**ABOUT HQB**

The mission of Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, Inc is to improve the quality of life in our community by providing access to critical human services, fostering and promoting personal growth, and developing community leadership.

With a primary focus in the Summit-University area, Hallie Q. Brown Community Center successfully operates a wide variety of programs, which specifically address the critical needs of community residents.

- **Additional Fresh Produce and Bread Daily**
- **Pet Food**
- **Bridge to Benefits Administration**
- **Open Monday Through Friday, 9:00am—4:00pm**
- **Open Late on Wednesdays until 6:00pm**

Since 1929, the lighthouse of the community
For over 80 years, Hallie Q. Brown has been the Lighthouse of the Community...

The Food Shelf and Clothing Closet administers a broad range of emergency, referral and other support services. It is located at Hallie Q. Brown Community Center and operates a branch service center at Skyline Towers.

The Food Shelf operates on a Client Choice model which allows clients to select what they need to fill their allocation versus being given a prepackage parcel of food that may contain items they are unable to consume. The Clothing Closet provides free clothing and small household items for families. The goal is to assist families in achieving self-sufficiency and self-empowerment, thus reducing their dependency on the food shelf and other services for their health and well-being.

Annually, we participate with MN FoodShare’s March Campaign the largest food drive in the state and restocks almost 300 food shelves across Minnesota which matches all the donations raised in the month.

The Hallie Q. Brown Food Shelf has developed a strong network of partnerships with numerous area churches, schools and businesses such as Mississippi Market, Trader Joes, Whole Foods, Saint Paul Reformation Church, Macalester Plymouth Church, House of Hope Church, and the Pet Project in an effort to address the greater demand for emergency food services. This demand has increased significantly during the last few years.

These partnerships and our collective efforts to address this need have been invaluable to our organization and the residents of the Summit-University neighborhood.

In 2012, we served over 14,750 individuals in 1,165 households serving an average of 18,000 pounds of food per month for a total of 221,470 pounds for the year.

...this is why we shine so bright.