

# Action in the Heartland

Driving climate progress in Minnesota and beyond

Sept. 30,  
2025  
8 a.m.



Fresh Energy

Fresh Energy's  
**2025 Benefit Breakfast**  
at the Saint Paul RiverCentre  
and virtual livestream



*Hosted by*  
**Dr. Margaret  
Cherne-Hendrick**  
Chief Executive Officer  
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*Karie Kirschbaum*  
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*Bob Blake*  
Solar Bear and Native  
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*Alex Savelli*  
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## Volunteer Opportunities for Fresh Energy's Benefit Breakfast

Fresh Energy is seeking enthusiastic and dependable volunteers for our 2025 Benefit Breakfast on September 30 at the Saint Paul RiverCentre! This fun, high-energy event raises critical funds that power Fresh Energy's work to shape and drive bold policies to achieve equitable carbon-neutral economies and build a just, prosperous, and resilient clean energy future for Minnesota, the Midwest, and beyond.

**Volunteers are crucial to making the Benefit Breakfast a success. Volunteers help with:**

- ▶ Event set up
- ▶ Greeting guests and checking them in
- ▶ Directing attendees to the venue and/or their assigned table
- ▶ Helping with the Fair of the Future all-electric showroom
- ▶ Event tear down and clean up

**As a volunteer, you'll have the opportunity to:**

- ▶ Attend the event and enjoy breakfast for free
- ▶ Engage with other clean energy enthusiasts
- ▶ Hear from a panel of three Minnesota thought leaders and changemakers who are overcoming challenges to create a new playbook for making clean energy and climate progress right here in Minnesota.



### Event details

[Fresh Energy's Benefit Breakfast](#)

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

6:30-10:15 a.m.

Saint Paul RiverCentre

### Schedule\*

6:30-8 a.m. Arrive and park; Event overview with coffee/tea, set up, pre-event roles.

8-9:15 a.m. Program; watch or help direct late arrivals.

9:15-10:15 a.m. Clean up, collect name tags, etc.

**To learn more or sign up to volunteer, please contact:**

Leigh Onkka, Director, Development Operations and Grants, [onkka@fresh-energy.org](mailto:onkka@fresh-energy.org) or 651 726 7572

\*If you can only volunteer for a portion of the 4-hour shift, that is okay. We welcome your support! Previous event experience is not necessary; we will provide the training you need to be successful. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age or older.

Learn more



[fresh-energy.org/benefitbreakfast25](https://fresh-energy.org/benefitbreakfast25)