



Valley Outreach
First stop for the next step



Local Food Drive

Valley Preschool will be collecting donations in March to support FoodShare in an effort to restock over 260 food shelves across the state of MN. Our donations will be going to our local food shelf, Valley Outreach, through River Market Co-op, who is a sponsor of the food drive. Valley Outreach is a community based, community-supported, privately funded non-profit organization serving our St. Croix Valley neighbors in need of food, clothing, household essentials, and emergency financial assistance. The **Food Shelf** provides food and other necessities. **Dawn's Closet** provides gently used clothing, accessories, and household essentials at no cost to men, women and children. The **Emergency Fund** provides emergency financial assistance to help families in crisis. By supporting Valley Outreach, you are helping us work toward building a stronger community where we reach out to one another in time of crisis or transition to help our neighbors in need "take the next step".

We will be dropping our donations off at River Market Community Co-op on **Wednesday, March 31** so please send in your items by then. This is a great opportunity to discuss community support, the needs of others, and what we are grateful for in our own lives if you choose to do so with your children. We will also be discussing this at school. We will have a large bin at school that your child can put their donation into on class days. If you would like to join the Spisak family in dropping off the donation, you may do so after class at 2:00pm on Wednesday, March 31. Meet at Valley Preschool. THANK YOU!!!

Valley Outreach accepts the following donations:

- non-perishable dry and canned goods
- baby food and formula
- diaper wipes and diapers
- personal care items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap or body wash, deodorant, etc.)
- household products (toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, etc.)
- gently used, clean, quality men's, women's and children's clothing and accessories for all occasions, for all ages, and in all sizes
- gently used, clean sets of sheets, quilts, comforters, blankets, kitchen and bath linens
- sets of dishes, glassware, and flatware
- kitchen utensils and cookware
- infant care items
- gently used, operational small household appliances (e.g. small microwave ovens, blenders, mixers, toasters, toaster ovens, crock pots, irons, etc.)
- financial donations can be given through GiveMN.org

Because of limited space, they cannot accept donations of used toys, knick knacks, electronic equipment, or furniture