



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

July Pantry Needs:
Cereal, School Supplies (order on-line thru Amazon)

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



Gahanna Residents In Need
#helpGRINgrow
https://ppay.co/CgITnOC_h1fQ

Weekend Supplemental Food:
Weekend Supplemental Food will begin again in August once school resumes.

For information on helping with the 2024-2025 school year please contact [Beth Bentley](mailto:Beth.Bentley@grin4gahanna.org). To donate items from our Amazon list to fill the weekend packs: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/E4A30OTRFD6R...>

Food Statistics (Families Served):

Food Served	Families Served
June 2024	422 (282 unduplicated)
June 2023	367 (250 unduplicated)

Summer Lunch - Going Strong!



Summer Lunch continues through Friday August 9th. In June, GRIN and its partners provided 5848 meals through the lunches served and extra meals provided to the families.

GRIN and its partners are serving lunch from 12 noon to 1 pm Monday thru Friday at Goshen Lane and Royal Manor Elementary Schools. A to go style meal is open to the entire family.

Back To School Event:



The Back to School Fair will be Saturday, August 10, 2024 at Lincoln Elementary.

This is a registered event and here is the [registration link](#), or you can fill out a physical form at the GRIN office - In 2023 GRIN provided 709 backpacks to students in Gahanna Jefferson Schools.

GRIN needs assistance with supplies. Here is a link to our Amazon wish list: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3NGPP36B4ZNA4?>

Client Statement

GRIN staff and volunteers often hear from our clients about how GRIN is able to fill a need in their lives. Here is what one client recently told our director.

"It is hard for me to ask for help for my family. It is so shameful, but GRIN made it so easy and I just had to take the first step through the door. I am ashamed and embarrassed at my inability to provide. On top of that, my spouse left me and the three kids because she had drug issues.

We had to deal with so many emotions, on top of the lack of income because of getting hurt on the job, and the shame of not being able to provide.

I did not feel judged when I came and the volunteers and staff were so nice and helpful. The selection of food was something I was not expecting, but happy to find.

I am so thankful that GRIN is in my community. My oldest son decided to volunteer with GRIN and is a major motivator for me to keep going and find our new normal. God bless GRIN."

Volunteer of the Month:

GRIN runs on volunteers and we value all of our volunteers. We highlight one or two volunteers each month.

The July Volunteer of the Month is Linda Grice.



Linda has been volunteering at GRIN for about 1 1/2 years. She enjoys volunteering and also volunteers at Peace Lutheran. Linda retired from Civista Bank and moved to Columbus three years ago and wanted to start her new chapter with volunteer work.

Her favorite GRIN volunteer activity is Donation Greeter on Monday afternoons. She also enjoys being a valet and personal shopper.

Linda went to DePauw University in Indiana. She started as a math major and then transitioned to an art major. Her preferred mediums are oil paintings and ceramics. Linda enjoys drawing for her 4 grandchildren, all boys! Ages 8, 6, 5 and 2. What lucky boys!

We appreciate all Linda does for GRIN, thank you Linda!

Sign Up for Groups:

Have a group who needs a service project? Want to sign-up your church, a work group, club or neighbors? Here are the details:

- Maximum of 10 people
- Minimum age - 14
- Activities may include cleaning the pantry, sorting food, date checking food and more.
- Specific activities will be determined the week before your sign-up date.

Click this link [Sign Up for Groups](#) to browse available options. In the "comment section" enter name of organization & number of volunteers



Thank you Camp Thrive group for your help sorting, bagging, cleaning and just crushing it! We appreciate your help so much!



Thank you Bath & Body Works crew for your help organizing, moving and stocking our shelves!

Donations! Thank You!

We want to give a big shout out to all those who have donated so generously to GRIN! Here are some of the **June 2024 highlights!**



Thank you Lisa Beally from Edward Jones in Indiana for putting together this "book bag project" with your district meeting attendants in Columbus this past weekend. We appreciate the 50 book bags full of school supplies that your group sponsored! Community is everything!



Thank you Youth Leadership Institute - Alana, Kyra and Jayden for collecting 151.7# pounds of food for GRIN's families. We really appreciate your help!

Walk-Ins:

We are so very grateful for the walk in cooler and freezer where we can store the donations of frozen food and fresh produce!

Check out our [Facebook page](#) for up to the moment donations.

Donation / Cash Drop-offs:

Can't make it to GRIN? Here is a list of some places you can drop off donations around Gahanna. See our website for the complete list.

- **Bicycle One**, 358 S. Hamilton Rd
- **Civista Bank**, 5600 N. Hamilton Rd.
- **Coldwell Banker Realty**, 960 N. Hamilton Rd.
- **CrossFit Gahanna**, 145 S. Stygler Rd.
- **Gahanna Tattoo**, 144 N. Hamilton Rd.
- **Heart State Brewery**, 750 Cross Pointe Rd.
- **Sunrise Senior Living**, 775 E. Johnstown Rd.
- **The OSU Wexner Medical Center**, 920 N. Hamilton Rd.

Liaison Meeting:

9 am Monday July 8, 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>