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2025-2026 SHIP Year Begins!

November 1st marks the start of the 2025-2026 SHIP grant year. Visit [Go Anoka County](#) to learn more about how SHIP can partner with your organization this year.



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The 2025 reconciliation bill signed on July 4th makes major changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), affecting food access for many. For more information, view the [Federal SNAP provisions in the 2025 reconciliation bill: Impacts on Minnesota](#) fact sheet from the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

Results have been released for the [2025 Minnesota Food Shelf Manager Survey](#), which captures the voices of 318 food shelf managers in Minnesota.



Partner Spotlight: The Salvation Army Food Shelf

The Salvation Army Food Shelf partnered with SHIP and University of Minnesota SNAP-Ed consultants to finish their SuperShelf transformation. The SuperShelf approach creates client-centered food shelf environments that prioritize individual choice and increase access to healthy, culturally appropriate foods. SHIP funds supported a new walk-in refrigerator, new shelving, food bins, and utility carts for The Salvation Army. The food shelf also received a fresh coat of colorful paint and was able to hang new signage and pictures.



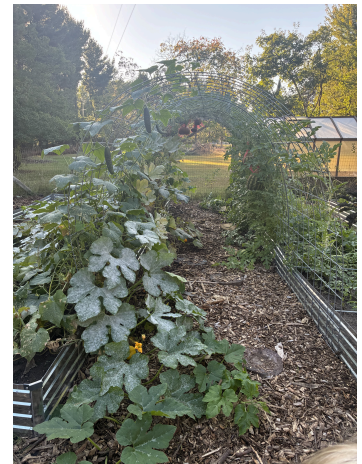
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Partner Spotlight: Wildlings Nature School

This year, Wildlings Nature School in East Bethel transformed its preschool garden into a thriving, hands-on learning experience with the support of the SHIP grant. With new garden beds, a greenhouse, compost system, and growing trellis tunnel, children ages 2-5 are able to grow and harvest their own fruits and vegetables. The garden not only provides fresh, home-grown food but also teaches kids about sustainability and healthy eating. "The children are so excited to see the pumpkins grow. They've already been harvesting strawberries!" Michaela, the school director shared. With 96 square feet of garden space and a plan to compost and save seeds this project is set for years to come.



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Minnesota Aging Pathways is a helpful resource for older adults and caregivers across the state. Whether you're looking for guidance on Medicare, long-term care options, housing, or local support services, this site connects you to trusted information and personalized help. It's part of the Minnesota Board on Aging's commitment to making aging well a little easier. Visit mn.gov/aging-pathways to explore what's available.



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