

Hope & Joy Food Pantry | November Newsletter

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**HOPE & JOY
FOOD PANTRY**

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This year we've helped 13,363 people!

It's time to get cozy! The weather is changing and we are bundling up for the winter.

By the Numbers:

Year to date, our food pantry has:

- Households Served: 5,381
- Individuals Served: 13,363
- Meals Provided: 112,077
- Pounds of Food Received: 56,726

Operational Updates:

The suspension of SNAP benefits has brought more families to our doors. We have seen a 25% increase in our number of clients. Even though we recently opened up a third operating day, our appointments are fully filled. We have had people emailing us asking for more appointment times because they cannot get in. We've also had an increase in emergency boxes as families are struggling to find food. FeedMore has increased the amount of food we can place per order, but food is still flying off the shelves. We are doing the best we can to keep up with the demand.

Donations & Giving:

We have been blessed with multiple organizations reaching out to ask if we need help. We have been contacted by **The Parking Spot, Cleveland Heights Church, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW),** and **Casey Middle School** asking if they can set up food drives for us. We appreciate all of the support from our community! Thank you for choosing our pantry!!!

We've also been able to trade with other non-profits. We recently traded some fish that was not moving off our shelves with **Tiger's Den Food Pantry** in exchange for tortillas! Tiger's Den is going to make some meals to give to the community, and we will offer a new product to our clients. We love a win-win.

Two people have offered us freezers for our pantry! A big thank you to Jeremy and Laura! This will allow us to stock even more food in our pantry. If you have a fridge or freezer you're looking to get rid of, please let us know!

We have been receiving some donations from people finding our pantry on social media or hearing about us from friends & family. We appreciate all the monetary support, as we can buy food at a discount so your dollar goes

farther. Thank you to everyone who has donated during this difficult time, it is so appreciated!!! You are making a difference to so many families!

If you'd like to spread the word about our pantry, we have a donation box with brochures available outside our entrance. You can also share our Facebook or website links down below. Your gifts—big or small—help us feed our neighbors year-round.

Thank you to all our individual donors this month: Karen Weisz, Nick Tobiczky, Kimberly Wilson, Shawn Milligan, Emily & Lily Abbey-Eager, Kasey Weisz, Erika Weisz, William Eager, Christopher Donner, Bridget Chesterton, Jeremy Kazimer, Anne Jarrett, Gabrielle Baker, Hannah Duggan, Allie Parrack, Katelyn Dawson, Courtney Carella, Jennifer Parrack, Kaitlyn Border, Barb Bosinski, Jeff Wilson, Colin Losito, Jacob Rutowski, Michael Ta, Joyelle Tedeschi, and Shelley Kayn.

Grants:

It is the season for grant writing! A lot of applications are going up as companies are budgeting for next year. In the last month, we have applied for 7 more grants. We are hoping for a good response rate as our budget is facing cuts next year.

Community Garden:

The season is changing and so must our garden. We are working on deconstructing the garden for the season as the cool weather comes in. We grew 80 lbs of food this year, all of which was available for free for our food insecure clients. We are already thinking about how to make it bigger and better for next year!

Looking Ahead:

We are tabling at the Community Resources & Parent Connection Fair on 12/5/25 from 4:30pm - 6:15pm at the Gloria J. Parks Community Center. This event is open to everyone. Stop by to say hello! We will have registration papers and brochures available for potential clients.

Thank you for helping us bring hope and joy to every table. Together, we make our community stronger.

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Other ways to support us:



Volunteer with us

Sundays 12-3pm

Mondays 4-7pm

Wednesdays 10am-5pm

Volunteer duties typically include picking and packing grocery orders, bringing groceries out to client's cars when they arrive for their appointments, and re-stocking the shelves with food.

Community Garden

In summer, we grow a community garden and need help maintaining it: de-weeding, watering, and general clean-up of the beds.



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Upcoming Events

- **Spaghetti Dinner:** We will be hosting a spaghetti dinner next year! Stay tuned for a date!

[All events](#)

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