



Pantry Newsletter

Making Hunger History - January 21, 2021

Happy New Year!

We can't thank all of our volunteers, donors and community partners enough for your support over the last year. We are so happy to get 2020 behind us, with all its challenges. Thanks to all of you, the Pantry was able to continue to serve thousands of our neighbors at risk of hunger.

And now it's on to 2021! Here's how you can continue to make a difference!

- Help us stock our shelves by [making food donations](#) or [hosting a food drive](#)
- [Volunteer your time](#) to sort, pack and distribute food.
- [Make a donation to our Capital Campaign](#) so we can transform our new home and expand our impact.

We are in the home stretch fundraising for our capital campaign! Generous people like you have helped us raise just over \$800,000 to build our new home. And we have an exciting announcement! Every donation to the Capital Campaign will be doubled thanks to a generous match of up to \$50,000 provided by the JCS Arts, Health and Education Fund of the DuPage Foundation. We are so close to our \$900,000 Campaign goal!

Help push us over the finish line by donating now or by participating in one of the fun events listed below. We are so grateful for your support!

Sincerely,
Laura and the whole Pantry team!

Laura Glaza, Executive Director



"Share Our Spirit" Bourbon Tasting Friday, January 29

Specialty spirits expert, Patrick Brophy, will host a fundraiser to benefit the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry. Participants will be guided through a tasting of the coolest bourbons and whiskeys via Zoom starting at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 29. Cost is \$200 per Zoom and participants can pick up their beverage samples and accoutrements – enough for 2 participants - in advance at the Pantry. Space is limited to 20 Zooms, so register early to reserve your spot. All proceeds will benefit the Pantry Capital Campaign to raise funds for the transformation of the Pantry's new home.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

Upcoming Food Drives

While we enjoyed a generous outpouring leading up the the holidays, the month of January has been slow so we could really use your support restocking our shelves.

- In addition to our monthly food drives, local churches, Glen Ellyn Police Station, and the Glen Ellyn Park District will continue their monthly food drives to support our mission. The schedule is on our [website](#).
- Are you interested in hosting a food drive? Learn all about how to get your food drive registered and check out all the resources. It's easy and fun! Please call the Pantry at 630.469.6988 or [register online](#). We would love to hear from you!
- GE Chamber of Commerce is coordinating a special "Family Feast" serving 4-6 people at a different local restaurant each day in February. A bin for Pantry food donations



will be available at each restaurant for people to drop off donations when they pick up their food. Schedule is on the [chamber website](#).

- Check out of latest food needs list - the list is updated every week on our [website homepage](#) and our [Facebook page](#).

El Famous Burrito Bowls Over the Pantry

The upcoming professional football event isn't the only game in town! In fact, the biggest competition going will pit the [El Famous Burrito Lombard](#) restaurant against the El Famous Burrito Glendale Heights restaurant in a battle to collect the most food for the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry! From February 1 - 7, customers who donate at least one can of food on your curbside, carry-out or dine-in order will score one free taco valued at up to \$2.75. If you forget your can, just round-up your check \$2 and receive a free taco. Check out www.GlenEllynFoodPantry.org for most needed food items. Go teams!



Vote for the Pantry in the Annual Glen Ellyn Community Awards

If you LOVE the Pantry as much as we do, please nominate the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry as your favorite non-profit! This will help spread community awareness, and keep our name in the news!



The Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce is hosting voting through Jan. 24. You do not need to vote in every category (the Non-Profit category is the first listed), but only one vote per email.

[Nominate the Pantry](#)

Reminders

- **AmazonSmile** will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to your chosen charity, at no cost to you. It is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones.
- **Show Your Support with a Yard Sign** Post a sign in your yard (or another high traffic location) to show support for the Pantry's Capital Campaign Building Fund! Stop by the Pantry at 493 Forest Ave., Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and a staff member can help, while supplies last.
- **Engage with us on Facebook** Please remember to like and share our [Facebook posts](#) to spread our good word.
- **Find Us** The Glen Ellyn Food Pantry is located at 493 Forest Ave, Glen Ellyn inside Grace Lutheran Church - our home since 1979.

The Glen Ellyn Food Pantry is a non-profit ecumenical endeavor of Glen Ellyn churches that provides emergency assistance to families and individuals in need in the Central DuPage area.

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