



About the Community Café



Community Café is happy to offer free, hot and nutritious meals to those who are in need.

Building on our mission, the Café will be an excellent place to socialize and network with people from all walks of life.

There are no restrictions or income guidelines to dine at the Community Café—everyone is welcome!

There is no charge for the meals, but donations are graciously accepted. If patrons are unable to stay, take-out meals are available at 6:00 pm.

We look forward to serving teenagers, families, elderly—anyone living with food insecurity—in Koochiching County.

The Café board, staff and supporters are dedicated to reducing hunger and building a stronger community by providing nutritious meals on a weekly basis.

Join us each Tuesday at Backus Community Center to experience the miracle of the Community Café and the home-made meals served by community volunteers.

Community Café Needs Your Support

There are many ways you can assist the Community Café.

Tell a friend -

Tell a friend, neighbor or family member about Community Café.

Volunteer -

You can help serve a meal at the Café. To find a date and time when you can volunteer, call Robin at (218) 285-7225 or email backusoffice@backusab.org.



Make a donation -

To purchase food for the Café, please send your tax-deductible donation to: Community Café
Backus Community Center
900 5th Street
International Falls, MN
56649.

Make a Gift Donation -

Consider a monetary gift in any amount to honor a friend or family member, or to celebrate a birthday, graduation, anniversary, retirement or other occasion. Everyone will benefit from your thoughtfulness!

A message from the Executive Director

The mission of the collaborative effort between the Falls Hunger Coalition and Backus is to reduce hunger and build a strong community. Serving a regular free community meal to those in need was a major goal of the "Backus Community Kitchen" project when we began raising funds to construct the facility in 2007.

Since June 2010, we have served a free lunch to children as part of the Summer Food Service Program and have seen the program grow from 3,000 meals to almost 7,000 meals in 2012.

Falls Hunger Coalition data indicates that there are 600,000 missing meals in Koochiching County. FHC works hard to close the gap by providing food but the number of children living in poverty in our county continues to be almost 20%.

We pledge that with your support we will continue the aggressive fight against food insecurity in Koochiching County.

Sincerely, Ward Merrill

*Executive Director
Backus Community Center*