

Shame Free Collective

501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

Building shame-free access to food across Michigan

It's not that there isn't enough food--it's that there isn't enough access.
By installing these pantries, together we are creating access.

How It Started

The Shame Free Pantry Project began by converting a small farm stand in my front yard into a free pantry. After sharing the idea on social media, I heard a resounding message from the community:

"I want to do this, but I don't know how to get started."

So I did something about it.

What started as one pantry quickly grew into building and installing Shame Free Pantries for neighbors across West Michigan who want to be a part of the solution to food insecurity.

This project is powered by community support and neighbors willing to host and maintain a pantry. What began as one small act has grown into a scalable, community led movement.

- **No forms.**
- **No questions.**
- **No barriers.**

Just food and essentials, available 24/7

Because everyone deserves access without shame.

A single pantry can serve dozens of neighbors each day with a simple philosophy "Take what you need. Leave what you can." What starts small quickly ripples outward, creating a network of communities supporting one another.

Why We Build

Food insecurity continues to affect families across Michigan. The consistent need for pantry installations shows not only the urgency— but also the willingness of neighbors to step up and be a part of the solution.

Each Pantry Is:

- Built from a simple one-sheet design
- Weather-resistant
- Placed in accessible neighborhood locations
- Stocked by the neighbors, for the neighbors

This is local action. Small builds. Real impact.

How It Works

A Sponsored Build Covers:

- PVC panels (4x8)
- Hardware
- Adhesives
- Installation

Ways to Support

- **Donations directly support materials and help us continue building and installing.**

Optional Sponsor Recognition (if desired):

- Social media shout-out.
- Business name and logo featured on pantry plaque (with a business package sponsorship)

Together, we're making food access simple, local and shame-free.

Our Goal

- Make food and hygiene essentials accessible 24/7.
- Empower neighbors to be part of the solution to food insecurity.
- To plant pantries throughout communities, removing shame and restoring dignity.

This is not a one-time project. This is a community led movement.



The original farmstand that became the first Shame Free Pantry.



First of many free pantries now in Neighborhoods throughout West Michigan

Get Involved

- Sponsor a pantry build.
- Request a pantry in your neighborhood.
- Donate or contribute supplies.
- Share the mission.

Tax-Deductible Giving

Shame Free Collective is an approved 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations may be tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Sponsor a pantry:

[Help fund the next pantry](#)

Your support goes directly to supporting Shame Free Collective.

With love and deep gratitude for your support,

-Shame Free Collective

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