

Happy National Volunteer Month!

We are so THANKFUL to all our volunteers for their thoughtfulness and generosity to our clients! Our volunteers are spending 1,000 hours each month and it's their hard work and dedication that makes the Pantry possible.

As we celebrate National Volunteer Month, I would like to introduce you to Jody King. Jody is one of our regular volunteers who donates her time weekly to the Pantry and has generously started a **Birthday Bag** program for our clients of all ages! A Birthday Bag consists of a cake mix, frosting, candles, plates, napkins, and an age appropriate Birthday gift. Jody has been extremely thoughtful in starting this very special program to make our Pantry clients feel the love.



One of our clients who recently received her Birthday Bag shared that without this bag from the Pantry she would have had nothing to celebrate with. In addition to our regular requests for food, any donations towards the Birthday Bags are always appreciated.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and carts!
Terri Venzon, Manager Food Pantry Services



Share Our Spirit: Celebrity Tequila Tasting for Cinco de Mayo

The Pantry's official "spirits expert," Patrick Brophy, is back for a special zoom event slated for Friday, May 7 at 7 p.m. In honor of the celebration of Cinco de Mayo that week, Patrick will be guiding attendees through tequilas developed by celebrities! Will it be George Clooney, the Rock, Jimmy Buffet, Michael Jordan, the Chainsmokers or?? Only Patrick knows! The Zoom will also feature margarita and other tequila recipes. All proceeds from your \$200 kit (enough for two participants) will benefit the Pantry. This is the last tasting event we'll hold until after summer and it will likely sell-out early so register today!



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Additional Fundraisers

From April 26-30, the Pantry will compete with 100 nonprofits in Giving DuPage Days, a county-wide online fundraiser. Watch for an email on April 26 with all the details and a link to donate.

Mother's Day is around the corner so it's the perfect time to shop for yourself or your loved one and help the Pantry at the same time.

- April 29, 6-8pm: The Glen Ellyn chapter of Bomb Moms will host a fundraiser for the Pantry at Enchantments, 534 Crescent Blvd., Glen Ellyn. Snacks and beverages from Nobel House will be provided and 20% of sales will go to the Pantry.
- May 6, 5-8pm: The Gnome Colony Co., 485 N. Main St., Glen Ellyn, will donate 20% of sales to the Pantry during a shopping event featuring complimentary wine and cheese. Plus, 10% of sales that entire week during normal business hours will go to the Pantry.

We Need More Fresh Produce

Did you know fresh fruits and vegetables are some of the most requested items by food pantry clients? We receive fresh produce, along with other fresh and shelf-stable goods, from local grocery stores, but in 2020 half of the pantries in the area experienced shortages of produce to distribute. How can you help?



- If you're planning your 2021 garden, consider adding a row to donate to the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry!
- Please include a bag of high quality produce when you're donating to our monthly First Friday food drive on Friday, May 7 from 9am - 12pm at the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry, 493 Forest Ave., Glen Ellyn.
- You can also drop off fresh produce and shelf-stable goods at the Pantry (493 Forest Ave., Glen Ellyn) Monday through Friday between 9am - 1pm.

Upcoming Food Drives

We are grateful to our partners hosting food drives for us this month. Check out our latest food needs list - the list is updated every week on the Pantry [website homepage](#) and our [Facebook page](#). FRESH PRODUCE SHOULD ONLY BE DROPPED DIRECTLY AT THE FOOD PANTRY DURING NORMAL HOURS TO MAKE SURE IT STAYS FRESH!



FEED THE HUNGRY

- Friday, April 23 – Wednesday, May 12 from 8am – 6pm (except Sundays) hosted by Keller Williams Premiere Properties, 45 S. Park Blvd., Suite 300, Glen Ellyn
- Tuesday, April 27 from 9:30am - 3:30pm hosted by Glen Ellyn Park District at Ackerman, 800 St Charles Rd., Glen Ellyn
- Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 9 hosted by Nobel House, 419A N Main St, Glen Ellyn
- Friday, May 7 from 9am - 12pm at the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry, 493 Forest Ave, Glen Ellyn *Produce welcome
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For information on hosting your own food drive, please visit the [Pantry's website](#).

Today's newsletter was brought to you by staffers and board members:
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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 14 Glen Ellyn churches that collaborate with the community by "making hunger history" in the central DuPage area.

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