

# We need your help...

For many years, VEAP has benefited from surplus crops grown and distributed with the support of the U.S. government through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP).

During the pandemic, aid from TEFAP grew enormously to meet the increased need in communities across the country. Now, rising inflation, supply chain disruptions and the end of pandemic-related supports have led to food shortages across the nation—and VEAP is feeling the negative effect.

If you have visited or volunteered in our pantry recently, you may have noticed the change: everyday food products like pasta and rice are often in short supply. Many of our shelves are half-full, and families are now receiving 30% less food than they have in recent years.



Earlier this year, we asked for your support as part of our annual March Food and Fund Drive campaign. The community responded generously to that call, donating over 100,000 pounds of food. As the largest food pantry in the Twin Cities, VEAP serves over 100 people every day—and families are welcome to visit us twice a month, and sometimes more often if they need extra support. That means our springtime food supply has now been exhausted.

Will you support us in meeting the great need of our community at this time?



## **HOLD A FOOD DRIVE**

#### **ACCEPTING DONATIONS AT DOOR 4**

Donations from local community members and businesses are the main driver of food choice and diversity on our pantry shelves. Team up with your extended family, workplace or faith community to hold a VEAP food drive. **veap.org/donate/donate-food** 



# **DONATE MOST-NEEDED ITEMS**

#### **UPDATED LIST OF HIGH-DEMAND ITEMS ONLINE**

Inventory at the pantry changes quickly. VEAP maintains a detailed list of our most-needed items online, including household supplies and goods that are consistently in demand from our participants. **veap.org/most-needed-items** 



### **ORDER FOOD ONLINE**

#### NOW ACCEPTING DELIVERED GROCERIES

Can't make it over to VEAP but still want to support us? We accept food deliveries from Amazon Fresh, Instacart, Aldi Grocery Delivery and others. Simply instruct the deliverer to proceed to Door 4 behind our building for drop-off Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



# **DONATE FUNDS**

#### **EVERY \$10 EQUALS FOOD FOR 30 MEALS**

Thanks to our tremendous purchasing power, every dollar donated to VEAP allows a family to receive enough food to make three meals. A recurring gift of \$120 a month will feed a family of four all the meals they need for an entire month. veap.org/donate/give-today/