



INTERCHURCH
FOOD PANTRY
OF JOHNSON COUNTY



180
families
served per
day

2.2
million
distributed
meals

48,572
household
visits

2.6 million
pounds of rescued,
donated and
purchased
food

\$5.2 million
of rescued, donated
& purchased
food
distributed

25,000
volunteer
hours

2025 in Review

A Note from our Executive Director

The Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County is truly blessed by a caring community that makes our mission possible. Throughout 2025, generous financial gifts and food donations poured in from individuals, churches, businesses, service organizations, foundations, and community partners. Every contribution – large or small – helped ensure that thousands of families facing food insecurity had access to nutritious food with dignity and compassion.

Just as important are the hundreds of volunteers who faithfully give their time and talents. From picking up food donations and stocking shelves to preparing orders, directing traffic, and greeting guests with a smile, our volunteers are the heart of the pantry. Their dedication allows us to remain a 100% volunteer-operated organization, maximizing every donated dollar to serve our neighbors in need.

As we reflect on another year of record demand, we are filled with gratitude for everyone who has joined us in the fight against hunger. Together, our donors, volunteers, and community partners demonstrate what is possible when a community comes together to care for one another. Thank you for making 2025 a year of hope, generosity, and shared purpose.

 *- Carol Phipps*

To see those
churches, community
organizations and
businesses that support
the pantry, scan here.



To learn how to become
a member of our Legacy
Society endowment
fund, scan here.



Matthew 25 Circle

For more than 40 years, the Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County has demonstrated the power of churches working together to fight hunger, with more than 60 congregations supporting the pantry's mission through food drives, financial gifts, and volunteer service. In 2025, that partnership helped serve more than 48,000 household visits. More than half of the pantry's supporting churches hosted food drives, while others provided volunteer teams and financial support that kept shelves stocked and operations running with compassion and dignity.

The pantry launched the **Matthew 25 Circle** to recognize 17 churches whose support of the pantry in 2025 included all three of the areas of service: **financial support, food drive, and volunteer service**. We are extremely grateful for all the churches who demonstrate exceptional commitment to the pantry, reflecting Christ's call to serve those in need. As Board Member Peggy Kinsey notes, the generosity of these churches ensures the pantry can respond to changing needs and special acts of kindness, proving that when faith communities unite around a shared purpose, they provide both hope and nourishment to their neighbors.



2025 Matthew 25 Circle:

- ♥ Honey Creek Church
- ♥ Bluff Creek Christian Church
- ♥ Mount Auburn Church
- ♥ Emmanuel Church – Franklin
- ♥ New Beginnings Community Church
- ♥ First Baptist Church of Franklin
- ♥ Prince of Peace United Church of Christ
- ♥ Friendship Baptist Church
- ♥ Risen Lord Lutheran Church
- ♥ Grace United Methodist Church
- ♥ St. Thomas Episcopal Church
- ♥ Greenwood Christian Church
- ♥ St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church
- ♥ Greenwood United Methodist Church
- ♥ Tabernacle Christian Church
- ♥ HeavenEarth Church
- ♥ Victory Christian Church

Healthy Nudges Program

Innovation is always top of mind as the Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County seeks to continually find ways to better serve the more than 1,000 households it assists each week. Through the **Indy Hunger Network's Healthy Nudges Program**, the pantry received new shelving, stainless steel worktables, carts, portable coolers, and outdoor signage to improve efficiency, organization, and client communication.

Volunteer pantry managers Nicole Tinnirello and Bonnie Woessner have also embraced the program's educational opportunities, leading to the creation of our own "pantry meal kits" comprised of a collection of pantry products that will create a full meal. By combining practical improvements with compassionate, client-centered service, the pantry continues to meet both the operational and human needs of neighbors facing food insecurity. Carol Phipps, pantry volunteer executive director, said that **"Healthy Nudges caught my eye because we are always looking for ways to encourage healthy eating and nutrition for all we serve."**





Franklin College Internship

Strong community partnerships are key to the ongoing operation of the Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County. The partnership with Franklin College is a special one that provides many opportunities. Examples include students and organizations that support the pantry through initiatives such as Greek Life's "Canstruction" event, Zeta Tau Alpha's collection of personal hygiene items, volunteer service from Lambda Chi and InterVarsity, and hosting the Harvest Walk route through campus.

This year, the partnership expanded with the launch of the pantry's **first internship program focused on outreach and communications**. The inaugural interns helped strengthen the pantry's digital presence by creating an Instagram page, managing social media content, and launching an e-newsletter to keep donors, clients, and volunteers informed. *"The energy and fresh ideas were wonderful,"* said Liz Cooper, pantry communications chair and board member. *"The interns brought a fresh perspective and skills to help with social media and e-communication. We look forward to continuing the internship program with Franklin College!"*



Thank You to Our Volunteers

The Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County relies entirely on the dedication of its volunteers, with approximately 90 individuals serving each week to keep operations running smoothly. As a 100% volunteer organization, the pantry depends on volunteers who pick up donations, unload and sort food donations, fill client orders and assist clients through its drive-through service six days a week. Together, these volunteers help the pantry provide food to more than 1,000 households each week. The Board of Directors extends its deepest appreciation to every volunteer, as well as the businesses and organizations that generously donate their time and talents to make the pantry's mission possible.



Founded as a ministry outreach by church and community leaders to address hunger, the Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County remains committed to serving both the physical and emotional needs of its neighbors. Supported by more than 60 churches through financial gifts, food drives, and volunteer service, the pantry strives to ensure every client feels welcomed, valued, and cared for through warm greetings, kind words, and acts of compassion.

In 2025, the pantry launched the **Nourish Your Soul program**, inviting clients to share prayer requests and receive monthly messages of hope and encouragement, further reflecting its mission to nourish both body and spirit.





HARVEST WALK



Come Walk With Us!

The Harvest Walk remains a cherished Interchurch Food Pantry tradition, bringing together more than 125 participants – including a few four-legged supporters – for a day of community, fellowship, and purpose. The event celebrated what can be accomplished when neighbors come together to support those facing food insecurity in Johnson County while raising awareness and support for the pantry's mission.

Mark your calendars! The 2026 Harvest Walk will be held on Sunday, October 4th!
Visit jcpantry.org/harvest-walk to register starting August 1.

Food Donations

The Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County depends on the generosity of its community to keep its shelves stocked and its mission moving forward. Food received through food banks, food rescue programs, community food drives, and individual donations makes it possible to **serve more than 1,000 households each week**. Every donation, large or small, helps nourish neighbors facing food insecurity – and every contribution is received with heartfelt gratitude and a smile.



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