

#### REATING BETTER HEALTH TOGETHER ACROSS MINNESOTA

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Healthy communities create opportunities for all Minnesotans to live longer, healthier lives.

Across the state, communities are working together through the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) to expand opportunities for active living, healthy eating and tobacco-free living.

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### SHIP Community Partners Legislative Districts 23A & 23B **SHIP STRATEGIES:** Active Living **Healthy Eating** 16F Tobacco Schools Child Care Health Care Workplace Multiple Strategies 248 **New Partner Sites** Tribal SHIP and 23A **Tobacco Grants**

Data represents SHIP community partners and their SHIP strategies during the period of Jan. 1, 2016 – Sept. 23, 2016. New partner locations were reported to MDH on Feb. 9, 2017; additional detail on strategies for these locations will be available April 1, 2017.

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## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

#### **ACTIVE LIVING**

SHIP helps community partners develop and implement plans that increase opportunities for walking and bicycling in communities.

Blue Earth Area Active Living
City of Fairmont
City of Jackson
City of Madison Lake
City of Trimont
Truman Active Living
Watonwan County Active
Living

#### **HEALTHY EATING**

SHIP increases access to healthier foods through work with food shelves, corner stores, farmers markets and community-based agriculture.

Bean Town Grill **Buds Cafe and Market** City of Butterfield City of Odin Cup N Saucer Jakes Pizza Janesville Food Shelf Jubas Kinderready Preschool and Daycare Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf LSS MN Senior Nutrition **Program Congregate** Gus Johnson Plaza Madelia Mobile Village New Richland Area Food Shelf **Poppes Gas Station Shell Gas Station** St. James Catholic Church **Stevermer Catering** 

The Village Toddler Town

#### **TOBACCO**

SHIP develops and implements plans that increase smoke-free housing options and reduces youth access to tobacco products.

Amberfield Madelia Amberfield Place (3) Garden Court Apartments Waseca County Parks

#### **SCHOOLS**

SHIP provides technical assistance to increase access to fresh local foods and give students more opportunities to be physically active before, during and after school.

Blue Earth Area Schools
Butterfield Schools
Granada Huntley East Chain
Lk. Crystal-Wellcome
Memorial Secondary
Martin County West
Sherburn Elementary
St. Clair Elementary
St. James Northside
Elementary
Trimont Elementary
Winnebago Elementary

#### **HEALTH CARE**

SHIP initiates and builds stronger relationships between clinics and community partners and increases access to programs that prevent chronic diseases.

Human Services of Faribault & Martin Counties Madelia Comm. Hospital

#### WORKPLACE

SHIP partners with employers to create workplaces that are tobacco-free, support breastfeeding, and promote physical activity and healthy eating for employees.

City of St. James
Des Moines Valley Health
and Human Services
Faribault County
Hy-Vee Foods - Fairmont
Smithfield Foods
Tony Downs - Madelia
Watonwan County
Human Services

#### **MULTIPLE STRATEGIES**

City of Lake Crystal
Jackson Cty. Central Senior
High
Lake Crystal Wellcome
Memorial Elementary
Madelia Elementary
Riverside Elementary
St. James Secondary

#### **NEW PARTNER SITES**

Hillcrest Rehabilitation Center Jackson HRA Janesville Waldorf Pemberton Schools -Secondary New Richland Food Shelf **New Richland Hartley** Ellendale Geneva Schools - Secondary **Sunrise Estates** Waterville Elysian Morristown Schools Waterville Elysian Western Community Action -Jackson

### Story from the field

# BRINGING LOCAL FOOD TO LOCAL KIDS AND SENIORS

What do some of Blue Earth County's youngest and oldest residents have in common? Through partnerships between BE WELL (Blue Earth Co SHIP), the Minnesota Valley Action Council (MVAC) Food Hub in Mankato, local school districts, and senior nutrition programs, both school age kids and area seniors are consuming more locally grown produce.

These partnerships began in 2014 when the MVAC Food Hub received BE WELL funding for equipment that allowed them to process locally grown produce for schools and other institutions.

BE WELL connected local schools with the food hub to help schools procure local healthy foods. Over 7,500 students from three local districts (77, 2071, & 2135) are eating local produce from the MVAC Food Hub.

School age kids are not the only ones eating more produce: adults over age 60 who participate in Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Senior Nutrition Program are also consuming more fruits and vegetables. Partnerships between the MVAC Food Hub, BE WELL and Healthy Together (Nicollet-Brown-LeSueur-Waseca Co. SHIP) have helped LSS kitchens to source, process and prepare local produce.

Through this initiative, LSS transformed kitchen practices and added the MVAC Food Hub as an official vendor. With local food and seasonings, their head cook is reducing salt and sugar content in the recipes they use, while maintaining great flavor.

Through these initiatives, both kids and seniors are eating healthier. This is evident in the amount of produce each location has received; St. Clair Schools – 770 pounds; ISD77/Mankato Area Public Schools – 9,864 pounds; LSS – 2,477 pounds, and Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial Schools – 629 pounds.

The MVAC Food Hub also sources from producers within 50 miles of Mankato, supporting local farmers.