



GRIN PANTRY HOURS
Every Monday Noon to 3pm – Donations Only
Every Tuesday 6pm-8pm
Every Wednesday 10am-12pm
Every Saturday 9am-11am

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**To Donate: Text "GRIN Give" to (833) 245-8403 or visit [www.Grin4Gahanna.org/donate](http://www.Grin4Gahanna.org/donate)**

**March Pantry Needs:**  
Pancake Mix, Syrup, Oatmeal, Deodorant



**New Board members needed:**

GRIN has several Board seats open. We are looking for folks with a specific skill set to fill these seats -

- Marketing / Fundraising
- Non-profit Lawyer
- Someone from the "emergency services" (fire dept., paramedic, police, crisis)

Interested? Please contact:  
Executive Director, Brenda Johnston  
Phone: (614) 330-4979  
Email: [ed@grin4gahanna.org](mailto:ed@grin4gahanna.org)

**Group Volunteering:**

Want to sign-up your church, a work group, club or neighbors? Here's how:

1. Maximum of 10 people
2. Minimum age - 14
3. Activities may include cleaning the pantry, sorting food, date checking food and more.
4. Specific activities will be determined the week before your sign-up date.
5. Click below to browse available options.
6. In the "comment section" enter name of organization & number of volunteers.

Volunteer using our [Sign up Genius](#)

**Easter Extras:**

GRIN will be providing extra food items for the Easter Holiday. Clients can shop from special shelves for the holiday once during the month of March. Extra eggs, meat and produce will also be provided.



**Weekend Supplemental Food:**

GRIN provides WSF to Blacklick Elementary, Chapelfield Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, Royal Manor Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Goshen Lane Elementary, High Point Elementary, Gahanna Middle School South, Gahanna Middle School West and Gahanna Lincoln High School.

For more information please contact [Beth Bentley](#). To donate items from our Amazon list to fill the packs [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lz/E4\\_A3oOTRFD6R...](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lz/E4_A3oOTRFD6R...)

**Food Statistics (Families Served):**

Food Served	Families Served
February 2024	368 ( 267 unduplicated)
February 2023	361 (236 unduplicated)

**Meijer Double Match Days:**

Don't forget! Meijer Double Match Days: **March 2 and 23, 2024**. A huge THANK YOU to the Meijer Corporation for their continuing generosity!

**Donations needed:**

Donations are still needed to help with GRIN's mission. Go to [#helpGRINgrow](#) or use the QR code below.



Gahanna Residents In Need  
#helpGRINgrow  
[https://ppay.co/CgTnC\\_h1fQ](https://ppay.co/CgTnC_h1fQ)

**Blue Jackets Fundraiser!**

Don't forget to grab your tickets to see [Columbus Blue Jackets!!](#) on March 7!

The Jackets are having a fundraiser for us. That's right, watch your favorite CBJ players take on Edmonton Oilers while supporting GRIN.

Click on the link to learn more: <https://bluejackets.spinzo.com/cbj-vs-edmonton-oilers...>

**Donations! Thank You!**

We want to give a big shout out to all those who have donated so generously to GRIN. February saw donations of 22,359 pounds! Here are some highlights from February 2024!

The Latter Day Saints donated the supplies for our Back to School Fair toiletry kits and their Women's Conference packed all 800 of them!



Thank you to Charms (Gahanna Chapter) for their donation of \$500



Thank you to the Gahanna civic organizations for collecting items for GRIN during the month of February. We appreciate your support!



Thanks to Royal Manor K-Kids club, who provided Red Hearts with encouraging messages AND the North East School, who provided hand-made ceramic hearts, our clients are received some Valentine's Day love in their produce boxes during pantry



Thanks to everyone who supported [ShepNaz Basketball](#) [Shepherd Church of the Nazarene](#) food drive. It resulted in 434 pounds of food & toiletries!



Thanks to Richlyn Grant, Ewa Olaoye and Ebunoluwa Olaoye from Gahanna-Jefferson Schools (Goshen Lane) who organized a food drive for GRIN resulting in 47 pounds of food donated.



For more donation news check out our [Facebook page](#).

### Volunteer Appreciation!

GRIN runs on volunteers and we value all of our volunteers. Each month we will highlight one or two of our volunteers. This month we are highlighting Tom and Lucy Murphy.



Tom started with GRIN in November of 2016, after retiring. He says "I'm always surprised about the level of food insecurity in Ohio, and wanted to help with that problem." Tom goes on to say "I was interested in increasing my involvement with volunteer activities in retirement, and GRIN is a great fit for me." You can usually find Tom at the check-in desk, which is his favorite position at GRIN. Lucy started volunteering in November 2022. She is a retired OSU professor. Her favorite volunteer position is personal shopper. Lucy stated "I enjoy meeting lots of people and helping them out. I also get to speak a little Spanish or French with them sometimes."

Tom and his wife Lucy like to play music together and with other friends. He and Lucy play guitar and sing a little. They are going to be playing a gig from 5-7pm at Gatsby's on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Come on out and sing along!

### Donation / Cash Drop-offs:

Can't make it to GRIN? Look at all the places you can drop off donations around Gahanna. Here are a few locations. See our website for the complete list.

- **Minuteman Press Gahanna**, 138 N. Hamilton Rd.
- **New Life Church**, 3690 N. Stygler Rd
- **The OSU Wexner Medical Center**, 920 N. Hamilton Rd, Suite 300

### Liaison Meeting:

9 am Monday March 11, 2024 via Zoom.

### Stay Up-To-Date:

Check out GRIN on social media.

<https://www.instagram.com/grin4gahanna/>

<https://www.facebook.com/grin4gahanna>

<https://www.twitter.com/GRIN4Gahanna>

