



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTHERN NEBRASKA

Hope in the Good Life

August 2023

St. Werenfridus/Hope in the Good Life Growers

Nourishing body and soul

St. Werenfridus was a Benedictine monk born in England in 690. From an early age, he sought a life of service to God and His creatures. As a young man, Werenfridus moved to Ireland to serve as a missionary. Under the direction of St. Willebrord, Werenfridus and a small group of missionaries were eventually sent by St. Egbert to evangelize the Frisons, Saxons and other pagans in the German territories.

Werenfridus quickly built an incomparable reputation for kindness and love of serving the afflicted and

poor. A vital role that he played at the monastery was that of the Cellarer. This was the person who would take care of the monastery gardens and provided all necessary foods and herbs not only for the monastic community but also for those in need and guests journeying on a pilgrimage.

St. Werenfridus loved providing nourishment, both spiritual and physical, to those in need.

Appropriately, he is the patron saint of produce growers.

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CSS HASTINGS IMPACT

July 2022 - June 2023

\$100K
IN FINANCIAL
SUPPORT

Via Family Support Services
& St. Gianna Program

200
TONS of FOOD
DISTRIBUTED

Feeding neighbors across the
region's 16 county area

37,000
LUNCHES
SERVED

Nourishing the hungry
with Open Table

56
TONS of
CLOTHING
RECYCLED

Good stewardship & sustaining
Hope in the Good life

83
FURNITURE
DELIVERIES

Basics for neighbors
needing a hand-up



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Each year at this time, Catholic Social Services is blessed to benefit from the generosity of farmers and growers of produce. Farmers and gardeners from all over show their love of serving their neighbors in need by sharing their corn, cucumbers, tomatoes and more. Some grow the produce, some deliver it- like Ivan Haschke. For what he thinks is about ten years running, Ivan delivers a pickup load of sweet corn to our CSS-Lincoln site. The corn is grown by a retired priest in the Columbus area. Ivan then

coordinates the picking of the corn and its delivery to CSS. Over the years, Ivan's grandkids who help deliver the corn get to partake in ice cream once the work is done!

Thank you to all who donate the bounty of their harvests to our CSS sites in Auburn, Hastings, Imperial and Lincoln. If you have fresh produce that you would like to donate to our neighbors in southern Nebraska, reach out to us at csshope.org/connect.



Bountiful Harvest 2023 set for Sunday, October 8th

Save the date- our Bountiful Harvest 2023 will take place on Sunday, October 8th at the Hastings City Auditorium. A celebration of our work by our Hastings staff in central Nebraska, Bountiful Harvest 2023 begins with a social hour at 5:00pm followed by a delicious meal and fun and informative program at 6:00pm. Once again there will be an online silent auction- so even if you can't make the banquet you can still be a part of the celebration by bidding on great items online! Visit csshope.org/BH23 for more information.