Introducing a Bountiful New Chapter

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Bountiful Basket Supporters,

We are so excited to share some big news with you! Bountiful Basket Food Shelf is preparing to launch our newest endeavor—**Bountiful Basket Resource Room and Bountiful Basket Thrift Store!** This exciting new initiative will expand our work beyond food to help meet additional needs of families throughout Carver County.

Scheduled to open in **Spring 2027**, the Resource Room and Thrift Store will be located at **2460 Chaska Boulevard**, the current home of The RAK Retail Shoppe. Our existing food shelf locations in Chaska and Cologne will remain unchanged.







Two New Spaces, One Purpose

The **Bountiful Basket Resource Room** will provide Carver County residents with free access to gently used clothing for children and adults, new socks and underwear, household goods, and other basic necessities.

The **Bountiful Basket Thrift Store** will be open to the public, offering quality donated clothing, household goods, and other items at affordable prices. Together, these two programs will expand access to essential items for our neighbors while creating a sustainable source of revenue to support Bountiful Basket's ongoing work in the community.

Why are we expanding in this way? This new initiative has grown from something we hear time and time again: **families are struggling to afford clothing and basic household essentials in addition to food.**



Through conversations with our clients, our Community Resource Navigator, and collaborative community partners, **we've seen and heard just how much these needs can place additional strain on already stretched household budgets.** Clothing, particularly for growing children, is a big concern for families.

To address these needs, several years ago, Bountiful Basket began expanding our efforts beyond food to help families access clothing and basic household essentials:

- **Bountiful Basket and The RAK partnered to establish a voucher program** that allowed our families to shop at The RAK for clothing and household goods.
- **Through a partnership with the His House Foundation**, its mobile resource bus visits our food shelf locations weekly providing families with access to free clothing.
- **And through our own back-to-school clothing distribution**, we were able to further support families by providing clothing for children as they prepared for a new school year.

As The RAK began considering its next chapter, Bountiful Basket was also exploring opportunities to expand its work beyond food. **The transition of this space felt like a natural and meaningful opportunity to bring those efforts together.**

We are incredibly grateful to Daniel Turzinski, Executive Director of the RAK, and The RAK Retail Shoppe for the kindness, generosity, and community spirit they have cultivated in Chaska over the past decade. These experiences have helped shape the vision for a permanent Resource Room **where families can access these items with dignity and care.**



We Invite You to Help!

We are excited to begin building this next chapter alongside our community, and we hope you’ll be part of it!

Bountiful Basket has established a **$150,000 fundraising goal** to renovate, equip, and prepare the new space. Project-specific gifts will help cover start-up expenses, including but not limited to renovations, fixtures, shelving, equipment, flooring, signage, technology, supplies, and other costs associated with opening the Resource Room and Thrift Store.

Every gift, large or small, makes a difference as we work together to bring these new resources and spaces to life, meeting the evolving needs of our neighbors.

If you’re able to make a larger gift, **donors contributing $5,000 or more toward the project will be recognized on a donor wall in the new space.** If this is of interest, please reach out to ***patti@bountifulbasketfoodshelf.org***.

You can also make your gift and impact today by clicking the button below!

Donate to Our Next Chapter

DONATION OF ITEMS: While we're not currently accepting donations for the Resource Room & Thrift Store, we encourage community members to begin saving gently used clothing, shoes, household goods, and more for future donations. **Detailed donation guidelines will be shared before collection begins; most likely in February 2027.**

VOLUNTEER: New, short-term and ongoing volunteer opportunities will be available at the Resource Room and Thrift Store. **Those interested can complete a volunteer application!** Please note, our volunteer opportunities will officially begin in early 2027, so you may not hear from us right away. **However, if one-time projects or special volunteer needs arise we may reach out sooner!**

Volunteer Application for Resource Room & Thrift Store

We are so grateful to have you alongside us as we continue to grow, listen, and respond to the needs of our community. This new space represents more than clothing and household essentials—it represents another way to nourish neighbors, inspire hope, and support families on their road to self-sufficiency.

Thank you for being part of the Bountiful Basket community. We can't wait to share what's ahead!

With gratitude,

Bountiful Basket Staff & Board

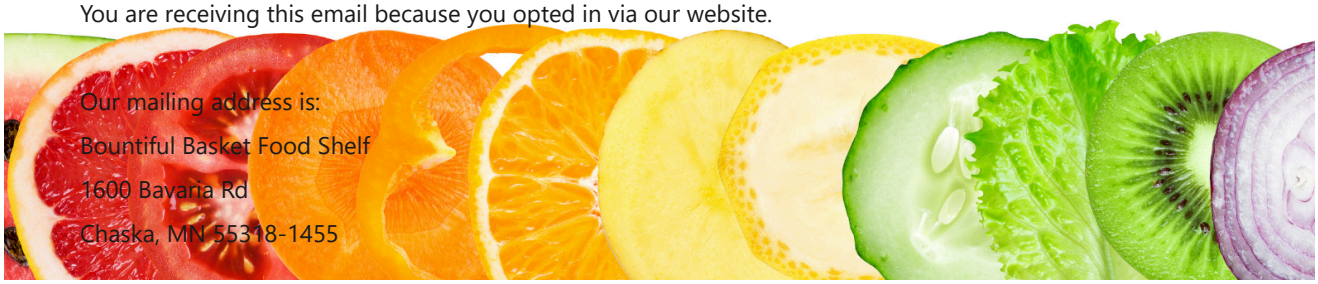
P.S. The RAK Retail Shoppe will be closing at the end of November. ***Follow them on Facebook*** to see weekly specials, closing sales & discounts, and make sure to support Daniel's incredible impact in the Chaska community before he steps away—could be the perfect place to find some holiday gifts!

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