Commodity Supplemental Foods Program (CSFP) Impact

In 2017, The Minnesota CSFP program distributed approximately 15,000 *nutritionally designed* monthly food packages to Minnesota seniors.

This program aids low-income individuals who are 60 years of age or older and are known to be at nutritional risk. It reaches qualifying Minnesota seniors in their homes, gathering places or in their living communities.

The nutrient-rich foods contained in the CSFP monthly food package help prevent health problems and improve the health status of these individuals.

### Monthly Distribution Impact

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<td><strong>14,800</strong></td>
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<td><strong>87</strong></td>
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The program provides seniors specific food packages designed to supplement their diet and help them stretch their food dollars, while also preserving their dignity and allowing them to fill out uncomplicated forms to participate in the program.

The food packages consist of canned items (fruit, vegetables, meat or fish), bottled juice, shelf stable and instant dry milk, cheese, pasta or rice, dry beans or peanut butter, and cereal.
In September 2017, Feeding America released the Senior Hunger Fact Sheet
http://www.feedingamerica.org/assets/pdfs/fact-sheets/senior-hunger-fact-sheet.pdf. This
document further explains food insecurity among seniors, household health, and poverty
trends across the nation and demonstrates the impact the Minnesota CSFP and other nutrition
programs can have with the eligible population.

Minnesota CSFP makes an impact on seniors with low-incomes and limited access to good
nutrition, much like Lovie, age 71, who was featured in a Second Harvest Heartland news article
in January 2018. After having a heart attack and being forced to retire, Lovie’s monthly income
is only $861. This limited income is only enough to cover her rent and utilities. With CSFP’s help,
she is able to receive a box of nutritious food once a month.