

# Food for Thought

## A Newsletter for volunteers



### We did it!

On Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, we served our clients for the last time at the 1800 North Wisconsin Street location. A mere five days later, on October 25<sup>th</sup>, we were moved, stocked, and up and running at the 1777 North Wisconsin Street location. Operations could not have run more smoothly, but it was not without an incredible amount of planning by our leadership, and the help of many individuals, community groups, and school students, and of course, you, our volunteers!

Our guests could not have been happier. From the personal shopping assistants and the ability to select their own groceries to the logo'd cookie packages and children's craft activity, everyone walked away smiling.

Many changes came with this move. We have a beautiful new logo, we now refer to our shoppers as 'guests', our guests can shop with dignity in a grocery-style environment, our volunteers have a spacious break room and new t-shirts, we have many new appliances, much more space, and no stairs! And the format of the newsletter has changed!

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### November Birthdays

Randy Lanser, 1  
Steve DeMerit, 4  
Karen Carrillo, 6  
Pat Curtiss, 8  
Betty Olson, 13  
Mary Jo Bichler, 21  
Dale Blaubach, 23  
Kurt Kleparski, 25  
Marcia Nosko, 25  
Chuck Prendergast, 25  
Terry Morgan, 26  
Megan Ruplinger, 29

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As we celebrate our blessings, we must also say goodbye for now to our faithful and hard-working partners from Portal, INC, in Grafton, as well as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from St. John XXIII school. Their work and friendships at the pantry were a treasure and we will miss them. We hope to reconnect with them as we progress on our mission.

We have been receiving some great suggestions from volunteers. Much like moving into a new home, tweaks may be necessary. We ask that non-critical requests be held until we live in the space for a bit. We will still track suggestions, and forms are available at the registration desk.

## Notes

- Suggestion forms are available at the registration desk.
- Food should not be eaten in the client shopping area. Please consume food in the break room before or after our open hours, or ask someone to cover for you while you take a break.
- Please keep your stations clean. Supplies are available to periodically wipe down surfaces, refrigerator and appliance glass, interiors, and tables. Please ensure floors are free from debris.



### Dine to Donate

**2025**  
Tello's, December 16th

**2026**  
Beanies, January 21st

Tello's, February 24th

Moonlight Tavern,  
March 25<sup>th</sup> (tentative)

Tello's, June 30th

Beanies, July 29<sup>th</sup> (tentative)

More to come...

### Events

\$25,000 matching funds drive until Jan 9, 2026

Building dedication and blessing, November 15th

Thanksgiving turkey distribution  
November 18<sup>th</sup> and 22nd

Wisconsin Singer/  
Songwriter Series benefit concert, December 7th

Gift a Child distribution  
December 16<sup>th</sup> and 23rd

### Food Drives

Allen Edmonds

Tentative:

NOSD Student Council  
Suburban Motors  
Rascals  
Veolia



# Gift a Child

**Gift a child is a program sponsored by The Food Pantry, Inc. in Port Washington, in collaboration with the Ozaukee Nonprofit center in Grafton.**

**The program provides holiday gifts to children in Ozaukee County through the pantry, or through the Ozaukee Nonprofit Center.**

**Children served are ages infant through high school. Children receive a gift they want, a gift they need, a gift to wear, and a gift to read.**



## How You Can Help

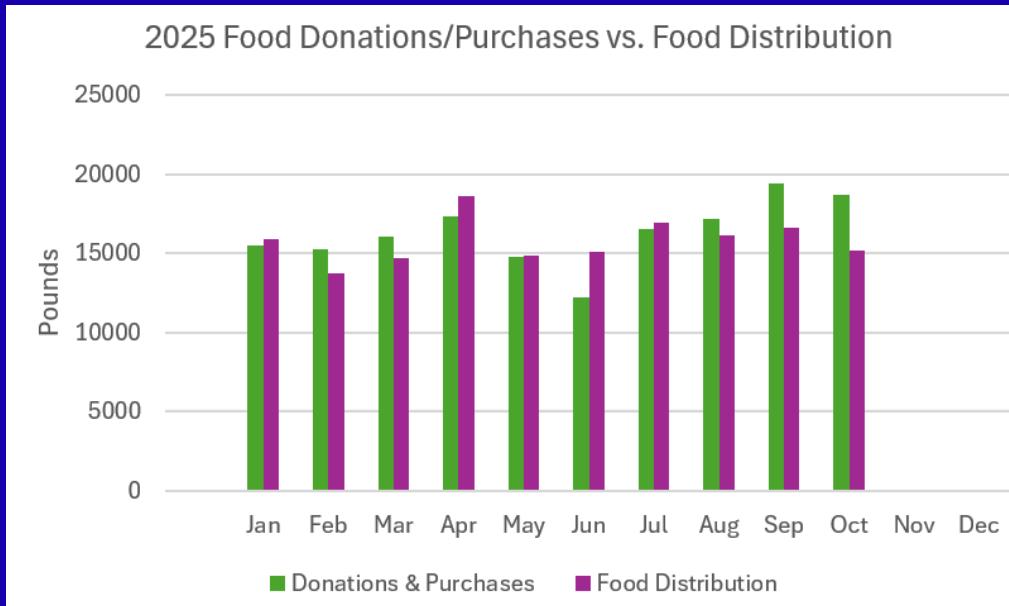
- Sponsor a child
- Sponsor a family
- Donate new items
- Donate funds

**Contact us for more information**

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# Food Donations, Purchases and Distributions



- Port Washington High School Student Council for their Halloween Food Drive
- The Haunt - Ozaukee County 4-H for food and monetary donations
- Ozaukee Elementary School for their recent canned goods drive
- Our volunteers for their flexibility with our move
- Moonlight Tavern for their recent Dine to Donate
- The Pasta Shoppe for their recent Dine to Donate for Gift a Child
- Port Washington High School students for helping stock shelves at the new pantry
- St. John XXIII students for helping move boxes to our truck and for helping clean the old pantry
- New volunteer Karen Hankins for taking on coordination of Gift a Child , unpacking the gift room and filling in for pantry egg pickup
- Joyce and Scott Brost for all of the planning and execution for the layout of the stock room and shopping areas
- Dale Blaubach, Chuck Lancer, and Lois Lancer for general maintenance and painting
- Todd Korb for taking all of our opening day pictures
- Sandra Pessaro for her work with the schools and for sharing her graphic arts talents
- St. John XXIII Parish office staff for loaning their communication sign to us and helping communicate our move to clients

