

Food Pantry Info

Kingswood Church Food Pantry

Kingswood Church operates an all-volunteer Food Pantry that provides food to families and individuals throughout Wheeling Township once a week. The towns include: Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Des Plaines, Glenview, Mt. Prospect, Northbrook, Palatine and Prospect Heights.

Because the Food Pantry is officially designated as an emergency food pantry, families/individuals are allowed to visit 12 times a year. Proof of residency is required; however no one is asked for income verification. The format is a drive-up in front of the church on Thursday mornings between 9:30 a.m. and noon. Each recipient receives a pre-packaged box and bag of food items including soups, pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, beans, rice, cereal, pasta sauce and (when requested) staples like flour and oil. The pantry distributes other items that are donated such as diapers, baby formula, pre-packaged foods and miscellaneous items such as toiletries and cleaning products. Occasionally half gallon bottles of milk from local grocery stores or other produce items are distributed when donated. The pantry is sustained by financial donations and in-kind contributions from both members of the church and others in the community.

Twice a year (usually April and November) hundreds of pounds of frozen chickens are distributed, made available by Hunger Resource Network, Northbrook. In addition, frozen turkey or ham dinners are donated by Jewel Food stores during the winter holidays - after Thanksgiving and around Christmas.

Volunteer Opportunities

A team of 5 volunteers from the congregation oversee and manage the Food pantry, where responsibilities include purchase of food, oversight of the food storage, management of Manna House (next door to the church), and scheduling volunteers. Volunteers are needed to:

- Pick up pre-ordered food at Jewel/Arlington Heights
- Shelf food items
- Pack bags and boxes for distribution on Thursday mornings
- Work on Thursday mornings to greet families, maintain records, and oversee food distribution
- Help put away some of the periodic frozen food items during large food drives
- Pick up berry boxes from local grocery stores

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