

Ralph Reeder Food Shelf

MINISTRY PARTNER & COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY PROFILE

Incarnation partners directly with the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf, a community assistance program of the Mounds View School District.

Campaign Impact Update: March MN FoodShare Campaign
Through the immense generosity of the Incarnation community, this year's drive was a massive success! Together, we donated **837 pounds** of non-perishable food items and **\$41,250** to directly combat food insecurity. Deep thanks from Claudia Wiebold and the RRFS Action Group!

LOCATION & CONTACT DETAILS

The food shelf serves our local neighbors from its central hub located in the Silver View Plaza Mall.

Address: 2544 Mounds View Blvd, Mounds View, MN 55112
Phone: 651-621-6280 | **Web:** www.ralphreederfoodshelf.org
Incarnation Partnership Representative:
Contact Julie Durbin in the front office for liaison questions.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

 **Crucial Scheduling Note:** Volunteer shifts are currently limited to weekdays and daytime hours only. Most roles require standing, walking, and light-to-moderate lifting.

On-Site Operations & Support

- **Market Helpers:** Assist families as they shop and navigate food selections.
- **Sorting & Stocking:** Process inbound grocery donations and organize food inventory shelves.
- **Packing Food Orders:** Pre-assemble or pack standard grocery bundles for distribution.
- **Drivers:** Transport, pick up, and load vital retail/bakery food donations from area partners.

Community Mobilization

Off-Site Food Drive Organizer: Coordinate targeted food collections or cash fundraising drives within your school, neighborhood, workplace, or civic club.

Seasonal & Special Projects

On-Call Events: Register for high-demand seasonal initiatives including Free Farmer's Markets, March FoodShare, Operation Joy (December), and the Back to School Project (August).

How to sign up: Not all roles are open simultaneously. To register, go to the Volunteer portal at their website and complete the official "Become a Volunteer" form.

SPECIAL & CALENDAR DONATION DRIVES

In addition to regular food shelf giving, please look out for these targeted donation operations throughout the year:

Annual Special Initiatives

- **March:** Minnesota FoodShare Month (leveraging crucial financial match funds).
- **August:** Good Neighbor Back to School Project.
- **November & December:** Holiday Food Collections.
- **December:** Operation Joy (collecting and distributing holiday toys).
- **Year-Round Project — Birthday Bags:** Assemble small gift bags filled with cake mix, frosting, candles, decorations, paper plates/napkins/cups, and a small toy or treat for a child's special day.