

Food for Thought

A Newsletter for Volunteers

A Visit with a Senator

On April 12th, we and other groups, like Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin and the Farm Shed were invited by Ozaukee Food Alliance to participate in a roundtable listening session with U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin.

It was an interesting discussion regarding the impacts of potential cuts to food programs that benefit many of our clients.

There was general consensus that any cuts to programs like SNAP (branded 'FoodShare' in Wisconsin), will likely cause our clients to be even more reliant on services food pantries provide.

Our pantry obtains free or

low-cost food from Feeding America. Many of our clients use FoodShare and WIC. Cuts impacting those programs and more could affect everyone (clients, food banks, pantries, and schools) financially. Although some cuts have already been made, it's hard to discern the long-term impacts, because budget legislation hasn't been put forward yet.

If you wish to help, please contact your House of Representatives member or Senators Baldwin and Johnson to register your concern about potential food program cuts.



Monthly Items to be Computerized

Starting in June, we will begin logging client monthly items into our computer system, rather than on manual cards. Attendants in that area will scan client badges, bring up their 'household' screen, and be able to navigate and make up-

dates to their monthly items section. There they will be able to record items distributed or see how many items clients have checked out for the month. The system is flexible enough to handle exceptions that may occur. Training will be provided by Scott Brost.

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May Birthdays

Carol Meinerz, 4th
Dawn Calarco, 27th
Garrett Adams, 28th

Brost Scott	1 Members	
QTY this month = 4		
Monthly Item List (this mo)		
4 of 4 items		
Item	Qty	Date
Paper Towels	1	Apr 12, 2025
Pepper	1	Apr 12, 2025
Salt	1	Apr 22, 2025
Vegetable Oil - Large	1	Apr 12, 2025

Cheese for Everyone!

Facilitated by the Food Recovery Network, we received a pallet of fancy shredded sharp cheddar cheese from Sargento. Each case of cheese contained nine 2 pound bags. This item has been very popular with our clients. We would like to thank Family Sharing for picking up and delivering this donation to us.



Notes

- We have a new receipt process. There is now a 2-part form that people receiving donor goods will fill out. The white copy is given to the donor. The yellow part is kept with the donation. The weight will be recorded on the yellow copy. The yellow copy is then placed into the 'Assorted Donors' folder near the food sorting table. This will help us to keep better track of donations so that we don't miss any 'thank you' notes to donors.
- If you are interested in becoming the Salvation Army Red Kettle Coordinator for Ozaukee County, please contact Mark Schowalter at 262-284-4416.



In Appreciation

- SJXXIII School teachers, staff, students and parents for their Lenten sock drive benefitting our gift area.
- SJXXIII 5th grade students for helping assemble Easter treats for our clients.
- Divine Savior Parish for their April food drive
- Lakeside Alliance church for their 'Dunk on Hunger' food drive
- Garret Adams for getting our new Venmo donation labels onto our barrels.
- All of the folks who are stepping up to fill in for pickups and shopping while Joyce and Scott are out.
- Family Sharing for delivering our shipment of cheese from Sargento.
- Paula Davison and Scott and Joyce Brost for helping with stocking operations
- Family Sharing for loaning us an electric pallet jack for use in the new building
- Port Washington State Bank for their food drive and matching funds campaign to benefit us and Family Sharing
- Home Depot for their group of volunteers who helped clean and organize several rooms at the new pantry.
- Ozaukee Food Alliance for inviting us to the Senator Baldwin listening session.

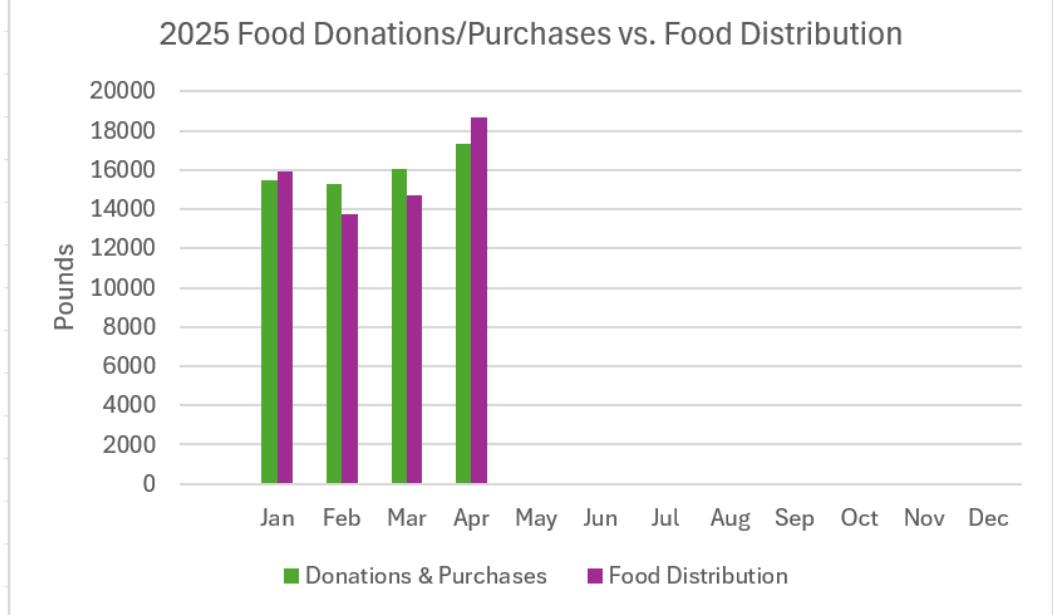
THANKS!

Food Drives, Fundraisers & Events

- The Steerage Dining Saloon in downtown Port Washington continues to support our pantry with their special drink menu. One dollar from every drink sold is donated to the pantry. Stop in and try one and have a great meal too!
- Local real estate agent Emily Eastman is hosting a food barrel in conjunction with some open house events
- Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger, May 10th
- Food drive in conjunction with National Night Out hosted by the Port Washington Police Department (for Ozaukee County) Tuesday, August 6th
- Beanie's dine to donate (date TBD)



2025 Food Donations/Purchases vs. Food Distribution



Pantry Collaborations

- We have invited Family Sharing and Ozaukee Food Alliance to join us for National Night Out, held in Port Washington this year.
- Family Sharing has loaned us an electric pallet jack for use at the new pantry.
- April 12th meeting with Ozaukee Food Alliance and Senator Baldwin



New Pantry Pictures

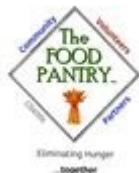


This is an electric pallet jack that is on long-term loan to our pantry, thanks to Family Sharing.

Our racking for food inventory has been delivered. Our board has assembled a crew to put them together soon.



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**Working together to alleviate hunger in
our community by acquiring and
distributing food to those who seek aid.**

Our History

Serving all of Ozaukee County residents, as well as Random Lake in Southern Sheboygan County. We distribute to all faiths and are blessed for the donated space in the Saint John XXIII rectory basement since 1982.



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