

North Country Food Bank, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT 2009/2010



Mission Statement

The Mission of North Country Food Bank, Inc. is to distribute food and other resources to participating agencies, and to educate the public about hunger and its solutions.

WHO WE ARE

North Country Food Bank, Inc. was established in 1983. North Country is a nonprofit agency that distributes over 4 million pounds of food products to more than 244 hunger relief agencies in 21 counties in northwest Minnesota and part of Grand Forks, North Dakota, on an annual basis. The charitable food programs served by North Country include soup kitchens, food shelves and homeless shelters. Other recipients include low-income individuals in need of supplemental assistance, group homes, senior programs, youth programs, addiction treatment centers and domestic abuse programs.

As part of the Feeding America network, we rescue food and non-food items from national, regional and local manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, restaurateurs and growers. These products are temporarily stored in our facility, and then quickly distributed to charitable agencies throughout our service region. North Country has responded wherever the need to address hunger issues exists.



WHO NEEDS OUR HELP?

North Country serves a broad cross-section of individuals and families in need. Some characteristics of those in need in our service area include:

- **51%** of household members are children.
- **5%** of household members are elderly.
- **43%** of households include at least one employed adult.
- **57%** of households live below the poverty level.
- **7%** are homeless.
- **24%** report having at least one household member in poor health.

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MAJOR PROGRAMS

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM North Country's food distribution program provides over 4 million pounds of donated food and non-food products to 244 charitable agencies annually.

DELIVERY SYSTEM North Country's service area is large geographically and mostly rural in nature. As part of our delivery system, food and non-food products are delivered directly to the doors and/or communities of over 244 agencies on a monthly basis.

PURCHASE PROGRAM Food products not usually donated, but highly desired by the agencies we serve, are purchased and made available to our agencies for distribution to their clients. North Country uses its buying power, combined with the



buying power of other food banks in Minnesota and North Dakota, to get the best prices possible for its agencies. This program also helps us supplement our inventory supply when donations are low.

MOBILE FOOD DROPS This program began in 2009, and has exploded in popularity and use. The mobile food drop program allows North Country to serve as a self-contained food shelf that serves areas in northwest Minnesota that lack the availability of substantial services. It also allows North Country to work with existing agencies and supplement services that are already being provided. North Country works with local sponsors, such as food shelves, churches, community action programs, and the United Way, to bring Mobile Food Drops to areas in need.

BACKPACK PROGRAM Many children do not have enough food to eat when they are not in school. The BackPack Program is intended to meet the nutritional needs of children during weekends and long school breaks. The backpacks filled with food are typically distributed on a Friday or on the last school day before a long weekend or holiday. North Country currently operates the BackPack program in more than 24 school districts, and distributes more than 3,400 bags to children each month. Volunteers spend more than 75 hours per month packing and distributing these bags.

KIDS CAFE The Boys and Girls Club of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, in partnership with North Country Food Bank and Feeding America, operates a Kid's Cafe. This is one of the country's largest free meal service programs for children at risk of hunger. It is a comprehensive approach to ending childhood hunger through after school programs. The Kid's Cafe in Detroit Lakes serves approximately 75 children per day, five days a week. It provides the children with somewhere to go, and something good to eat.



COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM As part of this program, North Country provides a box of nutritious food each month to income-eligible pregnant and post-partum women and children ages 5-6 through the Mothers and Children Program (MAC), and to low income seniors 60 years and older through the Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors (NAPS). This program is crucial for low-income seniors and young children in our service area. It provides participants with a nutritious assortment of food on a monthly basis, at no cost. North Country packs more than 2,000 boxes each month for distribution as part of this program, and Volunteers have dedicated more than 500 hours per month to this program in the past year.

For every dollar donated, we are able to provide enough food for up to five meals.

EDUCATION: It is part of our mission to provide the charitable agencies and communities we serve with the information and resources we have available to assist them with their fight against hunger in their communities. We provide our agencies with opportunities to attend training classes and conferences, including many networking and idea-sharing opportunities. We are also happy to speak with businesses, schools, civic organizations, faith based organizations and community organizations about hunger and its effects.

It is also our North Country's goal to help educate the public about hunger and its solutions. North Country is currently collaborating with all of the Feeding America food banks that serve Minnesota, including [Second Harvest Heartland](#) in the Twin Cities; [Channel One](#) in Rochester; [Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank](#) in Duluth; [Second Harvest North Central Food Bank](#) in Grand Rapids; and [Great Plains Food Bank](#) in Fargo, to work on a campaign for a Hunger Free Minnesota.



Statements of Financial Position

Fiscal Year

10/1/2009 to 09/30/2010

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 228,553	\$ 123,790
Receivables:		
Trade	115,570	107,952
Inventories:		
USDA Commodities	164,280	118,423
Other	189,299	176,475
Prepaid expenses	17,090	20,150
Total Current Assets	<u>714,792</u>	<u>546,790</u>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	476,871	473,871
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(321,206)</u>	<u>(287,658)</u>
Net Property and Equipment	<u>155,665</u>	<u>186,213</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 870,457</u>	<u>\$ 733,003</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 47,365	\$ 10,794
Accrued salaries	10,119	8,094
Other accrued liabilities	195	-
Rent deposit payable	900	950
Total Current Liabilities	<u>58,579</u>	<u>19,838</u>
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES		
Compensated absences	<u>16,369</u>	<u>15,157</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>74,948</u>	<u>34,995</u>
NET ASSETS		
Temporarily restricted	164,280	118,423
Unrestricted	631,229	579,585
Total Net Assets	<u>795,509</u>	<u>698,008</u>
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Statements of Activities & Changes in Net Assets

Fiscal Year

10/1/2009 to 09/30/2010

	2010			2009		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
SUPPORT						
Donations -						
Cash	\$ 119,514	\$ -	\$ 119,514	\$ 96,524	\$ -	\$ 96,524
Food or product	2,220,745	-	2,220,745	1,590,598	-	1,590,598
Grants -						
Federal	209,270	-	209,270	118,183	-	118,183
Commodities	1,095,092	45,857	1,140,949	933,582	36,874	970,456
Other	48,694	-	48,694	57,001	-	57,001
REVENUE						
Shared maintenance	172,420	-	172,420	201,972	-	201,972
Freight charges	144,471	-	144,471	125,132	-	125,132
Product sales	263,185	-	263,185	199,122	-	199,122
Membership fees	7,450	-	7,450	7,726	-	7,726
Interest	1,694	-	1,694	2,288	-	2,288
Other	2,102	-	2,102	2,475	-	2,475
Building rent (net of expenses)	9,571	-	9,571	11,045	-	11,045
OTHER						
Satisfaction of program restrictions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Support and Revenues	<u>4,294,208</u>	<u>45,857</u>	<u>4,340,065</u>	<u>3,345,648</u>	<u>36,874</u>	<u>3,382,522</u>
EXPENSES						
Program services:						
Food distribution	4,038,440	-	4,038,440	3,071,443	-	3,071,443
Fund-raising	11,605	-	11,605	13,069	-	13,069
Management and general	192,519	-	192,519	167,895	-	167,895
Total Expenses	<u>4,242,564</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,242,564</u>	<u>3,252,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,252,407</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	51,644	45,857	97,501	93,241	36,874	130,115
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING	<u>579,585</u>	<u>118,423</u>	<u>698,008</u>	<u>486,344</u>	<u>81,549</u>	<u>567,893</u>
NET ASSETS, ENDING	<u>\$ 631,229</u>	<u>\$ 164,280</u>	<u>\$ 795,509</u>	<u>\$ 579,585</u>	<u>\$ 118,423</u>	<u>\$ 698,008</u>