

Food for Thought

A Newsletter for Volunteers

Volunteers Get a Sneak Peek

Board President Steve Hansen conducted the first tour for pantry volunteers on Friday, June 27. Volunteers got to see food sorting and storage areas, the planned kitchen, the new clothing and gift areas, as well as the client serving areas. There will be another opportunity to tour the new building for those who were unable to make it this time.

Here are some of the questions volunteers asked:

Q: Will we be serving food to the clients?

A: We may choose to offer food samples from time to time. After we get settled, we plan to arrange cook-

ing classes for clients, and we may do community meals in the future.

Q: Are tables or racks being used to give food to clients?

A: We will use both. Shelf stable items will be on racks for clients to make their selections. We will still use tables for proteins and produce.

Q: Where is the staging area for drivers?

A: Drivers will use the west entrance on the side of the building.

Q: Will refrigeration and freezers be in the distribution areas to resupply tables?

A: We will have refrigeration and freezers in the client service area, as well as in the food storage area.

Q: Where do the volunteers park?

A: Volunteers will park on the west side of the building, and enter through the side door.

Q: Where do the clients park?

A: Clients will park in the main parking lot, which is north of the building entrance.

Q: How many clients will be allowed into the pantry at one time?

A: We'll have an exact number once we're operational, but we expect this number to be similar to what we have today.

(See photos on page 4)

School Supplies Already!

You might ask 'Didn't school just end?' As we all know, summer seems to fly by, and it takes a great deal of planning to ensure our clients' children have the right supplies for school.

Our program is unique, in that we customize supplies to the school and grade the child will be attending. Our philosophy is that our pantry's children should have

everything they need on that first day so they don't feel out of place by not having the right supplies.

This program lifts the burden from our clients who may not



be able afford all of the supplies their children need.

Registration begins in early July, with distribution scheduled for August. See Mary Jo Bichler, program coordinator, if you have questions.

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July Birthdays

Heather Woods, 4th
Linda (Lu) Maier, 15th
Liz Busateri, 16th
Luanne Boyle, 23rd
Dean Meinerz, 28th
Cindy Bloom, 30th
Steve Hansen, 31st

National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community-building event held across the United States on the first Tuesday in August. Locally, hosting is rotated annually among Ozaukee County police jurisdictions. Jurisdictions partner with their local food pantry to collect needed items.

This year, the Port Washington Police Department is the host for the county-wide event. We've invited Family Sharing and Ozaukee Food Alliance to participate with us during

this event, and are conducting a paper products drive. Items received will be split between the 3 pantries. We are honored to collaborate with our fellow pantry operators.

This year's event is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5th, from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. We hope you'll be able to attend after our normal Tuesday afternoon pantry hours!



Notes



- Our annual volunteer appreciation picnic will be held at the Port Washington Upper Lake Park, picnic area #5 (Lion's Pavilion) on Wednesday, August 13th.
- See Marcia Nosko or Steve Hansen to get your raffle tickets for a chance to win a brand new stainless steel Weber Spirit 3 burner grill, donated by Drew's True Value.
- If you are interested in becoming the Salvation Army Red Kettle Coordinator for Ozaukee County, please contact Mark Schowalter at 262-284-4416 for details.

In Appreciation

- Dunwiddie School for their donation of surplus milk at the end of the school year
- Divine Savior students and staff for donation of meal kits as part of their learning section on the homeless
- Steve Hansen for conducting a tour of the new pantry for volunteers
- Mary Jo Bichler for organizing this year's school supply drive, registration and pickup.
- The new Gift a Child team (Heather Woods, Kristin Kobylniski, Bette Langford, and Pat Kozak) for their enthusiasm in stepping forward to run the program
- Associated Bank volunteers who helped at the pantry on Tuesday, June 24th.
- Kettle Moraine Appliance and Sleep Center for the donation of a stacked washer/dryer unit for the clothing area in the new building
- Joyce Brost for overseeing recent elevator repairs
- Lorraine Halls for working through a difficult July volunteer schedule.

THANKS!

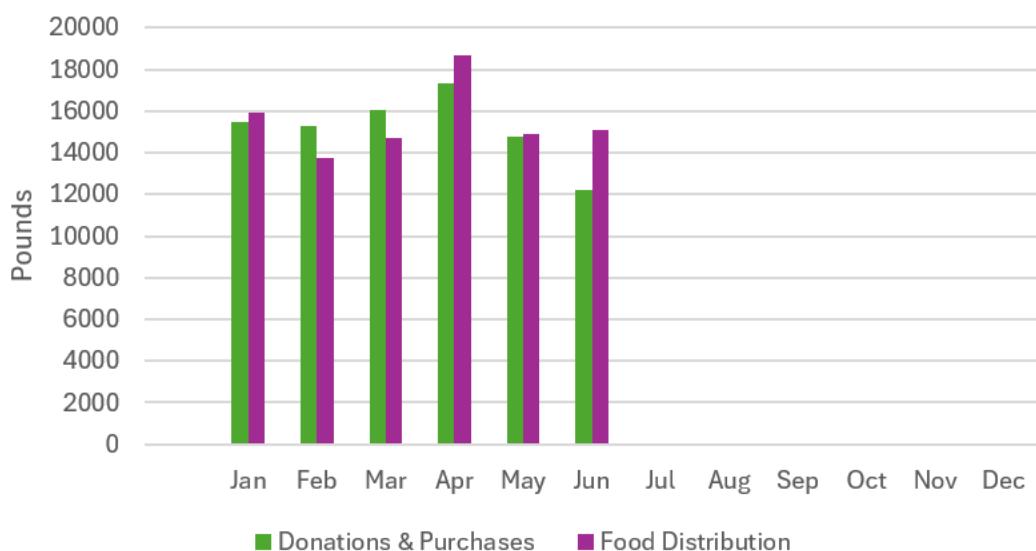
Food Drives, Fundraisers & Events

- 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!
- National Night Out hosted by the Port Washington Police Department (for Ozaukee County) Tuesday, August 5th
- Beanie's dine to donate (date TBD)
- Associated Bank Food Drive
- Port Washington High School DECA fundraiser
- New barrel at Gateway Sports Academy

- Food collection at Christ the King worship in the park on July 27th
- St. John XXIII Parish reverse collection for school supplies.



2025 Food Donations/Purchases vs. Food Distribution



Pantry Collaborations

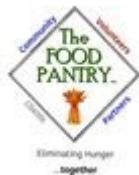
- We have invited Family Sharing and Ozaukee Food Alliance to join us for National Night Out, held in Port Washington this year.



Recent Pantry Tour Pictures



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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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