



GRIN PANTRY HOURS		
Every Wednesday - 10am - 12pm		
3/2/21	Tues	6pm-8pm
3/6/21	Sat	9am-11am
3/13/21	Sat	10am-Noon (refresh)
3/16/21	Tues	6pm-8pm
3/20/21	Sat	9am-11am
3/27/21	Sat	10am-Noon (refresh)

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GRIN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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To Donate: Text "GRIN Give" to 77977 or visit www.Grin4Gahanna.org/donate

March pantry needs:
 Pancakes, Syrup & Laundry Detergent

Mid-Ohio Food Collective:

We posted this story on our social media but thought we'd include it here in case you missed it.

Volunteers do more than just hand out food - they listen to clients, hear their stories, offer hope and a smile. Many clients are struggling with even being at a pantry, but COVID has caused many financial hardships.

This was shared from a pantry worker at Mid-Ohio while talking to a client. "I paid my rent, put gas in my car and that left me with seven dollars. This food will get me to my next paycheck. I was working two jobs before all of this and have never had to ask for help...ever". She then, quietly and without fanfare, handed the volunteer \$7.00, and said she wanted to donate the money to help others.

Taking our truck "to the streets":

GRIN has started a mobile distribution (utilizing our recently acquired truck) at Royal Manor Elementary School and Penny Lane Apartments in an effort to reach pockets of need that can't get to us. This is not to replace coming to GRIN or the current use of PROXYs, but to help those who can't physically make it to the pantry. More locations to follow. If you are interested in being on this team, please contact Beth Bentley.

Easter Celebration Help: We'll be providing an extra bag of food (brunch focused) along with eggs, egg coloring kit and a ham to every family that visits the food pantry in the month of March to help celebrate Easter.

Donation Drop-offs:

Want to donate but can't make it to GRIN? We have donation drop-off partners where

you can drop during their business hours.
Mifflin Presbyterian Church (food only)
 123 Granville Street
ABCO 138 N. Hamilton Road
Gahanna Hardware 73 N. High Street
Jess Howard Electric 6630 Taylor Rd

Welcome:

Kaylee Pandova has been hired as our new Food Pantry Manager. If you're at GRIN, make sure to introduce yourself.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:

We have a new coordinator! Please give a shout out to Elizabeth Daniels-Ramage volunteerGRIN@gmail.com

Meijer Simply Give:

Meijer is a family-owned company and the Simply Give program has generated more than \$61 million in food donations throughout the Midwest since its inception in November 2008. Meijer (N Hamilton Rd) has again named GRIN as their pantry of choice.

The program is running February 14th - March 10th. **Double-match days** are 3/13 and 4/3 - that means on these two days, if you donate \$50, Meijer will add \$100 for a total \$150.

In order to better track the origination of donors, Meijer is asking we use/supply donation cards. We have these available for you to pick-up during pantry hours. Once you have your donation card, head over to Meijer (N. Hamilton Rd) to donate.

If you can't make the extra stop to GRIN to get your donation card, please feel free to go directly to Meijer, pick up a gift card at any cash register and donate any amount you can afford (make sure to state it's for Gahanna Residents In Need).

Utility Assistance:

If you know of someone having trouble

paying their gas or electric bills, The Breathing Association is offering utility assistance thru March 31st to low-income, who also suffer with a lung health diagnosis. For more information, contact them at 614-457-2997



Avid Amazon shopper? Remember to use *AmazonSmile*. Select your 'charity of choice' as Gahanna Residents In Need. Amazon will donate a portion of your purchases to GRIN. Click link to set your preferences.

https://smile.amazon.com/ref=smi_ext_ch_31-1664244_d1?encoding=UTF8&ein=31-1664244&ref=smi_chpf_redirect&ref=smi_ext_ch_31-1664244_cl

Food Stats (Families Served):

	Families Served
Feb '21	145
Feb '20	194

GRIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE HOURS		
3/1/21	Mon	9am-11am
3/9/21	Tues	6pm-8pm
3/19/21	Fri	11am-1pm
3/23/21	Tues	6pm-8pm

Volunteer Meeting:

Will be going to quarterly meetings with next one on April 1st @ 6:30 pm. Zoom link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75231423540?pwd=R3FsT1V0TW9jMHE1OWFTQTRCdDdVdz09>.



Stay Up-To-Date:

We post updates daily on pantry needs, thanks to donors, upcoming events and much more. Make sure to follow us to stay up with what GRIN is doing for the Gahanna community. Click below to start today!

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