



## Project Concern of Cudahy/St. Francis

### **Organization Mission Statement:**

To serve low-income individuals and families by feeding the needy, meeting emergency basic needs and providing a bridge/safety net to help them become self-sufficient.

Project Concern is a food pantry, clothing bank and resource center that provides free and nutritious nonperishable and perishable food using the USDA MyPlate model and Hunger Task Force 100% Choice model where patrons chose what food they want and the layout simulates shopping in a grocery store.

Our program serves anyone residing in Cudahy and St. Francis living in a household with an income at or below 185% of the poverty level. We will serve any homeless person or people referred by the 211 social services hotline, Red Cross or St. Vincent de Paul regardless of where they live.

Our program addresses food insecurity by providing patrons with the most nutritious food possible as well as nutritional information, food storage and shopping tips. Special attention is made to offer fresh produce, dairy and frozen meats.

We also provide patrons the opportunity to shop at our free thrift store arranged like a regular department store. Other programs we provide are: information and referrals, personal care products, children's Christmas and birthday gifts, diapers and feminine hygiene products, school supplies, holiday food baskets and new baby bags for expecting parents.

Our information and referral service is where staff make a real difference and have their recommendations act as a spring board to food security and improved circumstances in the lives of our families. These referrals consist of things like help applying for public benefits, such as FoodShare and the Senior Stockbox, Energy and Rent Assistance, AODA, housing and employment. There are also referrals to other community resources like St. Vincent de Paul for free furniture, Lions Club for eye glasses and ERAS Senior Network Neighborhood Outreach Services for free rides. Lastly, we do home deliveries of food to seniors and those with disabilities that are unable to access the food pantry on their own.

We strive to be an organization that promotes wellness and kindness in all that we do.