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*Food Security, Responsiveness, Compassion, Faith.*

# NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD PANTRIES

## OUR MISSION

To effectively **DISTRIBUTE FOOD AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE** in our neighborhoods through community and faith partnerships, collaborations, volunteer efforts, and ongoing fundraising.

OUR  
 NETWORK  
 PARTNER



**68,000 People in DuPage County don't know where their next meal is coming from—you can make a difference!**



**Help us provide Food Security all year long!**

*Wendy, volunteer and former pantry guest at Real Life Church in West Chicago (Featured speaker at 2017 HarvestFest)*

## THANK YOU!

Three years ago I began volunteering at the NFP pantry at Real Life Church in West Chicago. Shortly thereafter my husband of 13 years moved out, leaving me with no money, no job, 5 kids, a mortgage, 2 dogs, and 2 cats - I was a bit overwhelmed (to say the least).

I didn't start receiving child support for about a year, but I took odd jobs (painting, cleaning homes, work- whatever I could find). I was to the point of losing our home and questioning where we would live.

I found myself needing the services the pantry offered - I had to choose whether to feed my children or keep the lights and heat on, but Ken and Nancy always made sure my family was taken care of. They were truly concerned about our family, and took the time to listen, as they do with so many of their guests. We received fresh fruit and vegetables, eggs, milk, meat, cereal...I could go on and on.

Volunteering at the pantry gave me confidence, current work experience that I used on my resume, and emotional support from other volunteers and guests. My kids also got to see that we were not so bad off, and you just never know who needs a little extra help sometimes. We were not alone and this was just the beginning of a new chapter of our life.

Because the pantry had allowed FedEx to place fliers for guests to find work, I started working with FedEx on Feb 25, 2015, and am now an operations manager. I have great benefits and a promising career ahead, and anticipate graduating with my Bachelor's degree in 2019.

The pantry made this horrible transition much easier, not only by helping with food, but with discounts at a local mechanic's shop, help with utilities, Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas gifts. I think back and am amazed at the amount of help I had received from friends, family, church and the pantry.

I could not have come so far without everyone's help and I could never put into words how grateful I am that we have such an amazing resource so close.

*Wendy*

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### Shopping Cart Shuffle 5K

Our annual 5K event takes place in early August each year, raising much needed funds to feed our neighbors in need.

This year's event was held at a new location with beautiful views at Mallard Lake Forest Preserve. The chip-timed, USATF certified, event was ideal for serious runners and walkers alike.

Thanks to the runners, volunteers and organizing committee who made it possible - lace up your shoes and we will see you next year!

### REVENUES

Church contributions	79,036
Business & Community	29,148
Individual contributions-appeals	20,424
Individual contributions	26,137
Other church organizations	21,473
Grants	79,658
Fundraising	50,381
Other	641
<b>Total Receipts – Cash</b>	<b>306,898</b>

Food donations & recovery	3,324,205
Other	4,680
<b>Total Receipts – In-Kind</b>	<b>3,328,885</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>3,635,783</b>

### EXPENSES

Employee related expenses	149,323
Non-food Assistance	5,872
Food costs in-kind distribution	3,324,205
Food costs	79,322
Other operating expenses	16,662
Annual Appeal Expenses	3,318
Professional services	6,290
Fundraising event expenses	11,030
Insurance	11,159
Website/Social Media	2,154
Office supplies/Meetings/Phone	8,723
Vehicle expenses	6,138
Depreciation/Amortization	25,497
Other expenses	9,363
Subtotal Operational Expenses	3,503,861
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>3,659,056</b>

<b>NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(23,273)</b>
<b>Cash Balance 7-1-17</b>	<b>76,476</b>

## Events at Neighborhood Food Pantries

### HarvestFest

Our annual Dinner Auction takes place in late October each year, and this year took place at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Our event emcee, Dave Savini of CBS2-Chicago led our live auction, our "fund-a-cause", and kept our event exciting for all!

Thanks to all the generous guests who opened their hearts (and their wallets), as well as the volunteers who made it all happen! Because of you we were able to raise more than \$67,000 in total and nearly \$57,000 net profit to feed our neighbors!



*"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."*  
- Dr. Seuss, The Lorax

## GET INVOLVED!

### Host a 'friendraiser':

- Cocktails, barbeque or other event at your home
- Home party event where a portion of the sales benefit our pantries
- Neighborhood Garage sale with proceeds benefitting our pantries
- Neighborhood Food Drive

### Get your child's school involved

- Coin Collection Drive
- "Wear Orange" Day
- No uniform or hat day
- Paper Plate campaign

### Get your place of business involved

- Jeans Day
- Chili cook-off, pancake breakfast or other event
- Brown Bag day

### Get your congregation involved

- Collect donations of food or scarce items for our pantries
- Monetary collection
- Become a church partner



Questions or other ideas about how to support our neighbors in need? Contact Heather Kash, Development Director, at [Heather@NeighborhoodFP.org](mailto:Heather@NeighborhoodFP.org)