



Little Free Pantry Louisiana  
An Ethan Jeffus Initiative

The leading force in Louisiana implementing and connecting the Little Free Pantries across the state to fight against hunger insecurity.

## Start a Little Free Pantry in your community

Help your neighbors in need and challenge your community to give back!

### What is a LFP:



A Little Free Pantry is a box placed outside in an accessible location where food and other essential items can be made available 24/7 for those in need.

### WHY LFP?

- Little Free Pantries provide a resource and opportunity to make food and other essential items available for members of the community 24/7
- Once installed, LFPs often require little maintenance
- A new LFP is a great way to encourage members of the community to get involved to make a difference in a simple but impactful way

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## Donation list:

If you wish to give, this is a list of items that make a GREAT donation

- nonperishable foods (can & packaged items)
- hygiene products
- household items
- baby & kid supplies
- pet food

## Learn more:

Through our webpage and social media you can find:

- a list of little free pantry locations across the state
- information about this initiative
- more ways to get involved to make a difference



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### Startup checklist:

Things to think about when you get ready to start a little free pantry.

- **location:** (it is important to find an accessible spot and get approval to put a LFP there)
- **sponsorship:** (the individual or group that sponsors the build of a LFP through this initiative will be recognized with a plaque on the pantry sponsored)
- **support:** spread the word so those in need can receive and those blessed can give

To start a Little Free Pantry through this initiative contact us for more information by **email:**

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### How are LFPs sustained?

LFPs are primarily stocked and maintained by members of the community. Community engagement and involvement is what makes this project a success. Additionally, for each of our LFPs, there is a person of contact who takes a primary role in ensuring the continuous operation of the pantry.

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### If I provide the location for a LFP what is required?

We aim to place LFPs in areas of need that are also easily accessible. In hosting the location for an LFP the most important thing is making sure that it can be accessed so that people can have the opportunity to give or receive from the pantry. Hosting a LFP does not mean you are expected to keep the pantry stocked; when community involvement is high the pantry usually won't have a problem staying stocked!

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### What is the success rate of LFPs?

With little free pantries across the state, there has been an overwhelming response of appreciation and support from communities where LFPs are located. Those who are most involved in this project have agreed that our established LFPs often work like revolving doors, with items frequently leaving the pantries and members of the community supporting the pantry by donating items, which keep the pantries stocked.



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### **What is Little Free Pantry Louisiana?**

The Little Free Pantry Louisiana initiative is the leading force in the state of Louisiana in implementing and connecting little free pantries across the state to fight against hunger insecurity. This initiative serves the purpose of launching new little free pantries in areas of need while connecting already existing pantries through our network to provide support and resources. Through the Little Free Pantry webpage, more information can be found on how to contribute, where the nearest little free pantry is to you, details on how to get a little free pantry in your area, and how to sponsor a little free pantry.

### **What is a little free pantry?**

Little free pantries are a smaller scale more accessible version of the larger food pantries that are housed in a physical building with business hours. The little free pantry is an easily accessible way for those in need to at any time have access to food and other simple necessities.

### **How to get involved with Little Free Pantry Louisiana to make a difference.**

There are many ways to contribute to furthering this initiative and the efforts to see that no one in our state goes hungry. One of the most significant ways to contribute to this initiative is to give; whether it be through sponsorship of a little free pantry, contributing items to the little free pantry nearest to you, spreading the word about the initiative, or following and sharing the Little Free Pantry Louisiana posts on social media.

### **Can a business, individual, or organization sponsor a little free pantry?**

Yes! The entire purpose of this initiative is to meet the need for food and other simple necessities in this state. This statewide initiative is not something that can be done by one person or group but requires collaboration. If you, a group you are involved with, or if you know of a business that is interested in sponsoring a little free pantry you can reach out to [littlefreepantry@ethanjeffus.com](mailto:littlefreepantry@ethanjeffus.com) for more information. Little Free Pantry Louisiana sponsors are recognized for their efforts by receiving a plaque that is placed on the little free pantry sponsored.



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### **How to register an already existing little free pantry?**

If your group or community already operates a little free pantry or blessing box you are encouraged to register it through the Little Free Pantry Louisiana initiative. To register your little free pantry so it will be listed on our webpage and recognized as a partner to this initiative please see [www.littlefreepantryla.com](http://www.littlefreepantryla.com) for more information or contact us by email at [littlefreepantry@ethanjeffus.com](mailto:littlefreepantry@ethanjeffus.com)

### **Benefits of partnering with the Little Free Pantry Louisiana initiative.**

Through partnering your little free pantry with the Little Free Pantry Louisiana initiative your community's little free pantry will be joining the statewide network of little free pantries. By partnering with this network, your pantry will have access to the resources of the initiative. Additionally, your pantry will receive added exposure through our webpage and social media which will serve the purpose of leading more to become involved and give to the pantry location nearest to them.

### **What types of items should be donated to a little free pantry?**

Nonperishable food items such as canned, boxed, and bagged food items. Hygiene products such as menstrual products, deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrush, and soap. Household items like sponges, laundry detergent, toilet paper, and paper towels. Any items as long as they are unopened, in date, and can serve as an item needed by others could make a great contribution to a little free pantry.

### **What is the purpose of a little free pantry as compared to a standard food pantry?**

Most standard community food pantries are operated by employees and volunteers with set hours of operation and certain times that food is distributed. The mission of the little free pantry is to serve as a more accessible extension of brick and mortar food pantries. While the standard food pantry will have more supply and readily available resources the little food pantry serves as an easy way for those in need to have any time access to free food and other necessities.