



Glen Ellyn
Food Pantry, Inc.

Media Kit

WELCOME

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The Glen Ellyn Food Pantry continues to be incredibly grateful for the tremendous support in helping us Make Hunger History in our neighborhoods. With the support of our community, the Food Pantry continues to reach historic milestones in the fight against food insecurity by distributing a record 900,000 pounds of food last year ... or 750,000 meals. Each year, more than 31,000 individuals rely on us for nutritional support ... a number that continues to rise.

Many families are struggling to pay higher living costs with fewer resources, having to make the decision whether to pay a utility bill or put groceries on the dinner table. Children aren't getting fresh produce or other high-nutrient food that keeps them active and healthy. Seniors living on social security or a fixed income often skip meals to pay for medicine or utilities. Food is a medical necessity for all.

Stewardship is key to everything we do – we make every effort to maximize the value of every donation we receive. We rely on our church partners, retail relationships, the amazing network of community organizations, and the support of generous donors to maintain a fully stocked pantry all year through. We are blessed with a powerful and engaged community ... people who believe that no one should go hungry.

Solving the hunger problem in our community requires an amazing orchestration of our efforts of over 400 passionate volunteers, young and old, corporate groups, community neighbors and church members, who work tirelessly each and every day to help us provide sustenance to those in need. Meeting this urgent need for food assistance is only part of our mission. We also strive to build relationships with our clients ... provide nutritious food to the under-resourced ... be the smile in our clients' day that may not otherwise be present in their lives.

Together, we make hunger history.

Please stop by and visit our Pantry so you can see first hand the good works happening in support of those experiencing food insecurity in our local communities.

In Gratitude,



Susan Papierski
Executive Director
Glen Ellyn Food Pantry

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HISTORY OF THE GLEN ELLYN FOOD PANTRY

In 1979, the Senior High School group at Grace Lutheran Church had the idea to collect food to hand out to families and individuals who stopped by the Church office asking for assistance. It was a great idea, and the concept grew to the point that the Church office could not keep up. So, in 1985, independent of Grace Church, the first part-time staff was hired to run the Pantry in a small classroom in Grace Church. At that time, the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry was incorporated and became a 501©3 organization ... which is a federally recognized non-profit organization serving Glen Ellyn, Wheaton, Carol Stream, Lombard, Glendale Heights and Lisle and was overseen by the Board of Directors which is an endeavor of 15 Glen Ellyn churches.

Fast forward to today, where our concept and ministry remains the same, however, daily operations have changed significantly than from just 5 or 6 years ago. We are now run by 8 part-time staff, occupy 2000+ square feet in Grace Church, and most importantly, have established a volunteer base that logs more than 11,000 hours annually.

Direct Connect food recovery has been a life changing force within our operations of the past 4 years. Our partnership with the Northern IL Food Bank has afforded us the opportunity to recover from 9 different retail partners: Walmart/Glen Ellyn, Walmart/Bloomingtondale, Jewel, The Fresh Market, Panera Bread, Aldi, Caputo's, Bimbo Bakery and Einstein Bagels. And our recovery program continues to be even more impactful ... the first 6 months of 2016 is reflecting an increase of just under 50% in the amount of food recovered from this same time in 2015 ... Year End numbers look to be even stronger. The Direct Connect food recovery program allowed our Pantry to serve an additional 42% of families, and distribute 65% more food bags in 2014. Once again, it is because of the commitment of Grace Church, and the generosity to allow us to 'do our thing' in the Fellowship Room each and every day, that we can fully partake in the food recovery opportunity.

Additional funding and food donations are received from various sources throughout the community:

- Our Partnership with 15 Glen Ellyn churches, who provide food, finances and funding on a monthly basis;
- Area elementary, junior high and high schools who rotate on a monthly schedule to organize food drives for our Pantry;
- Private ... corporate ... and government grants;
- Local businesses, organizations and individuals in our community, who make incredible commitments through finances, time and talents.

We look forward to what is ahead in the coming months and years. One thing is for sure ... with God's help, we will continue to make an impact closing the meal gap in our community and service area.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Glen Ellyn Food Pantry is a non-profit ecumenical endeavor of Glen Ellyn churches who work in collaboration to provide food and volunteers to serve persons in our community who are in emergency or in need of sustenance. We will work closely with our network of food pantries, agencies and community to maximize our effectiveness in serving the food insecure in our service area.

OUR 15 CHURCH PARTNERS:

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church	480 South Park Boulevard	Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	630.469.7540
St. Petronille Catholic Church	420 Glenwood Avenue,	Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	630.469.0404
First Congregational Church	535 Forest Avenue,	Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	630.469.3096
First Presbyterian Church	550 North Main Street,	Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	630.469.2007
First United Methodist Church	424 Forest Avenue,	Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	630.469.3510
St. Luke Lutheran Church	23W080 Butterfield Road,	Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	630.469.5552
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church	22W415 Butterfield Road,	Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	630.469.1394
Evangelical Covenant Church	277 Hawthorne Blvd.,	Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	630.469.5405
Faith Lutheran Church	41 North Park Blvd.,	Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	630.469.2361
Seventh Day Adventist Church	1N450 Main Street,	Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	630.858.8510
St. Mark's Episcopal Church	393 North Main Street,	Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	630.858.1020
St. Thomas United Methodist Church	2S511 Route 53,	Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	630.469.1214
Grace Lutheran Church	493 Forest Avenue,	Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	630.469.1555
Village Green Baptist Church	200 South Lambert Road,	Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	630.469.4400
Glen Ellyn Bible Church	501 Hillside Avenue,	Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	630.469.2964

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VISION STATEMENT

The Glen Ellyn Food Pantry operates with an overarching view that through growing community awareness of our Pantry's program and resources, we can reduce and eliminate hunger, and close the meal gap in our community.

How?

We will create and maintain a distribution process that will fully utilize donated and purchased food made available to our Food Pantry. Food distribution will be increased by maximizing use of available resources through the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Direct Connect food recovery programs, and by means of individual and community donations.

We will promote, educate and act as advocate on issues related to hunger in our service areas. Additionally, we will educate the public about the nature of, and solutions to, the problems of hunger in our communities and become a primary advocate for hunger and poverty issues in our region.

We will continue to work closely with our network of food pantries and agencies in order to maximize the effectiveness of our client services.

The Glen Ellyn Food Pantry will continue to maintain primary focus of identifying means with which to provide healthy, protein rich foods to Food Pantry clients.

VALUES

SERVICE

We are a network of 15 churches, driven by client needs and interests from the grassroots to ensure we are able to meet our vision and mission.

DIGNITY AND RESPECT

We maintain the dignity and respect among our clients, volunteers, partners, donors, staff members and Board of Directors.

STEWARDSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS

We maintain a strong focus on doing what's right for all persons affiliated with the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry and those served across the community.

We strive to ensure that our work has a positive social, spiritual and environmental impact.

INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

We are an accountable and transparent organization, utilizing best practices to meet the highest standards of integrity in our finances, partnerships, communications and all activities.

INNOVATION

We strive to be innovative through creative programs and solutions to reduce hunger in Glen Ellyn and its surrounding communities.

COLLECTIVE POWER

We work collaboratively with our member churches, partners, and community to achieve our vision.

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COMMUNITY IMPACT

2017 Statistics

- 9,000 families served
- 29,000 individuals served
- 58,000 bags of food distributed
- \$2,600,000 of food distributed
- 900,000 pounds of food distributed
- 750,000 meals distributed

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HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY	9 AM – 3 PM
TUESDAY	9 AM – 6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	9 AM – 3 PM
THURSDAY	9 AM – 3 PM
FRIDAY	9 AM – 12 PM
SATURDAY	CLOSED
SUNDAY	CLOSED