



# Pantry Newsletter

Making Hunger History - March 23, 2021

## Looking Back Over The Past Year

It's been a little over one year since COVID-19 changed all our lives. And thanks to the Pantry's amazing staff, volunteers, and donors we were able to pivot and continue to provide uninterrupted service. Here's how:

- We switched to a contact-less method for our clients to pick-up food right from the parking lot.
- More than 800 new clients visited the Pantry for the first time.
- Since many of our regular volunteers had to take some time off due to the increased health risk, we were grateful that hundreds of new volunteers stepped up because they had more flexible schedules.
- And the community stepped up by hosting dozens of food drives, dropping off hundreds of bags of food, and making financial donations that kept us in business.

Here's hoping for a more peaceful remainder of 2021 as we continue to navigate the impacts of COVID-19 and ultimately hope to move on to "life after the pandemic."

## Cookbook Fundraiser - Let's Get Cookin'!

The Glen Ellyn Newcomers & Neighbors Club Cookbook is a collection of 57 members' favorite recipes. All proceeds from the purchase of the cookbook go to the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry. Cost is \$25 for softcover and \$39 for hardcover. Orders must be placed before March 31.

[Purchase Now](#)



## Reminder: "Share our Spirit" Scotch Tasting Fundraiser March 26

Specialty spirits expert, Patrick Brophy, will host a fundraiser to benefit the Pantry. The focus this time 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 – on March 24 or 25 at the Pantry. Space is limited to 20 Zooms, and there are just a few spots still available. All proceeds will benefit the Pantry.



[Purchase Tickets](#)

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## Upcoming Food Drives

Spring into action this month and consider participating in an upcoming food drive.

- Glen Ellyn Park District (Ackerman): 800 St Charles Rd., Glen Ellyn; Tuesday, March 30, 9:30am - 3:30pm
- Addison Public Library: 4 Friendship Plaza, Addison; Saturday, April 10, 10am - 2pm
- First United Methodist Church: 424 Forest Ave, Glen Ellyn; Sunday, April 11, 1pm - 3pm and Saturday, April 17, 10am - 1pm
- Glen Ellyn Police Department: 65 S. Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn; Wednesday, April 21, 9am - 3pm
- Glen Ellyn Park District (Ackerman): 800 St Charles Rd., Glen Ellyn; Tuesday, April 27, 9:30am - 3:30pm



Check out our latest food needs list - the list is updated every week on our [website homepage](#) and our [Facebook page](#). For information on hosting your own food drive, please visit the [Pantry's website](#).

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Today's newsletter was brought to you by staffers and board members:  
Laura Glaza, Kathy Holz, Katheryn Meagher and Terri Venzon

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The Glen Ellyn Food Pantry is a non-profit ecumenical endeavor of 14 Glen Ellyn churches that collaborate with the community by "making hunger history" in the central DuPage area.

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