



Annual Report Fiscal Year 2017

Feeding today and supporting a better tomorrow



Dear valued friends,

I cannot believe we are celebrating the end of another year. We have accomplished so much together this

year on behalf of people working their way out of poverty. I hope this report gives you the same sense of pride I feel about being a part of this special mission and organization.

As you experience the report both here and online, you'll see that much of 2017 was spent focusing on some key objectives that will help us better serve our neighbors in need now and into the future. Here are a few highlights of what we have achieved together this year:

Optimizing pantry operations: Much of 2017 was spent setting the stage for moving to a pantry model that allows our neighbors in need to experience the pantry much like they would a grocery store, shopping the aisles, having access to fresh foods and more.

Increasing access to food: As we have evaluated the barriers to accessing quality foods, it has allowed us to explore new avenues and areas to expand WSCP services. In 2017, we reopened our doors to Bolingbrook and for the first time added Romeoville to our services area. We also hosted mobile pantries in underserved communities, added services in school districts and increased our senior home

delivery program.

Improving access to basic needs

services: The past year has allowed us the opportunity to foster and grow our partnerships with other valuable organizations in the community that provide additional basic needs services that support our neighbors like clothing, shelter and more. We are proud to provide a holistic approach to helping our clients while efficiently using the resources already available in the community.

Creating pathways to self sufficiency:

Helping clients improve their quality of life is a critical part of WSCP's mission. In 2017 we made great strides to enhance our delivery on this mission pillar including supporting partnerships that provide job training, financial literacy and other life skills.

As our work has evolved, the need for our brand to evolve became more and more clear. As a valued partner, you will receive a sneak peek at our new logo in this report. This change, coming in early 2018, will be among many steps to position the pantry for growth for many years to come.

I hope you enjoy the report and thank you for being a part of our mission. Together, we can create a community without hunger.

Warm regards,
Laura Coyle,
Executive Director



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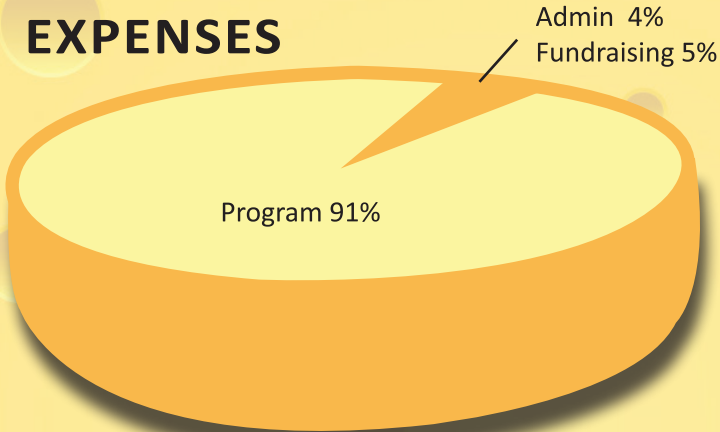


41,000 people
16,000 children
5,000 seniors

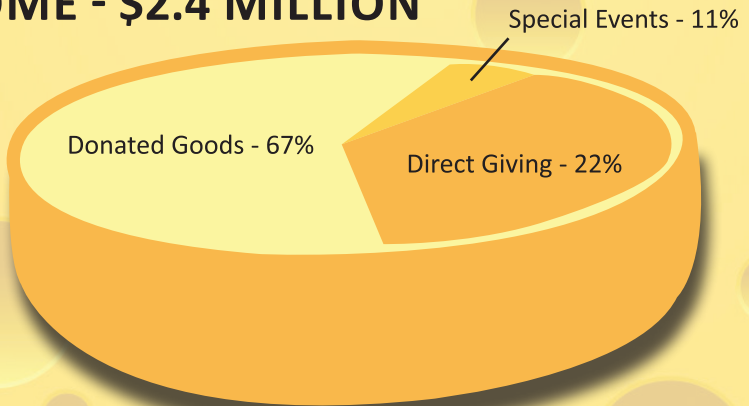


FINANCIAL STATEMENT

EXPENSES



INCOME - \$2.4 MILLION



INCREASING ACCESS TO FOOD



Six local school districts receive meals, snacks and Weekend BackPacks* to address times when children are most at risk of hunger.

More than 420 children and their families benefitted from meals, snacks and Weekend BackPacks* throughout six school districts.



21 homebound seniors receive grocery deliveries each month, 10 more than last year.



72 households that might not otherwise qualify for assistance received groceries.



WSCP provided 118 adult meals, 308 children's meals*, and 740 snack bags for families struggling with hunger over the summer.



Nurses offices in six school districts are stocked with 3,200 snacks for students suffering from chronic hunger.

**in partnership with Northern Illinois Food Bank*



CREATING PATHWAYS TO SELF SUFFICIENCY

6

partner organizations



36 referrals made



91 car seats distributed



43 workshop attendees



100 backpacks sent home
with students each week

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25,000-49,999 POUNDS

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15,000-24,999 POUNDS

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Woodridge Public Library

LOOKING AHEAD

We are proud to give you a behind the scenes look at what to expect from WSCP over the next year or two as we continue to expand our work in the community.

In 2018 we will be exploring many strategic initiatives that we believe will help us better serve those in need throughout DuPage County, Bolingbrook and Romeoville.

- ***Optimizing pantry operations:*** Client shopping begins in January along with other exciting plans to improve the overall pantry experience
- ***Increasing access to food:*** Unique ways to reach deeper into the community will be explored throughout the year
- ***Improving access to basic needs services:*** Deep relationships with our clients and community partners will continue to be fostered
- ***Creating pathways for self sufficiency:*** Case support for clients working towards self sufficiency will help us determine how to expand this critical pillar of our work.

To enable WSCP to achieve the key goals of our mission, we are also looking at enhancing our infrastructure including technology, talent and awareness for the good work of the organization.

As a prominent step to spreading the word about our work, we are proud to introduce a new look for the pantry brand. In 2018, we will be unveiling a new logo that showcases our core strength: providing fresh foods to our community. As valued partners to our mission, we wanted you to get a sneak peek at our new look! We hope you love it as much as we do.

We are looking forward to building the future of WSCP together.

With gratitude,
Barbara Gulick, WSCP Board Chairman



OUR FRESH NEW LOOK

Look for our new logo on marketing materials in 2018!



WEST SUBURBAN

community
pantry

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Volunteers - Thank you to our more than 400 volunteers who work tirelessly to help us efficiently achieve our mission every day.

OUR MISSION AND VISION

WSCP offers food for the hungry and resources to empower persons to improve their quality of life.



Nourishing our Neighbors through Sustenance and Support

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

West Suburban Community Pantry

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