**Talking points March Out Hunger food drive**

* With one in eight Minnesotans struggling to put food on the table and the Irish no stranger to hunger, we joined a nationwide effort to encourage food and monetary donations during the season of St. Patrick.
* Annually our organization, IN Minnesota teams up with the Saint Patrick’s Association and Minnesota FoodShare’s campaign to help March Out Hunger. This year we are also partnering with Finnegans beer.
* Milwaukee, New York, Wisconsin and Tampa, Florida are also part of the food drive “In the Spirit of St. Patrick” Minnesota Irish and friends have set a goal of $5,000 monetary donations and over a ton of food items collected during the month of March.
* Visit [www.facebook.com/marchouthungerstpaulmnparade](http://www.facebook.com/marchouthungerstpaulmnparade) for participating pick up & drop off locations.
* Make financial donations at: [www.mnfoodshare.org/donate/](http://www.mnfoodshare.org/donate/)
* Go to the 51st annual St. Patrick’s Day starting at noon in downtown St. Paul on March 17th. Look for the green FINNEGANS Reverse food truck along the parade route
* Watch for Finnegan’s Beer Reverse Food Truck in the St. Paul, St. Patrick’s Day parade where we will be collecting food and monetary donations.
* In the last Three years we collected more than 3 tons of food and several hundred dollars in donations in events leading up to the parade and at the March 17 parade.
* A portion of cash donations are matched by Minnesota Food Share and are distributed to 300 local foods shelves STATEWIDE. Food donations are delivered to downtown St. Paul’s Neighborhood House.

**In the spirit of St. Patrick, we think that helping our neighbors in need is a key way to honor our shared Irish heritage.**