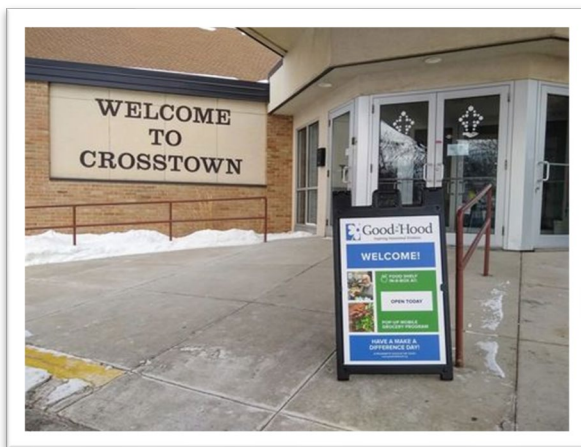




Bossen Park Crosstown Covenant Church Food shelf Event



On April 24, 2024, Office of Community Safety (OCS) staff attended the food shelf event at Crosstown Covenant Church and Diamond Hill Townhomes. The team doing the City of Minneapolis staff spoke English, Spanish, and Somali. We talked with 26 adults including:

- Spanish speaking individuals
- Somali speaking individuals
- English speaking individuals
- Minneapolis residents
- Visitors to Minneapolis

Individuals were asked what social services were most important to them for the Lake Street County Safety Center and the South Minneapolis Community Safety Center. Most people said the same social services were important at both sites.

Top 5 social services:

- Drug or alcohol addiction
- Mental health
- Education support
- Homeless resources
- Youth

Top ranked other uses and resources:

- Art
 - Artwork that people can look at that is breathtaking, magical, and warm
- Medical services
- Free office space for small business
- Community meeting space

Other comments of note:

- More police. No Encampments.
- Doesn't want social services in a police station.
- Offer free gun locks.
- Workshops that teach people how to work with individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.
- Increase safety on buses and trains.