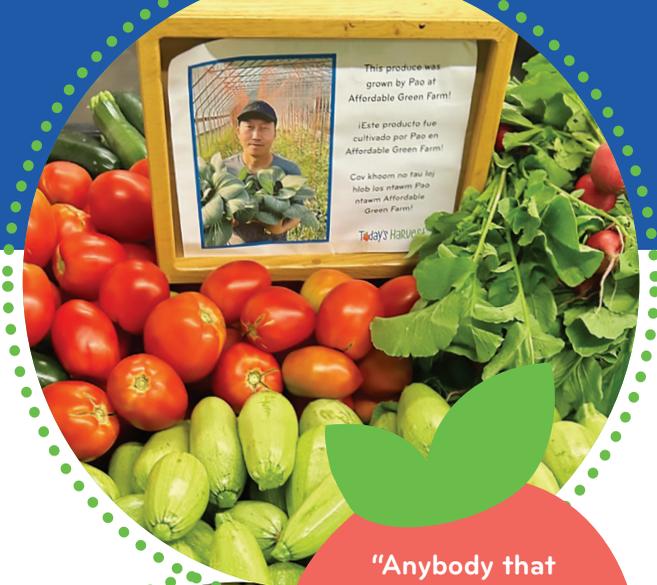
In serving those in our community who need access to healthy food, we also work hard to support our local economy and the planet.

### Farm-to-Food Shelf

**204,428** pounds sourced from local farms or aggregators

#### Current Farm Partners:

- 🍎 The Good Acre
- 🍎 Saint Paul Farmers' Market
- 🍎 Casey Family Farm
- 🍎 Common Harvest Farm
- 🍎 Generous Harvest Farm
- 🍎 Pao Lee's Affordable Green Farm
- 🍎 Bai Vue's BaoBai's Harvest



"Anybody that comes here is just so amazed by what good produce there is here. And you can pick your own."

— Gail

# Rescuing from Retailers & Distributors

# 2,346,783 POUNDS RESCUED FROM GOING TO WASTE

# 17

GROCERY  
STORE  
PARTNERS

# 8

DISTRIBUTOR/  
WHOLESALE  
PARTNERS

# 5

CONVENIENCE  
STORE  
PARTNERS

Including these Minnesota-based companies:



# In a year of instability, OPEN CUPBOARD REMAINED **CONSTANT.**

We strengthened our four-pronged approach to ending hunger—meeting people where they are through our markets, mobile distributions, home delivery program and drive-up service—and ensured fresh food reached more families than ever before.

**Responsive in crisis.  
Reliable in uncertainty.  
Resilient for the future.**

**VOLUNTEER 🍅 GIVE 🍅 SPREAD THE WORD**

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