



How to Donate:

To donate items, simply go to one of the Blessings Boxes and place the items being donated onto one of the shelves. All items should be new, unopened, unexpired and not require refrigeration.

If you cannot get to a Blessings Box location you may arrange to drop off items with the Ohio County Family Resource Network or Soup Kitchen of Greater Wheeling. Both organizations are also able to accept monetary donations to help support the Blessings Boxes.

Soup Kitchen: (304) 233-2992

Ohio County FRN (304) 232-5600

Ohio County Locations

Bethlehem Elementary

22 Chapel Rd, Wheeling

Elm Grove - Fire Dept. Station 11

139 E. Bethlehem Blvd.

Elks Lodge #28

4706 Jacob St

Wheeling Firefighter's Local 12

Union Hall

30 GC & P Rd.

Valley Grove Community Center

8566 National Rd, Valley Grove, WV
(In front of the Post Office)

West Liberty Volunteer Fire Dept.

1333 Van Meter Way

Garden Park - Warwood

by Fire Department Station #9

And partner location:

Soup Kitchen of Greater Wheeling

1610 Eoff St, Wheeling, WV 26003



Hygiene Closet - Laughlin Chapel

129 18th St - By appointment 304.232.2630



OHIO COUNTY BLESSINGS BOXES



**A project of the Ohio County
Food Security Team**



VOLUNTEERS



WHAT TO DONATE

All items should be new and not expired

For each location, there is at least one volunteer who plays a key role in managing the Blessings Box.

Role of Volunteers:

Check the box a minimum of once a week to make sure donations are organized, **unexpired** and **unopened**

Communicate with the Food Security Team on items needed to restock the box

Collect items from Food Security Team organizations and replenish items as needed

For additional information contact
OhioCountyFRN@yahoo.com
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What is a Blessings Box?

Take What You Need Leave What You Can

The idea is simple: Provide access to shelf stable food to those who are not able to get to existing food pantries. The box is well marked with the words FREE PANTRY and anyone who needs help is able to get what they need anonymously for themselves, their families, friends, and neighbors.

Blessings Boxes are supported by the community, for the community:

- Food Donations
- Monetary Donations
- Volunteers
- Grant funding for initial costs

Blessings Boxes continue to serve the community through funding provided by:

- AEP Foundation
- Helping Hand Foundation
- The Health Plan
- Soup Kitchen of Greater Wheeling
- Ohio County Family Resource Network
- and donations from generous volunteers

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ONLY NO ITEMS THAT NEED TO BE KEPT COLD

- Boxed milk (non refrigerated)
- Canned foods (pop top preferred)
- Spices (including salt and pepper)
- Tea bags/ Instant coffee
- Sugar/flour
- Peanut butter/jelly
- Tuna/canned meats
- Crackers
- Cereal/cereal bars
- Rice
- Pasta/mac and cheese
- Pasta sauce
- Snacks

HOUSEHOLD CLEANING ITEMS

If donating directly to a Blessings Box, these items **MUST** be placed on lowest shelf and **NOT** on same shelf as any food

- Dish soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Tissues
- Ziploc bags
- Trash bags
- Cleaning supplies

HYGIENE ITEMS

- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Tampons/pads
- Full size shampoo and conditioner
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste