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### **Mobile food pantry comes to Wisconsin Rapids May 30th**

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. – The Neighborhood Table, the South Wood Emerging Pantry Shelf (SWEPS), Aspirus Riverview Foundation and Feeding America of Eastern Wisconsin have again partnered to bring another mobile food pantry to Wisconsin Rapids. The next mobile food pantry will be held, rain or shine, Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the south parking lot of the United Methodist Church, 441 Garfield Street, Wisconsin Rapids.

This mobile food pantry will be handled in the same manner as previous pantries:

- Preregistration is required by selecting an available time slot at <http://www.theneighborhoodtable.org> or by calling 715-422-2050 weekdays between 8:30 am and 11:30 am.
- Show proof of south Wood County residency via a current driver's license or recent utility bill.
- Qualify for any of the various food assistance programs such as SNAP/Food Share/Quest, free and reduced lunches, WIC, etc.

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- On day of event, arrive **no earlier** than the confirmed time slot. This is to avoid traffic congestion that has occurred in the past.
- Those who come to the pantry without being preregistered will be turned away and asked to come back after 4 pm to get food if it is still available.

Details of this and future mobile food pantries will be promoted on [The Neighborhood Table's Facebook page](#), [www.theneighborhoodtable.org](http://www.theneighborhoodtable.org) as well as the Facebook page of [SWEPS of Wisconsin Rapids](#) and [www.swepsantry.org](http://www.swepsantry.org)

### **About The Neighborhood Table**

The Neighborhood Table (TNT) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 charitable organization with the mission to reduce hunger, improve the quality of life and create an awareness of the needs that exist in the Wisconsin Rapids community and surrounding area. The organization was formed in late 2003 and has grown to serving approximately 20,000 meals annually on about 75 meal dates. TNT meals are served every Thursday and the last two Tuesdays of each month. More than 115 different groups, businesses and clubs in the area sponsor TNT meals. Core volunteers of The Neighborhood Table carry out the meal/soup kitchen program by offering a free meal to anyone in need. Meals are served from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the United Methodist Church of Wisconsin Rapids, 441 Garfield Street, Wisconsin Rapids. Take-out meals are available on Thursdays only by calling 715-422-1980. The program serves the communities of Wisconsin Rapids, Nekoosa, Port Edwards and surrounding areas in central Wisconsin. To learn more about TNT, available volunteer opportunities, or to make a donation, please visit [www.theneighborhoodtable.org](http://www.theneighborhoodtable.org).

### **About the South Wood Emerging Pantry Shelf**

The South Wood Emergency Pantry Shelf began in 1975 as a nonprofit organization to provide food to area residents in emergency situations. It has been generously supported by members of the community and the First Congregational Church, 311 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South, Wisconsin Rapids. Over the years, the organization grew to serving approximately 4,000 people annually with volunteers provided by local churches. In the fall of 2015, the SWEPS board approved the reorganization and move of SWEPS in order to better meet the need for food in the South Wood County area. Effective November 16, 2015, SWEPS became known as the South Wood Emerging Pantry Shelf and now operates at 331 – 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Wisconsin Rapids. In 2017, SWEPS served more than 15,000 people. Routine days and times of operation are: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 12 noon to 4:00 pm, and Tuesdays from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Those interested in volunteering for SWEPS should send a request to [swepsfoodpantry@solarus.net](mailto:swepsfoodpantry@solarus.net). Updates about SWEPS can be found on its [Facebook page](#) or at [www.swepsantry.org](http://www.swepsantry.org).

### **About Aspirus Riverview Foundation**

Aspirus Riverview Foundation, Inc. is the charitable and fundraising arm of Aspirus Riverview Hospital. It was established in 1984 for the purpose of seeking and holding funds to support Aspirus Riverview Hospital and other nonprofit health care and social service organizations serving South Wood County.

Aspirus Riverview Foundation's purpose is: "To promote, receive, hold, and invest contributions, gifts, bequests of any type of property from the general public or from other corporations and to disburse, loan, or donate such contributions, gifts, bequests, or the income thereon to Aspirus Riverview Hospital, Inc. a Wisconsin nonstock, nonprofit corporation, and such other nonprofit, tax-exempt health care and social service organizations serving Wood County as the Board of Directors of the Foundation elects to support. The mission of the Aspirus Riverview Foundation is to enhance the health and wellness of the communities it serves.

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*We share not only a meal, but also an atmosphere of hospitality and mutual respect.*