

# Making A Difference

## Long-Term Progress, But Short-Term Challenges

- 54,320 DuPage County neighbors experience food insecurity in their lives...5.8% of the county.
- The need is substantial. Stimulus checks are gone. SNAP benefits are back down to normal. Homelessness is up.
- In March 2024, DuPage County allocated \$2 M to continue the fight against food insecurity. “We’ve heard from our residents that food insecurity continues to be an issue.” *Human Services Committee Chair, Greg Schwarze*



# 1 Million Pounds Of Groceries Distributed In 2023

## 7,000+ DuPage Neighbors Served

- Mission: Provide essential groceries & support to neighbors at risk of hunger through a collaboration of local churches and the broader community
- 22,231 services provided to clients
- More than 1 million pounds of food equaling 842,850 meals distributed...including 256,865 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables
- In addition to service at the Pantry, also reaching thousands of neighbors in need through partner organizations across DuPage including:
  - SnackPack program with Kiwanis
  - Teen Parent Connection
  - Glen Ellyn Juniors holiday baskets
  - Midwest Shelter For Homeless Vets
  - Care Center At Glen Ellyn Bible
  - DuPage PADS
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - Addison Public Library
  - Mary's Closet



# Feeding Our Community

## Food Donations Make The Difference Each Day

- 405,940 lbs. of food were recovered / rescued via donations from local grocery stores
- 233 food drives collected 69,384 lbs. of food from churches, Scout troops, businesses, community groups
- Individual donations delivered key quantities of food
- We publish the needs list each week in the FCCGE eBlast



# It Takes A Village To Make Hunger History

## Thank You For Your Volunteer Support



- Dedicated volunteers do the work of the Pantry, including committed FCCGE members. In 2023, 15,500 hours were donated; 40 people volunteered more than 100 hours.
- 14 Glen Ellyn churches deliver ongoing support.
- Dozens of organizations participate regularly.
- It's easy to sign up and join the cause. Just a few hours a week can make a real difference.

**422**  
Volunteers

**14**  
Churches

**750**  
Community  
Donors

**7**  
Retail  
Partners

**19**  
Board  
Members



# Financial Contributions Matter

## The Pantry Purchases Key Commodities

- Commodities like dairy need to be purchased
- Grocery supply chain improvements mean less surplus food availability...while demand is increasing
- Cash donations help make up the difference
- Every \$1 donated can provide \$8 worth of groceries for a neighbor in need
- Thousands of supporters contributed this past year
- Donate through Tithely at FCCGE
- Donate through envelopes below



# Visit Our New Home

## Your Contributions Helped Make This Possible

In late 2023, the Food Pantry moved to an historic building next to Faith Lutheran Church near Park Blvd and Rt. 38

The former parsonage was renovated with capital campaign funds donated by hundreds of supporters, to create 6,000 square feet of food storage and grocery aisles

Client demand has increased 20% in early 2024

