

Every Meal (formerly Sheridan Story)

Every meal works to fight hunger in our community by filling the gaps in local food access that children face during weekends, summers and extended breaks. Most recently, five volunteers have been working with Westwood Elementary School to provide a pack of food that can be sent home with those students identified most at need. Every Meal will be there for children through the ongoing disruptions caused by Covid-19 and long after to help stabilize families. A donation of \$250 provides food for a child for one year.

Contact person: Jo Benson

Oasis for Youth

Mission: Oasis for Youth is the trusted resource committed to elevating youth in their own community.

Vision: We imagine our communities of Bloomington, Richfield and Edina as places where every young person has an opportunity to thrive.

Oasis opens doors to housing, employment, education and wellness for youth facing homelessness in the Twin Cities Suburbs. Oasis meets the needs of youth through individualized case management, connections to resources, improved access to services and supports, and assistance with basic needs. Oasis operates a drop-in center, school-based and community outreach, scattered site housing program with rental assistance and an office at the Mall of America providing case management services on-site for Mall employees. Three TLC members have volunteered with Oasis.
Contact person: Shelley Smith

VEAP

VEAP is a basic needs and social services organization whose programs promote access to healthy food, stable housing and other supportive services. VEAP's programs are designed to meet a particular need and when used together provide hope and can help avoid a financial crisis such as loss of housing, job, transportation or employment. VEAP has been helping our neighbors in Bloomington and Richfield for 45 years and more recently, Edina and portions of South Minneapolis. TLC has been one of the faith communities supporting VEAP since the beginning. Many of our members have volunteered hundreds of hours on-site, provided transportation for clients to appointments, sorted food and collected and transported food from TLC.

VEAP Programs:

On-Site Food Pantry, Mobile Food Pantry, Transportation Assistance, Food Deliveries, Senior Shuttle, Nutrition Education, Student Food Packs, Birthday Bags, Housing Advocacy, Financial Assistance, Individual Case Plans and Resource Navigation and Referrals. Contact Person: Joanne Haugen