



# North Dearborn Pantry

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## 2025 Impact Report





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**424,354  
lbs. of food  
distributed**

**16,986 people  
received  
assistance**



**15,548  
volunteer  
hours to make  
it happen**

**424,354 pounds is the same  
weight as 21 full-sized  
school buses**



## Letter from the Board President

2025 has been a wonderfully challenging year. The needs of the Dearborn County community continue to grow but so does the ability of the community to help our fellow man. From our dedicated volunteers to our consistent donors both individual and corporate, to the rest of the community – the desire and the effort to help others never ceases to amaze me.

Knowing that North Dearborn Pantry is of vital importance to Dearborn County, we have taken on several projects this year that will increase our ability to do more, for more people, into the distant future. Thanks to grants and donations, we have been able to replace equipment that is at it's end of life (e.g. one of our trucks). We have also been able to take on a major renovation project with the goals of doubling our capacity, increasing the safety of our facilities, bringing our facilities into compliance with the American Disabilities Act, and to increase our energy efficiency.

Our 2026 plans will continue this path as well as further increase our financial stability through more focused fundraising efforts.

For those in need – we will be here to support you. For those who can volunteer – thank you for all you do. For those who donate – words cannot sufficiently express our gratitude.

Sincerely,

*Marie*



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# Who We Are

*Our mission is to assist Dearborn County residents in need by providing them food and clothing, as well as directing them to additional county resources that can further assist them with respect, dignity, and compassion.*



## Generosity of Others

- Individual donations
- Corporate donations
- FreeStore Foodbank
- Food Drives
- Fundraisers
- Grants

## Pantry Operations

- 149 volunteers
- 2 part-time employees
- Warehouse space
- Walk-in freezer
- Truck & van for donation pick-up

## Serve the Community

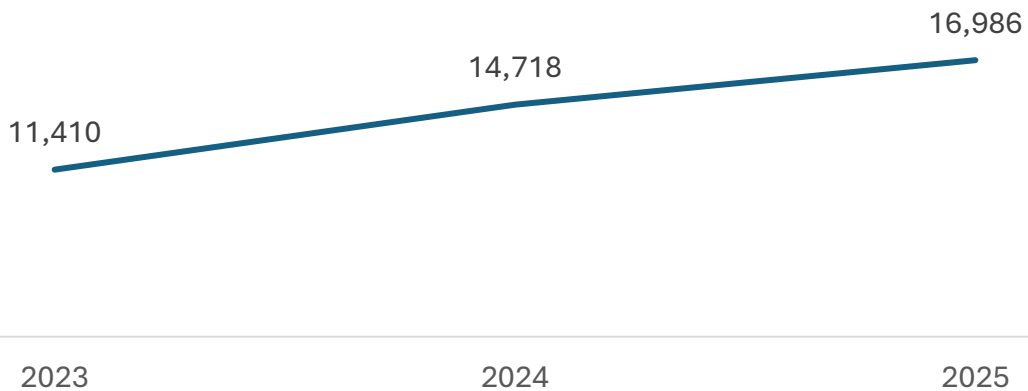
- Food & groceries
- Clothing
- Kids Meals
- Christmas gifts
- Thanksgiving boxes
- Senior grocery delivery
- Community service organizations
- Other food pantries
- Kids birthday bags



- North Dearborn Pantry serves 6 townships in Dearborn County.
- 9.2% of residents are food insecure.
- 11.7% receive SNAP benefits from the government.
- 9.4% of the children live in poverty.

Sources: Federal Reserve & Stacker.com

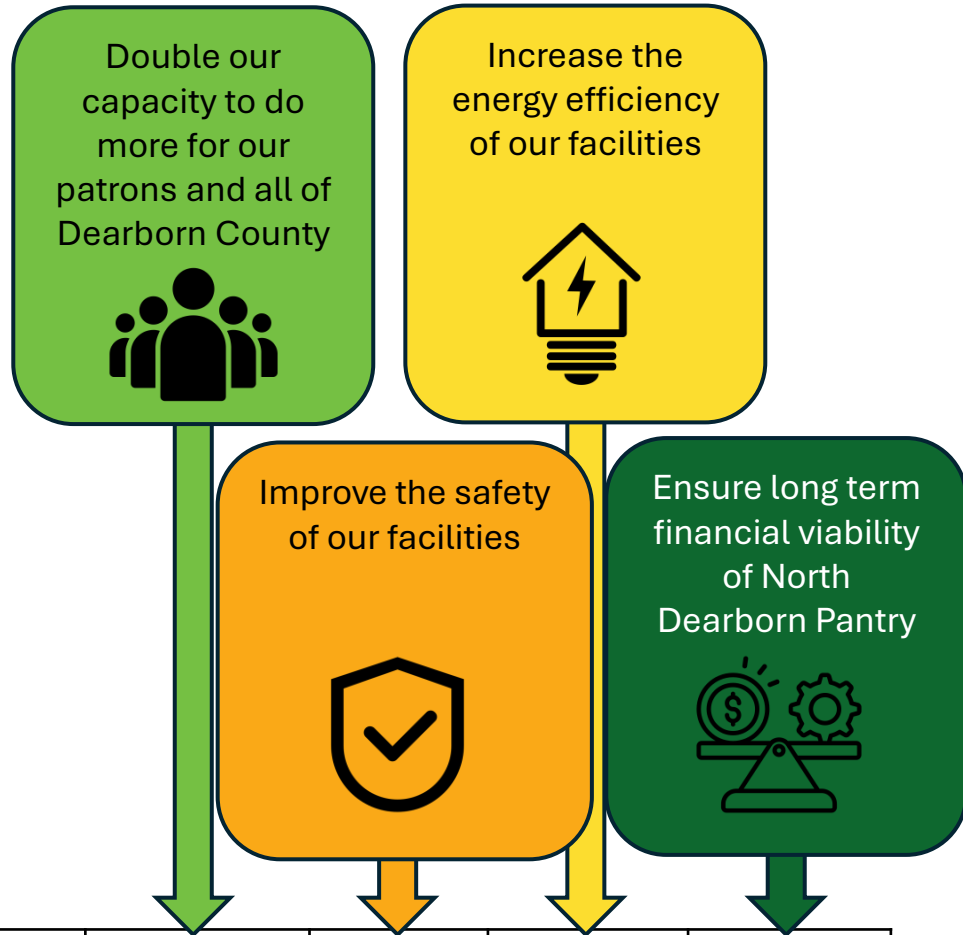
## People Helped by North Dearborn Pantry



*"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does"*

- William James



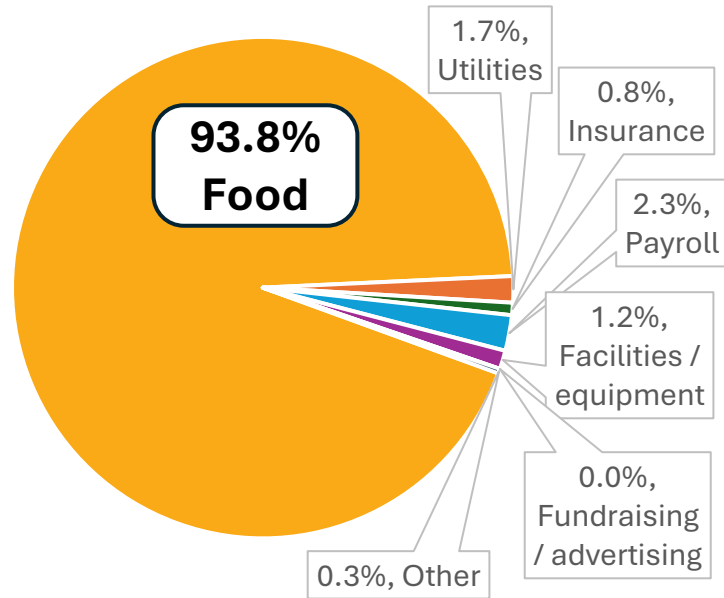


Replace aging and expensive box truck with new sprinter van	✓	✓	✓	✓
Facilities Upgrade for improved process and overall flow	✓	✓	✓	
Hire part-time warehouse / assistant operations director	✓	✓		✓
Hire part-time fundraising specialist				✓ coming soon
Upgrade electrical service throughout the pantry	✓	✓	✓	✓
Install floor support to allow to larger inventory loads inside	✓	✓		✓
Upgrade restroom to be ADA complaint		✓	✓	
Modify the shopping flow to be more efficient	✓	✓		✓
Install 2 minisplit HVAC units to replace aging furnace			✓	✓
Install additional insulation			✓	✓

See summary of Renovation & Remodel along with photos later in this document.

- Across U.S. charities, 65-75% of funds are spent on their clients / program services. The rest is on overhead, fundraising, and administrative.
- At North Dearborn Pantry, a whopping 93.8% of our funds go directly toward serving our community.

Sources: Center on nonprofits and Philanthropy, Urban Institute; Center on Philanthropy, Indiana University



## A True Hero



- In 2025, our inspirational founder, Ann Jeffries, passed at age 101.
- In the early 1970s, Ann and her husband Leroy started the pantry out of the basement of their home.
- Our community is elevated because of her vision, unending faith, and expansive generosity.

## 2026 Events that Support NDP

- Piggest Raffle (Flying Pig Marathon) – Spring
- FreeStore Food Bank Hunger Walk – May
- Bunco – September
- All Saints Gobble Wobble 5K – November

## Get Involved (see website for details)

- Be a volunteer
- Organize a food drive
- Donate money, groceries or both
- Participate in pantry events
- Ensure your legacy with planned giving

## North Dearborn Pantry

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 West Harrison, Indiana 47060  
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 812-637-2841 (voice mail only)  
[info@NorthDearbornPantry.org](mailto:info@NorthDearbornPantry.org)

*You proved  
 that kindness  
 can feed a community.*

### Patron Story

Bill had gone thru a very difficult situation a few years ago. His life was not what he wanted or envisioned and getting to an improved situation was going to be very difficult. He set a plan that involved steady employment and he achieved that. Even so, with the way prices have increased in the past 5 years, he still wasn't always making ends meet. **To supplement the need, he turned to North Dearborn Pantry.** At first, it was on a frequent basis. As time went on and he further improved his situation, the need became less. He now rarely comes to the pantry for assistance. The tears in his eyes turned into a soft whimper as he relayed where he had been and where he is now. He expressed his appreciation for North Dearborn Pantry as a key element to being able to improve his situation and his overall life. He continued that **without the pantry, he's not sure he would have made it.** He tells his story to anyone who will listen and encourages them to be brave enough to ask for help.

[name changed to protect the privacy of our patron]

Ask for help.  
Not because  
you are weak.  
But because  
you want to  
remain strong.  
- Les Brown

### Additional Assistance for Patrons



449  
Christmas  
Gifts



152  
Thanksgiving  
Meal boxes



1,570 Kids  
Packs / Food  
Bags



185 Senior  
Grocery  
Deliveries



5,093 people  
shipped for  
clothing



Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints – and an amazing 40,000 pound donation

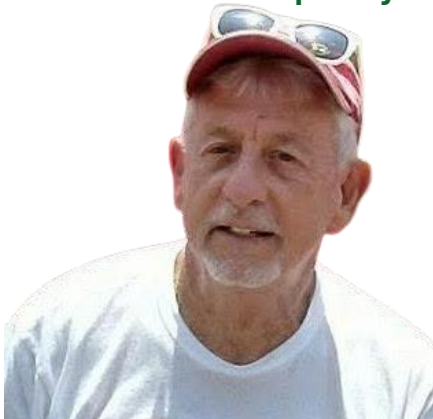


## Volunteer Spotlight – Bob Waples

Have you met Bob Waples? If you live in northern Dearborn County the answer is likely, “yes”.

Bob has been volunteering at North Dearborn Pantry since the beginning. As a Front Desk volunteer, he greets new patrons making them feel welcome and supported. **He always has a kind word or quick joke for both patrons and other volunteers.** But Bob’s commitment doesn’t stop there. “Busboy Bob” hosts a fundraiser at Snappy Pizza in Bright each 3rd Wednesday of the month raising tips to combine with the company donation. He’s also a pillar on our Christmas Children’s Gift Committee where he coordinates all the family and other stocking stuffer donations. He decorated our angels on Christmas trees at the library, One More Bar & Grille, First Financial Bank and Shift Restaurant. Then collects all the gifts prior to our distributing them.

Until recently, Bob also penned a monthly column in The Beacon where he consistently supported the efforts and events of the North Dearborn Pantry. He also is involved in numerous library functions, Santa Claus, Easter Bunny and Veterans Support to name just a few. Bob is known and loved all around our community. **NDP is blessed to have him as a volunteer and friend of the pantry.**



# 149

Volunteers in 2025



**100% are Highly Satisfied or Satisfied with NDP as a place to volunteer.**

“ I think everyone involved at our Pantry does an excellent job. Love volunteering at our Pantry. ”

Source: 2025 Volunteer Engagement survey

## Our Core Values

Compassion  
Dignity  
Stewardship  
Empowerment  
Respect  
Accountability  
Quality

**Pantry Partners (Over 40,000 pounds of food and/or \$40,000)**

THE CHURCH OF  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

**Hunger Relief Leader (Over 10,000 pounds of food and/or \$10,000)**

& The Sedler  
Family



Gobble  
Wobble 5k

**Ann Jeffries Memorial**

**Community Hunger Hero (Over 5,000 pounds of food and/or \$5,000)****Food Security Supporter (Over 1,000 pounds of food and/or \$1,000)**

**Harrison  
Home Bakery**



Harrison Church  
A UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY



**Logan  
SUPERMART**



**Bill Memorial**

**Rupel Family Grant**

**Brichler Memorial**

## Community Contributors

- ❖ 40 & 8
- ❖ All Saints Catholic Church
- ❖ At-the-Barn Winery
- ❖ BEL Outdoor Enterprises
- ❖ Branchville Correction Facility
- ❖ Bright Baptist Church
- ❖ Bright Integrity Lodge #763
- ❖ Bright Lions Club
- ❖ Dearborn County 4H
- ❖ Flying Pig Marathon
- ❖ Foster Memorial
- ❖ Hatway Insurance Partners
- ❖ Hidden Valley Riders
- ❖ HVL Garden Club
- ❖ Mansfield Insurance
- ❖ Miller Township Trustee
- ❖ Network for Good
- ❖ Paypal Giving Fund
- ❖ Pope Memorial
- ❖ Roth Produce
- ❖ Snappy Tomato Pizza
- ❖ Southern Ohio Bikers
- ❖ St. Teresa Benedicta
- ❖ UBS
- ❖ UK on-line giving





❖ Pantry Partners (\$5,000+)	➔	3 Amazing Contributors
❖ Hunger Relief Leader (\$2,000+)	➔	8 Amazing Contributors
❖ Community Hunger Hero (\$1,000+)	➔	7 Amazing Contributors
❖ Food Security Supporter (\$500+)	➔	7 Amazing Contributors
❖ Community Contributors	➔	61 Amazing Contributors

**We also have hundreds of anonymous Angels who drop off donations every day. We could not succeed without you.**

**Whoever you are, THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts!!!**

\* Many of our donors have requested to remain anonymous. We respect that right and have therefore not shared their names. Though anonymous to the world, North Dearborn Pantry is eternally grateful for your generosity and spirit.





Group	Contribution
14u 2 Out Storm Softball team	462 Pounds
Brownie Troop #885	180 Pounds
Civista Bank	75 Pounds
Dazzle Dance Company	Sock Drive
East Central FCCLA	Birthday Bags
East Central Middle School	1,070 Pounds
East Central Student Council	290 Pounds
First Financial Bank	192 Pounds
Lawrenceburg Modern Quilt Guild	250 Pounds
National Wild Turkey Federation	3,164 Pounds
Nocturnal Tattoos	156 Pounds
North Dearborn Library	700 Pounds
Picnic Woods Neighborhood	1,001 Pounds
Preferred Rate - Greendale	490 Pounds
Schmetzers 50th Anniversary	245 Pounds
Siemer Milling	410 pounds
Southern Ohio Bikers	1,730 Pounds
Splinter Ridge Strutters	558 Pounds
St. Nicholas School	480 Pounds
The Ladies Small Group	Red packaged food items
United States Postal Service	680 Pounds



## Thank You to these wonderful donors

All Saints Parish	Kristy Alig / Cincinnati Reds
ARS Café	Langen Meats
At the Barn Winery	Leslie Brown / Skyline chili
Barb Lyness	Logan Supermart
Brenda & Jim Bruns	Los Primos
Bright Nutrition	Mackie Meats at Findlay Market
Carol Wegman	Martha & Bruce Lippard
Carolyn Schmidt	Merrilees Hardware
Casey's Outdoor Solutions	One More Bar & Grill
Celeste Calvitto	Parlour on the Avenue
Cincinnati Zoo	Pat & Larry Hoffbauer
Coffee Pedlar	Perfect North Slopes
Creation Museum	Phyllis Barker
Diane & Mike Bender	Sacksteders
Eight Top	Shift Restaurant
Friendship State Bank	Sister Paws
Game Time Sports Bar & Grill	Skyline
George's Pharmacy	Snappy Tomato Pizza
Greenbriar Shop	St. Teresa's Ladies Group
Greendale Cinema	Steer Rite Meats
Hiatts Florist	Subway
Hidden Valley Golf Club	Sugar Ridge Golf Club
Holtkamps Winery	Susan's Getaways
Home Furniture	Tina & Greg Connolly
Ivy Tech	UDF
Jonas Memorial Arts	Vickie Gavin
Karen & Dale Vollmer	Widollfs General Store & Tavern
Kings Island	Willies









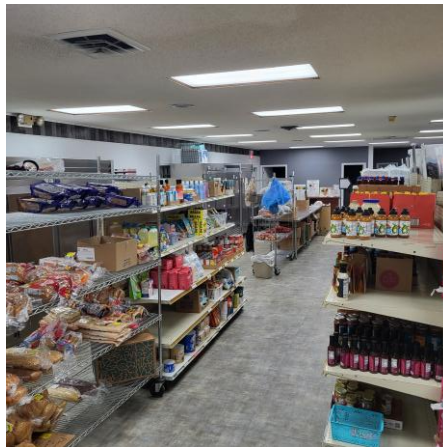
## Highlights

- ❖ Redesign space to allow for optimal workflow and increased capacity
- ❖ Replaced bathroom to be compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act
- ❖ Replaced failing furnace with energy efficient units
- ❖ Increased insulation throughout the building
- ❖ Replaced electrical systems to increase both safety and capacity
- ❖ Refreshed design to set up NDP for ongoing operations

BEFORE & DURING  
CONSTRUCTION



AFTER  
CONSTRUCTION



A huge THANK YOU to Maxwell Construction for the fantastic work, extreme professionalism, and overall knowledge.

