



**Agency Name:** Anoka County Brotherhood Council, (ACBC) Emergency Food Shelf

**Location:** 2615 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. Anoka, MN 55303

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**Please tell us about your food shelf:** ACBC is open Monday – Thursday each week for clients to pick-up food and clothing. We have walk-ins and scheduled appointments. Walk-ins are welcome on Mondays & Wednesdays from 12:00 to 3:00 pm and Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Appointments can be scheduled on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Last year ACBC served 8,109 families or 28,468 individuals, 7,599 unduplicated. During 2009, 721,426 pounds of food were distributed. ACBC serves the cities of Anoka, Andover, Coon Rapids, Nowthen, Oak Grove, Ramsey, and part of Champlin.

**Please share with us some of your food shelf's major accomplishments during the past year:** We have several exciting developments at our food shelf. At the end of 2009, ACBC purchased the property next to the food shelf and leveled the existing home with hopes to expand our facility. A committee has been meeting to discuss renovations. No date has been set to begin the construction, but we have some preliminary plans. ACBC recently received a generous donation from the employees of our local ABC Newspapers toward the purchase of a new commercial refrigerator. Our Board was able to match the gift and we have had the new fridge for a couple of weeks. I'm sure all food shelves can relate to the continuous need for additional refrigerator and freezer space as the number of requests for food keeps rising. All of us at ACBC are very excited to finally be able to offer more milk, dairy products, and fresh produce to our clients. In June we began to hand out extra bags of food to our clients with children. This summer ACBC has partnered with local church youth groups to package these additional items for our children. Our client numbers continue to increase this year and in June we broke a record by serving over 800 families.