



West Suburban Community Pantry

6809 Hobson Valley Drive, Unit 118, Woodridge, IL 60517

Phone: 630.512.9921

Client Hours:

Mon. 10:00 AM - Noon (bread & produce only)

Tues., Thurs., Sat. 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Tuesday 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Thursday 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Donation Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday 8:00 AM - Noon

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Nourishing Our Neighbors Through Sustenance and Support



Annual Report

FISCAL YEAR 2015

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"This Pantry provides nutritional necessities for my family. It helps us be a healthy family, we are very proud of this Pantry, keep up the good work."

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Our Mission Vision

The West Suburban Community Pantry offers food for the hungry and resources to empower persons to improve their quality of life.

Our vision is a community without hunger.

"I don't have money to buy stuff. I only get \$75 of food stamps, and that goes quickly. I can't buy soap and laundry detergent with the food stamps, so I end up using the little bit of money I have for things like that and can't afford food."



Our History

The West Suburban Community Pantry traces its roots to a small pantry dating back to the 1970s. In 1992, the Pantry was incorporated and obtained its 501(c)(3) status in response to the growing need to feed the hungry in DuPage County.

The Pantry operates year-round with a goal that each eligible family in DuPage County receives nutritionally balanced food, including meats, dairy, and fresh produce monthly. We are also registered as an emergency food pantry for Illinois.

Impact by Numbers

- We distributed **1.6** million pounds of food in our Fiscal Year 2015.
- We served **53,742** individuals, including **21,152** children and **6,386** senior citizens in our Fiscal Year 2015.
- **400** backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed to children in our communities.
- An average of **4,478** persons received perishable and non-perishable food, including fresh produce, milk, eggs, and meat each month in our Fiscal Year 2015.
- **100** students were supplied with a backpack filled with **22** lbs. of food each weekend.

West Suburban Community Pantry is a tax exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and we have the highest 4 star rating from Charity Navigator.

*"I love how
your facility
helps the community.
Can't thank you enough!"*

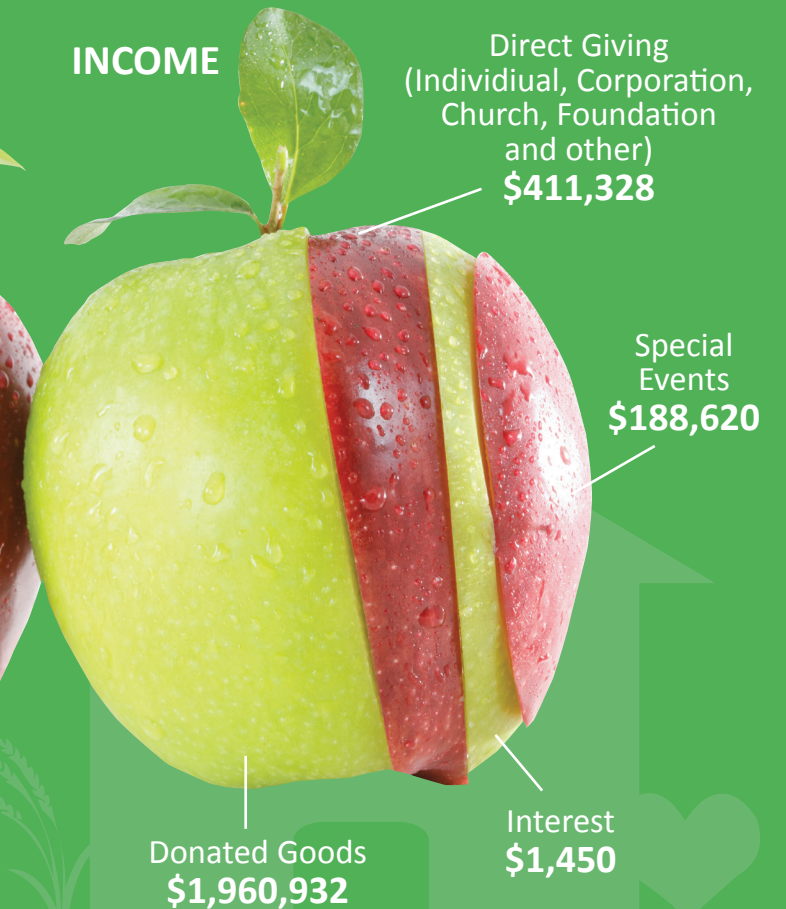


Financial Statement

EXPENSES



INCOME



*"I am very grateful for the food pantry.
It is a really big help for me to be
able to feed my children since
times are hard at the moment.
Thank you so much."*



Supportive Programs

FOOD DISTRIBUTION – Our main focus is to provide food for the hungry. Residents of DuPage County can visit the pantry once a month for a full order of food, including meats, fresh produce, eggs, cheese, and milk. Clients may also come in twice per week for fresh produce and bread.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM – We offer a school breakfast consisting of a cereal bar or bowl and carton of milk for students who qualify for the free or reduced fee lunch program. Eating breakfast at school supports health and learning for children. Studies conclude that students who eat school breakfast increase their math and reading scores as well as improve their speed and memory in cognitive tests.

WEEKEND BACK PACK PROGRAM – This program ensures that children in need have balanced, nutritious food they need to learn and grow. The concept is simple: children at risk of weekend hunger receive a backpack of food that is child-friendly, nutritious, nonperishable, and easy to prepare/eat. Each backpack offers 22 lbs. of food that provides meals over the weekend during the school year.

SCHOOL SUPPLY PROGRAM – Our program provides students with the tools they need for success in the classroom. Each child is given a brand new backpack filled with supplies to give them a confident start to the new school year.



"The Pantry really helps me out a lot. I am alone and not making much money, so it means a lot to be able to get some help."

Supportive Programs

CAR SEAT SAFETY CLASS – Children are safer with car seats which are appropriate to their age, height, and weight. Car seats are distributed at no cost to our participants following a 1 hour class on car seat safety.

ESL CLASS – In our English as a Second Language class we partner with the College of DuPage to help our clients better function within society and raise their self-esteem. Both language and life skills help them to sustain employment and provide for their children.

SENIOR HOME DELIVERY – This program provides shelf stable, low sugar and salt, high protein products supplemented by meat, milk, eggs, and fresh produce to homebound seniors over 60 years of age.

BIRTHDAY PROGRAM – We provide families that visit the Pantry a birthday bag with a gift that is age specific, along with decorations, cake mix and candles to ensure that no child has to skip a birthday celebration during difficult times.

HOLIDAY MEALS – Our Holiday Meal program provides a Thanksgiving and Holiday meal for those in need. We provide a turkey or ham and sides so our clients can enjoy a holiday meal with their family.