

“WHY DO I ONLY  
GET EVERYBODY’S  
TABLE SCRAPS?”

- A HUNGRY CHICAGOAN

GET INVOLVED TODAY!

- Buy Vouchers - Intern - Volunteer
- Raise awareness about Chicago Shares
- Recruit voucher-accepting merchants
- Seek out voucher vendors - Donate

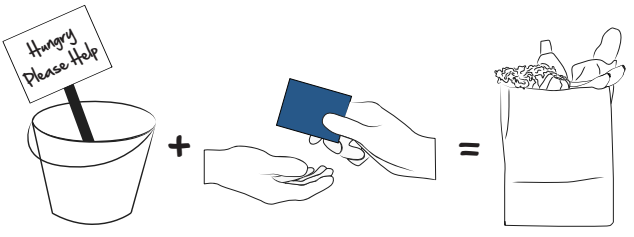
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# CHICAGO SHARES



## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Chicago Shares provides Chicagoans with a safe and easy way to help the hungry.



- 1: You buy vouchers.
- 2: You give the vouchers.
- 3: The vouchers are redeemed for food and personal care items from participating merchants.
- 4: We reimburse the merchant in cash.



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Chicago Shares is a not-for-profit corporation whose mission is to provide a way for individuals, agencies, religious communities, corporations and retail merchants to collaborate in helping hungry people through a food voucher system set up and administered by Chicago Shares.

## OUR MISSION

## OUR HISTORY

Inspired by a similar voucher program in Berkeley, California, Chicago Shares was launched in January of 1993 at Holy Name Cathedral. Chicago Shares has always been a volunteer program, which means there is no paid staff. Our volunteers have been the key to the success and growth of this program.

## WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT CHICAGO SHARES...

“I’ve been accepting Chicago Shares for 10 years because it’s a way that I can help take care of the needy. I am helping my community by helping those in need. I like the program because it helps in the right way. The coupons are used for food, not for tobacco or liquor. The program is efficient. And the Chicago Shares representatives are a very conscientious in picking up the vouchers and bringing me a check in a timely manner.”

- **Max**

Owner of Max’s Take-Out  
Redeems Chicago Shares Vouchers

## LIFE OF A VOUCHER

WE SELL VOUCHERS  
to the public.



YOU GIVE VOUCHERS  
to those in need.



MERCHANTS ACCEPT  
VOUCHERS  
as tender for  
food & personal items.



WE REIMBURSE THE  
MERCHANTS  
for each voucher that  
they accept.

\* Money from unredeemed vouchers is donated to hunger relief organizations.

“I buy Chicago Shares and give them to the needy for a lot of reasons. One of the biggest is that I feel extremely grateful for my own situation. I have never gone hungry in my life, thanks to many gifts that I have received. When I see someone who is struggling to obtain the basic necessities of life, like food and shelter, I feel a sense of obligation to share some of my good fortune. It’s just a small way of saying thanks.”

- **Tom McKenna**

Buys Chicago Shares Vouchers

## FACT

In 2008, Chicago Shares merchants redeemed 23,045 vouchers.