



Pantry Newsletter

Making Hunger History - February 12, 2021

Happy Valentine's Day!

What better time to say THANK YOU to all of you than the month of LOVE. The Pantry staff and clients are beyond GRATEFUL AND THANKFUL for your support, dedication, and commitment as we continue to serve our neighbors in need.

The Pantry is now sharing the LOVE to Villa Park families in need. We're now serving 12 surrounding communities. And thanks to our partnership with Glen Ellyn Kiwanis, we have been able to extend the LOVE to 100 students in Glendale Heights who will now receive weekly backpacks of food items! It's an exciting time at the Pantry!!

More good news! Thanks to the community for showing the Pantry some LOVE by making us one of the Top 5 Non-Profits of the year in Glen Ellyn. The Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce will announce the winners in March.

We continue to need the support of YOU, our volunteers, and donors. THANK YOU for showing us the LOVE!!

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Capital Campaign Updates

We're in the home stretch to reach our \$900,000 goal! These funds will help us transform the 100-year-old parsonage at Faith Lutheran Church in Glen Ellyn into our new home. Our new space will allow us to serve more neighbors at risk of hunger and offer more services. After over a year of coordination, the Glen Ellyn Planning Commission approved our building plans in a unanimous vote on Jan. 28! [Join the virtual meeting](#) on February 22 when the plans go before the Village Board for final approval.

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"Share our Spirit" Fundraiser is Back - Now Featuring Scotch

Specialty spirits expert, Patrick Brophy, will host a fundraiser to benefit the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry. By popular demand after the January Bourbon/Whiskey event, the focus will be on Scotch. Participants will be guided through a tasting via Zoom starting at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 26. 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.



And coming up this Spring is another Spirits fundraiser for the Pantry. Famed local bourbon expert, Jim Burket, is donating several bottles of hard-to-find bourbon which will be featured in an online raffle. More to follow soon.

Upcoming Food Drives

Please show the Pantry some LOVE this month and consider participating in an upcoming food drive.

- St Mark's Episcopal Church; 393 N. Main St., Glen Ellyn: Feb. 13 and Feb. 27, 10 a.m. - Noon
- Glen Ellyn Police Department; 65 S Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn: Feb. 17, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- St James the Apostle Catholic Church; 480 S. Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn: Feb. 20, 9 a.m. - Noon
- Glenbard West (670 Crescent Blvd., Glen Ellyn) and Glenbard South (23W200 Butterfield Rd., Glen Ellyn): From Feb 22-26 the high schools will be COMPETING to collect the most food and will also offer an option to order food donations online.
- Glen Ellyn Park District (Ackerman); 800 St. Charles Rd., Glen Ellyn: Feb. 28, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Glen Ellyn 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 our latest food needs list - the list is updated every week on our [website homepage](#) and our [Facebook page](#).

Did you know?

People using a food pantry often need to make tough choices. Over the course of a year, 77% of food pantry clients had to choose between paying for food or paying utilities. Brrr, it's cold out there!



If someone forwarded this newsletter to you and you would like to sign up to receive updates from the Pantry regularly, we invite you to subscribe on our [website](#).

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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