NEIGHBORHOPE
COLLECTIVE

PUTTING HOPE TO WORK IN NORTH TONAWANDA



THE BIGGER PICTURE

We are building a local network of care that makes needs visible, brings people and resources together, and helps our North Tonawanda neighbors move from immediate hardship toward greater stability.

ONE CHURCH. MANY MISSION FIELDS.

Missions are not simply one part of Lumber City Church; they shape who we are. We serve and support people globally, regionally and here at home. Through NeighborHOPE Collective, we help power that commitment by building nonprofit partnerships, funding, resources and community connections that expand our local reach.

HOW HOPE MOVES

1. **A NEED IS SHARED**
   We listen to neighbors and trusted community partners.
2. **RESOURCES COME TOGETHER**
   Donors, volunteers, businesses, and organizations respond.
3. **PRACTICAL HELP ARRIVES**
   Immediate needs are met with dignity and care.
4. **A PATH OPENS**
   Relationships and support create room for greater stability.



NEIGHBORS SERVING NEIGHBORS



LOCAL RESOURCES IN ACTION



ACCESS BUILT ON TRUST

LOCAL HOPE IN ACTION

Box of Hope • Nourishment for Learning • Little Free Pantries • Pantry 383 • Emergency Help for Neighbors • Serve-a-thons

GROWING TOWARD MORE

Fresh-food access • clothing • transportation • housing • job training • everyday essentials

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU IN THIS WORK.

Volunteer your time. Give toward an immediate need. Sponsor an outreach. Provide goods, services, or expertise. Or talk with us about building a community partnership.

HELP PUT HOPE TO WORK

Join Jesus on His mission to spread HOPE in North Tonawanda and beyond.

LEARN MORE

ACTIVE OUTREACH

BOX OF HOPE

HOLIDAY BOX AND SCHOOL SUPPLY DELIVERY

Join Jesus on His mission to spread HOPE in North Tonawanda and beyond.



MORE THAN A BOX

Each participating household receives a box of food, with additional groceries provided for larger families. At Christmas, children also receive age-appropriate gifts. Before the school year begins, they receive new backpacks and school supplies.

What begins with practical help becomes something more: a reminder that our neighbors are seen, valued, and supported by their community.

HOW IT WORKS

1. **FAMILIES ARE CONNECTED**
   Families are referred by local school nurses and social workers or invited through their previous participation in Box of Hope.

2. **THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS**
   Individuals, churches, businesses, and organizations donate food, gifts, school supplies, funding, services, and volunteer time.

3. **BOXES ARE PREPARED**
   Our volunteers collect, organize, pack, and prepare everything for each household and child.

4. **HOPE IS DELIVERED**
   Families receive practical help with dignity, care, and the knowledge that their community is standing with them.

At Lumber City Church, we provide the vision, volunteers, relationships and hands-on service behind Box of Hope. Through NeighborHOPE Collective, we can receive tax-deductible gifts, pursue grants and build partnerships that help this outreach grow.

LOCAL IMPACT

~400	~250	2
LOCAL CHILDREN	NEIGHBORHOOD HOMES	SEASONAL OUTREACHES





WHAT PARTNERSHIP MAKES POSSIBLE

Your support helps provide:

- Household food boxes
- Additional food for larger families
- Christmas gifts for children
- Backpacks and school supplies
- Packing and distribution materials
- Transportation and delivery support
- Additional fresh and refrigerated food as our capacity grows

SCAN HERE TO SUPPORT THE OUTREACH.

WHAT WE NEED NEXT

Our next important step is expanding refrigeration at the Hope Center. With additional cold-storage capacity, we can include more fresh, nutritious food alongside the shelf-stable groceries currently provided to families.

We also welcome businesses and organizations interested in sponsoring an event, hosting a collection drive, donating products or professional services, or organizing a volunteer team.

HELP US FILL THE NEXT BOX OF HOPE

Give. Volunteer. Host a collection drive. Sponsor an outreach. Build a community partnership with us.

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ACTIVE OUTREACH

BX OF HOPE

NOURISHMENT FOR LEARNING

WEEKEND FOOD SUPPORT FOR LOCAL STUDENTS



A WEEKEND OF FOOD. A STRONGER START MONDAY.

The Nourishment for Learning Weekend Backpack Program provides food for students who may face food insecurity when school is not in session. Every Friday, backpacks filled with meals go home with children who need a little extra support to get through the weekend.

CURRENT REACH

60	6	$11.50
STUDENTS WEEKLY	LOCAL SCHOOLS	COST OF ONE WEEKEND BAG

WHY WEEKENDS MATTER

For many local students, school breakfast and lunch help carry the weekday. When Friday arrives, reliable food may not. We help bridge that gap with discreet weekend food bags so children can return to school better prepared to learn.

PURPOSE MULTIPLIED

Our partnership with Community Services for Every1 creates meaningful, hands-on service opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities while helping local students receive dependable weekend food.

HOW IT WORKS

1. **A NEED IS IDENTIFIED**
   School nurses and social workers confidentially identify students who would benefit.
2. **SPONSORS PROVIDE**
   Community support helps us purchase kid-friendly, shelf-stable food for every bag.
3. **PARTNERS PACK**
   Community Services for Every1's prevocational team helps sort and assemble the bags.
4. **FRIDAY DELIVERY**
   We deliver bags to six North Tonawanda schools every Friday throughout the school year.

INSIDE EACH BAG

- ✓ **Easy meals:** soup, Chef Boyardee, macaroni and cheese and ramen
- ✓ **Breakfast:** oatmeal, individual cereal, cereal bars and granola bars
- ✓ **Sides/snacks:** 2 cracker packs, a fruit cup and 2 applesauce packets
- ✓ **Beverage:** shelf-stable milk



At Lumber City Church, we provide the vision, volunteers, relationships and hands-on service behind Nourishment for Learning. Through NeighborHOPE Collective, we can receive tax-deductible gifts, pursue grants and build partnerships that help this outreach grow.

WHAT WE NEED NEXT

Recurring sponsors who can help us serve student 61, student 62 and every child still waiting for weekend support. Join Jesus on His mission to spread HOPE in North Tonawanda and beyond.

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HELP US MAKE ROOM FOR STUDENT 61

$11.50 provides one weekend bag. $690 funds all 60 bags each week. Recurring sponsors help us grow.

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COMMUNITY PARTNER OUTREACH

PANTRY 383

A house built for service. A neighborhood tradition of care.



A HOUSE BUILT FOR SERVICE

A former church parsonage continues to serve its neighborhood in a new way. Pantry 383 was founded by Al Baker as a grassroots source of emergency food assistance. Today, Josiah and Bethany Evans are carrying that work forward, helping our neighbors access groceries close to home.

WHAT THE PANTRY PROVIDES

- Shelf-stable groceries and everyday staples
- Milk and eggs when available
- Fresh produce and meat when available
- Emergency food assistance close to home
- A welcoming, neighbor-to-neighbor connection

SCAN HERE TO SUPPORT THE OUTREACH.

Join Jesus on His mission to spread HOPE in North Tonawanda and beyond.

Pantry 383 remains a grassroots neighborhood pantry led by Josiah and Bethany Evans. Through NeighborHOPE Collective, we can come alongside their work by connecting donors, volunteers, businesses and resources that help keep the pantry dependable and sustainable.

CURRENT REACH

383	11a-1p	~ 20
OLIVER STREET	WEDNESDAYS	SERVED WEEKLY





WHAT PARTNERSHIP MAKES POSSIBLE

- More consistently stocked shelves
- A dependable supply of high-need grocery staples
- Greater access to fresh and refrigerated foods
- Additional help during periods of increased need
- A sustainable future for a trusted local resource

WHAT WE NEED NEXT

Regular grocery donors, farms and fresh-food partners, Wednesday volunteers, and flexible financial support can help Pantry 383 respond consistently as needs arise.

KEEP THE SHELVES FULL AND THE DOORS OPEN

Donate groceries. Provide fresh food. Volunteer on Wednesday. Support the next chapter of Pantry 383.

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LITTLE FREE PANTRIES NT

LEAVE WHAT YOU CAN. TAKE WHAT YOU NEED

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HELP WITHIN REACH

Across North Tonawanda, 14 Little Free Pantries place food within easy reach of neighbors who need it. We support this community-wide network by organizing donations and stocking eight locations each week—offering practical help without appointments, applications, or unnecessary barriers.

CURRENT REACH

14	8 of 14	13-15
CITYWIDE LOCATIONS	STOCKED WEEKLY	ITEMS PER BAG





HOW IT WORKS

1. **COMMUNITY GIVES**
   Individuals, families, churches, businesses, and organizations donate shelf-stable food and other high-need items.

2. **VOLUNTEERS PACK**
   After Sunday service, our volunteers sort donations and prepare stocking bags containing approximately 13–15 items each.

3. **PANTRIES ARE STOCKED**
   Our delivery volunteers currently bring one prepared bag to each of eight pantry locations every week.

4. **NEIGHBORS SHARE**
   Community members can take what they need or leave what they can, helping keep everyday assistance close to home.

At Lumber City Church, our volunteers organize donations, prepare pantry bags and deliver them after Sunday service. Through NeighborHOPE Collective, we can purchase priority items, receive tax-deductible gifts and build recurring partnerships that expand this shared community resource.

WHAT PARTNERSHIP MAKES POSSIBLE

- More pantry locations stocked each week
- A dependable supply of staple foods
- Faster responses when shelves empty quickly
- Additional volunteers and expanded delivery routes
- Stronger local participation in a shared resource

WHAT WE NEED NEXT

Our current capacity allows us to stock eight of the city's 14 locations each week. Recurring food donors, collection partners, sponsors, and additional delivery volunteers would help us serve more of the network more consistently.

Small pantries. Shared generosity. Everyday access.

HELP KEEP HOPE WITHIN REACH

Donate shelf-stable food. Host a recurring collection. Sponsor a weekly stocking bag. Join a delivery route.

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NEIGHBORHOPE COLLECTIVE

FUTURE VISION

PATHWAYS TO STABILITY

BEYOND IMMEDIATE RELIEF. TOWARD LASTING STABILITY.

Today's help can meet an immediate need. The next step can change what comes after it.

We are growing a local pathway that helps North Tonawanda neighbors move from practical support toward workplace readiness, gainful employment and greater long-term stability.

WHY THE NEXT STEP MATTERS

Food, clothing and emergency support can relieve today's pressure. But lasting stability often depends on what comes next: being prepared for work, securing dependable employment and overcoming the transportation and housing barriers that can keep progress out of reach.

A PATH FORWARD

1. **PRACTICAL NEEDS ARE MET**
   Food, clothing and everyday essentials create breathing room for the next step.
2. **WORKPLACE READINESS GROWS**
   Job-search guidance, résumé assistance, interview preparation and appropriate clothing help neighbors pursue opportunity with confidence.
3. **EMPLOYMENT OPENS A PATH**
   Gainful employment can create the foundation for reliable transportation, stronger housing options and greater independence.
4. **STABILITY BECOMES POSSIBLE**
   Over time, that foundation may help make vehicle ownership, housing stability and eventually homeownership attainable.

GROWING NOW

LUMBER CITY OUTFITTERS

Clothing and practical essentials can support dignity, everyday needs and workplace readiness.

FUTURE VISION

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

We hope to expand help with job searching, applications, résumés, interview preparation and interview clothing as needed.

FUTURE VISION

TRANSPORTATION & OWNERSHIP

After employment, we envision support that helps neighbors work toward reliable transportation, vehicle ownership, housing stability and, eventually, homeownership.

IMMEDIATE HELP → WORKPLACE READINESS → GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT → TRANSPORTATION & OWNERSHIP → GREATER STABILITY

SCAN HERE TO EXPLORE PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Join Jesus on His mission to spread HOPE in North Tonawanda and beyond.

WHAT IT WILL TAKE

Employers • career mentors • workplace clothing • résumé and interview support • housing partners • transportation expertise • financial education • sponsors willing to invest in what comes next

HELP BUILD WHAT'S NEXT

Share your time, expertise, resources or partnership as we build pathways from immediate hardship toward greater stability.

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