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### **Glen Ellyn Food Pantry Presents “Cars Under The Stars” on Oct. 9** *Outdoor concert features popular jazz musician, Alfonso Ponticelli*

GLEN ELLYN, ILL. – The Glen Ellyn Food Pantry will host a drive-in concert featuring award-winning jazz musician, Alfonso Ponticelli, in "Cars Under the Stars" on Friday, Oct. 9, from 7-9 p.m. Ponticelli, whose style is self-described as "classic gypsy jazz," has been featured at the legendary Green Mill Jazz Club in Chicago and has performed at opening night of Chicago's Millennium Park. He'll appear live in the parking lot at Faith Lutheran Church, 41 N. Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn.

A minimum donation of \$50 per car is required. Proceeds will support The Food Pantry's Capital Campaign to renovate its new, larger home donated by Faith Lutheran in the old parsonage adjacent to the church on Park Blvd. just north of Roosevelt Road. This new home is necessary to accommodate the growing needs of those addressing food insecurity in the community. More than \$600,000 has been raised toward the \$900,000 Capital Campaign goal.

Ponticelli has been "bringing music to the people" throughout the pandemic and Oct. 9 may be the last of the more than 20 similar concerts he has done in 2020.

Attendees will enjoy the concert from their vehicle, with a limit of four people per car, and are encouraged to bring their own food and beverages, which will not be provided in accordance with COVID-19 state and county guidelines. This special event is expected to sell-out. Visit [www.GlenEllynFoodPantry.org](http://www.GlenEllynFoodPantry.org) for more information. For tickets, visit <https://bit.ly/3bt9deu> and to donate directly to the building fund, visit <https://bit.ly/3jYN6Q9>.

The Glen Ellyn Food Pantry is an ecumenical endeavor of 14 Glen Ellyn churches that collaborate to help end hunger in central DuPage County, Ill. In 2019, The Food Pantry served 870,000 pounds of food to 36,000 individuals including 9,400 families, 12,000 children and 3,000 senior citizens. Currently located in space at Grace Lutheran Church in Glen Ellyn, communities served include Addison, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Glen Ellyn, Glendale Heights, Lisle, Lombard, Warrenville, West Chicago, Wheaton and Winfield. The Glen Ellyn Food Pantry was founded in 1979 and is a registered 501(c)(3) organization, 100 percent privately funded through grants and donations. For more information visit [www.GlenEllynFoodPantry.org](http://www.GlenEllynFoodPantry.org) or call 630-469-8668.

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## ABOUT ALFONSO PONTICELLI

Maestro Alfonso Ponticelli is the foremost musician in Chicagoland for the style of music known as “Gypsy Jazz” or “Swing Gitan.” He's known around the country and the world for his skill and artistry on guitar and many other instruments.

For three decades he has championed and taught the style, originated by legendary gypsy guitarist Django Reinhardt, who rose to fame playing acoustic jazz arrangements of American standards and traditional gypsy music with his Quintette du Hot Club de France in the 1930's. When not on the road and conditions permit, Ponticelli appears with his Quintette, ***Swing Gitan***, most Wednesday evenings in Chicago's jazz venue, The Green Mill. He continues to tour, performing in festivals around the world, including at the mecca of gypsy jazz — the Reinhardt Festival in Samois, France.