

thank you!



We are extremely honored to celebrate the tremendous impact of our partnership with SUCCESS – a leader in managed IT and security services in the Twin Cities Metro - over the past year. Thanks to their extraordinary support, Open Arms provided two of our critically ill neighbors with meals for the entire year – over 16,000 meals! Whether it's volunteering in our kitchens or sponsoring Moveable Feast, the entire SUCCESS team has set an example of commitment and investment in our mission. Their unique dedication breathes life into our vision, showcasing the spirit of community and compassion.

On behalf of all of us at Open Arms, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to SUCCESS for playing an integral role in our mission. **Thank you for going above and beyond for our clients!**



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# NEWS



## A NOTE FROM OUR CEO, LEAH

It's Moveable Feast season! We are gearing up for the largest annual gathering of our community, and the anticipation builds every day! As this will be the 20th anniversary of our incredible gala, I am reflecting on how far we've in 20 years. In 2005, Open Arms began serving people with critical illnesses beyond HIV/AIDS, delivering over 105,000 meals to more than 300 clients. Twenty years later, we are delivering over 1.5 million meals to more than 4,000 clients per year. It's an amazing transformation thanks to the passion and commitment of our community. I hope to see you soon - maybe at Moveable Feast in May!

# EVENTS



**Thursday, April 11 | 6:30 p.m.**

Embark on a sensory adventure with our spring Pop-Up Dinner being held in St. Paul! Titled 'Blossom' in celebration of spring, our chefs have crafted a unique menu for you, your friends, and your family. Secure your tickets today!



**The Great Minnesota Bake Sale**

We're calling it 'The Great Minnesota Bake Sale.' With the support of over 50 bakeries, coffee shops, and cafes across the Twin Cities Metro, the Great Minnesota Bake Sale - Open Arm's newest event - will take place June 23-30. Keep an eye out for more details!



## MOVEABLE FEAST '24 PARIS EST UNE FETE

Moveable Feast, the Twin Cities' most unique fundraising gala, is set for May 16 at 5 p.m. at the Minneapolis Event Centers! We cordially invite you to celebrate your nouveau bohemian with this year's theme, 'Paris Est Une Fête,' an ode to early 20th-century Paris inspired by Ernest Hemingway's memoir, *A Moveable Feast*. Named for its unique format and superb restaurant partners, Moveable Feast is our largest and most beloved annual event, and we can't wait to celebrate the 20th anniversary of this exciting gathering.

Visit [openarmsmoveablefeast.org](http://openarmsmoveablefeast.org) for tickets!

## GIVING BACK, A CLIENT'S PERSPECTIVE



April is National Volunteer Month, which we proudly support through Volunteer Appreciation Week (details below). Did you know that some of our clients are also volunteers? For them, the impact of our meals is so profound that they seek opportunities to give back once they are able. Kathleen, a client in Richfield, is one such example. After Multiple Sclerosis prevented her from being a delivery driver, she tapped into her passion and expertise as a writer. With the pen as her tool, Kathleen now shares Open Arms' story with a wider audience - writing letters and articles, and telling her story - as a way to give back to the organization she loves.

## PLANTING SEASON ON THE FARMS



With spring comes planting season at our five Open Farms locations! Kelly Wilson (Open Farms Manager) and her team, along with a fleet of volunteers, have been busy getting veggies and herbs in the ground as we embark on the 13th year of our Open Farms program! Kelly has a lot of new crops going in this year, including Malabar spinach, Lina Sisco's Bird Egg Beans, and Goldini zucchini — all of which will be included in our Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) boxes now available for purchase! Our farms are always a popular group volunteer activity, so please check out the schedule online and take part in providing the best nourishment possible to our clients!

# VOLUNTEER



We will once again be pulling out all the stops for one of our favorite moments of the year! Volunteer Appreciation Week will be celebrated on both campuses from April 14-20, and we can't wait to shower our volunteers with love, gratitude, and admiration! We value the contributions of each of the thousands of volunteers who come through our doors annually. Without you, our mission would not be possible. Bring your family and friends and get ready to be the center of attention (even more so than usual) throughout the week!

Scan the QR code on the right or visit [openarmsmn.org/volunteer](http://openarmsmn.org/volunteer) to sign up to volunteer!

