



INTERCHURCH
FOOD PANTRY
OF JOHNSON COUNTY

2024 in Review

A note from our Executive Director

A deep commitment to collaboration and community is at the heart of everything we do at the Interchurch Food Pantry. Every meal we provide, every family we support and every smile we share is the result of countless individuals, churches, organizations and neighbors coming together with a common purpose: to care for one another.

It's through the collective effort of our volunteers, donors, community partners and staff that we can make a lasting impact. Together, we are not just distributing food — we are building hope, fostering dignity, and strengthening the very fabric of our community.

Thank you for being part of this incredible network of compassion and support. We are grateful for your partnership as we continue this important work, hand in hand.

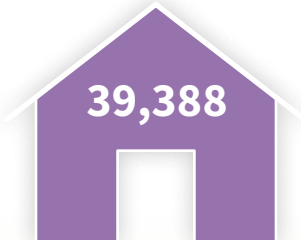


With gratitude,
Carol Phipps

Families served each day

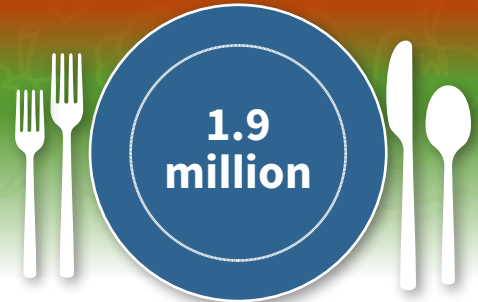


Household visits



How you helped: 2024 by the numbers

Meals distributed



Food rescued, donated, purchased and distributed



Volunteer hours



Franklin Community Garden

♥ Our year started with an unexpected opportunity with the City of Franklin. **Mayor Steve Barnett** and **Franklin Parks and Recreation** invited us to be a part of their community garden improvement efforts by encouraging local “growers” to adopt a raised garden bed and donate their harvest to the pantry. Thanks to their generosity, we were able to share this fresh produce through our very own Farmer’s Market – giving our clients the opportunity to choose what best suited their needs. It was a beautiful collaboration rooted in community and care.

Community Giving

This year, an incredible \$4.9 million worth of food was donated, rescued, purchased and distributed to those in need. It takes a whole community – caring individuals, generous organizations, and dedicated partners – to keep our pantry shelves stocked. Whether big or small, every food drive and donation makes a difference and helps nourish Johnson County.

Neighbors helping neighbors. That's Johnson County.



Christmas Acres –

Christmas light architect Payton lit up the season with a stunning display of twinkling holiday magic. Visitors were invited to share the spirit of giving – contributing an amazing 3,009 pounds of canned goods to the pantry. What a bright and generous way to make the holidays shine for our community.



Franklin Rotary's Jim Rhoades Memorial Hog Roast – This annual event raised over \$27,000 for the pantry.



Scouting for Food – Scout Troops in White River

Township – Cub Scout and Boy Scout troops that meet at Mount Auburn Church collected 2,569 pounds of food from neighborhoods in White River Township.



Summers Plumbing, Heating and Cooling of Franklin –

It was a time of celebration when the trucks pulled in carrying 2,180 pounds of non-perishable food.



Center Grove High School Student Council –

Trick-or-Treat for Cans is valuable because it allows the community to lend a hand to those in need. This food drive resulted in 1,785 pounds of canned goods being donated to the pantry.

Would you like to help the food insecure in our county?
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near milestones

1992

- Moved to Farm Bureau Building
- Served as disaster relief center providing flood assistance

2008

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- Served 8,848 families

2012

- Carol Phipps and Sherry named co-pantry
- Served 8,848 families

Making It All Happen

It takes a group of 140 core volunteers to operate the pantry. When we expanded the days of operation to six days a week, including every Saturday, a number of our church partners stepped up:

♥ Bluff Creek Church ♥ Grace United Methodist Church ♥ Greenwood Christian Church ♥ Honey Creek Church
♥ Hopewell Presbyterian Church ♥ Mount Auburn Church ♥ Risen Lord Lutheran Church

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Dancing with the Johnson County Stars

♥ **Fuller Farms**, a nonprofit farm founded by **Travis Fuller** and **Rafael Sanchez** made a generous impact by donating over 3,000 pounds of fresh produce to the pantry. But they didn't stop there – Rafael took his support a step further by dancing to raise awareness and donations! This fun and lively campaign included a concert fundraiser held at Otterbein Senior Living Community featuring The Retro Brothers. The highlight? Rafael took home the title of Best Dancer. We're so grateful for their generosity and heart.



Fighting Food Insecurity

Our mission is to alleviate hunger in Johnson County.

We appreciate the opportunities to team up with caring organizations that offer the resources our neighbors need. This included improving the nutritional component of the food we offer and better meeting the needs of seniors and homebound clients:

♥ **CICOA (Central Indiana Council on Aging) Aging and In-Home Solutions** provides food to help meet the nutritional needs of low-income senior adults. The pantry teamed with CICOA to enroll qualifying county seniors and distribute commodity boxes that include nutritional, non-perishable food monthly. This food source is available in addition to the groceries provided by the pantry.

♥ **Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana** created Groceries2Go, a program using DoorDash for deliveries to homebound food insecure individuals and families. Through this partnership the pantry was able to expand our existing home delivery service to more Johnson County neighbors.

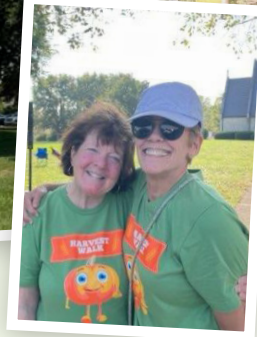
♥ **Franciscan Health** provided a grant that extended our ability to obtain nutritious food offerings.



Commodity
Supplemental
FOOD PROGRAM

Nutrition is key at
every age.





Day of Caring - Duke Energy

On **United Way's Day of Caring**, **Duke Energy** employees arrived at the pantry full of enthusiasm. This cheerful, hard-working team spent the day deep cleaning our space, leaving it sparkling! We're grateful for their support – Duke Energy is truly a hunger champion!



HARVEST WALK

Come Walk With Us!

As our annual fundraising event, the Harvest Walk took place on October 6. The walk generated over **\$4,800** and nearly **1,300 pounds of food** in donations. **Over 110 people** (plus some 4-legged supporters) participated.



Mark your calendars! The 2025 Harvest Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 5!**

Registration opens August 1. Check www.jcpantry.org for details.

Legacy SOCIETY

The Legacy Society was created with a focus on the future. Its mission is to strengthen and grow our endowment fund, ensuring long-term support for our ministry. In 2025, we are fortunate to have matching funds available – meaning your contribution will have twice the impact.

TO LEARN MORE:
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