

# 2011 Minnesota FoodShare/Partners to End Hunger Public Policy Agenda

## Minnesota Legislation

### Advocacy/Watchdog Issues:

- Educate new legislators about Minnesota hunger, poverty and workforce issues
- Explore simplification (at state level) of federal food program administration to contribute to a balanced budget
- Legislate if necessary to assure Minnesota adapts to new Child Nutrition Reauthorization changes

### Legislation:

- Support efforts to eliminate reduced price school meals
- Seek additional funding for food shelves or defend what already exists
- Work for renewal of food bank milk grant
- Assure that no reduced price eligible child is turned away or receives inferior school meals

### Monitor/Support:

- Discourage food support restrictions on purchases such as “junk food”
- Support nutrition education and physical activity pilots at a state level especially for low-income areas
- Support efforts for getting more locally grown and produced food into the emergency food system

## Federal Legislation

- Work to assure food support (SNAP) funds used to fund Child Nutrition Reauthorization are restored
- Support the Good Samaritan Act that gives businesses and farmers credit for food donations
- Dialogue with legislators and contribute to the formation of the 2012 Farm Bill as it affects low-income individuals and families