



Kettle Moraine Food Pantry

Isaiah 58:10 If you give some of your own food to [feed] those who are hungry and to satisfy [the needs of] those who are humble, then your light will rise in the dark, and your darkness will become as bright as the noonday sun.

Thank you for your continued partnership with the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry. The mission of the food pantry is to create a respectful, caring, and compassionate environment for clients, volunteers, donors, and all involved in serving the residents of the Kettle Moraine School District.

We have been operating through the pandemic on a no contact, pre-bagged system to deliver food to our clients. From the start of the pandemic until June, my husband and I ran the pantry alone so that our loyal volunteers could remain safe at home and our clients could still receive food. In June, several volunteers felt ready to come back and have been diligently showing up to make sure the pantry stayed running. We have streamlined operations and procedures to work around the challenges that we faced. We were only able to accept monetary donations—the community has been so generous! The following is an update on pantry operations, policies, and procedures. Please share this information in your community and help us get the word out. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at jjohnso5@hotmail.com or call me at 262.888.2350. Jolene Johnson Van Den Elzen, Director

CLIENTS

Starting on Thursday, September 2 we will be open for in-person shopping. Any person not vaccinated will be required to wear a mask. Because of the small space the pantry and waiting area occupy, we will limit the waiting room to four clients at a time and the pantry to one client at a time. As clients arrive, they will receive a number and be served in order. Clients may visit the pantry once each month.

We will be updating client registration starting in October. Clients will be asked to bring in proof of residency in the Kettle Moraine School District by presenting a current piece of mail for each adult in their household and a school printout for each school age child.

DONATIONS

The Pantry operates on an all-volunteer basis. Except for a small amount of overhead for rent, telephone, and insurance all donations that come in go out in the form of food for clients.

While cash donations are the most efficient way for us to maintain the inventory of the pantry, we will again accept donations of food under the following conditions:
All group donations must be date checked and the dates must be at least six months beyond the current date. We do not have the people-power to date check, and everything on our shelves must have a current date.

Your group should call and give the pantry a “heads up” that the donation will be coming and must be dropped off during pantry hours: The first through fourth Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Saturdays of the month between 11-12 a.m. A volunteer will verify your date checked donation and record it.

All individual donations must be **purchased and include the store receipt**—again we do not have the volunteer power to check individual donations. Individuals can drop off donations at the pantry during pantry hours: The first through fourth Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Saturdays of the month between 11-12 a.m. A volunteer will verify your store-bought donation and record it.

Garden produce is acceptable. Please realize that our clients shop over a 30-day period and we have no way of knowing how many clients will shop during a given week. A little produce each week is better than one big donation. We have limited refrigerator space for perishables.

We collect Albrecht’s Sentry grocery receipts.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS OUTSIDE THE PANTRY DOORS!

VOLUNTEERS

We are in the process of updating our volunteer list and always welcome those interested. Please use the contact information at the top of this page.

Sincerely,

Jolene Johnson Van Den Elzen

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