



Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2018



our mission

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.

A Community Without Hunger



Dear Valued Friends,

Another year has come to a close and I am in awe of how much we've all achieved together.

When I first walked in to West Suburban Community Pantry more than two years ago, I was overwhelmed by the commitment our staff, volunteers and you – our donors – had for the Pantry. As we built our strategic plan for the coming years, I had tremendous hope that our journey into the future could be made hand in hand. I'm so thrilled that you've chosen to be with us on our path forward.

This year marks the first full year since our strategic plan was developed with the Board of Directors. Our goals are purposeful and all drive towards ultimately achieving our vision: A Community Without Hunger.

For West Suburban Community Pantry, a community without hunger means that no one in the community should struggle with hunger and it also means that we will go the distance to ensure that happens. This year we've embarked on many new frontiers to achieve our vision. We have focused on improving the experience for people coming to our doors as well as reaching deeper in to the communities we serve to break down barriers to accessing food and resources.

Whether you are new to WSCP or have supported us through it all, we are so grateful. We have so much more to do as we work toward a community without hunger. Thank you for being a part of the solution.

Kind regards,

Laura Coyle
Executive Director



community mobile pantry

In addition to our Woodridge store, WSCP provides a traveling food pantry that distributes nutritious food to high-need communities at no cost. We currently have mobile pantries in Bolingbrook, Romeoville, and Willowbrook once per month.



4000

People served monthly from DuPage County,
Bolingbrook and Romeoville

60%

Working
Families

30%

Children

10%

Senior

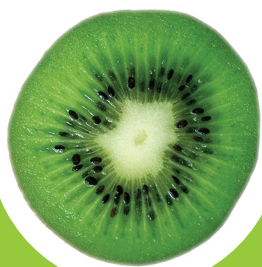
"I'm trying to build myself back up. It's been a hard road the last 6-7 years. When you end up homeless, people look at you like you're not worth anything. It depresses you. My biggest problem with being homeless is the way people look at you. They don't care. They think to themselves, 'why would I give you a dollar? You're probably going to spend it on cigarettes, booze, or drugs.'" – **Neil** (*Pantry Client*)



access to nutritious foods

Known as the “egg lady” Luann brings in eggs once every week which works out to 360 dozen eggs per week. Luann has been volunteering and getting eggs for us for 18 years! Thanks to volunteers like Luann, we provide access to fresh produce and staples like milk and eggs.





Breaking Down Barriers

1.6 Million

pounds of food distributed with dignity
through new pantry shopping model

534

families received food through
monthly mobile distributions at 3
consistent locations

3

innovation pilot programs launched
to establish pathway to increase
access

49

of referrals to existing resources

19,975

off-site distributions of meals to
seniors, summer meals to children
and meals and snacks to kids
through schools**

In 2018...

24

Applications facilitated for
SNAP and LiHeap

69

Number of car seats

40

Partnerships with local
agencies collaborating to
meet the need*

11,080

Gallons of milk were given
out

125,000

Pounds of bread and
pastries

15,600

Dozen eggs were given out

**Breakdown of Off-site Distribution (excluding Mobile distributions)

280 Senior Meals were delivered

Summer Meals Program: 113 Adults, 321 children and 845 snack bags

18,416 Breakfast Meals were given out at schools**

At first glance, Steve seems intimidating: he's over six feet tall, muscular and wears a skull ring on his left hand.

But the more you talk to him, the more you realize he's an inviting and humble veteran. Steve served in the United States Naval Forces from 1968-1979 – as a Navy SEAL. He went through 10 months of rigorous training and was one of 12 to pass. Over the years, the team lost three of their comrades in arms – friends – in combat.

Steve came home for good and began a new battle with post-traumatic stress disorder. He has spent decades overcoming it, but wasn't diagnosed until recently.

In 2007, Steve's wife suffered a stroke, and he became her caregiver. That's when he started coming to WSCP.

"I come to get some things for my wife," says Steve. "And eggs, I love eggs." Luckily for Steve, WSCP offers clients one carton of eggs every time they visit.

Recently, Steve's wife was diagnosed with emphysema, and now relies on oxygen to survive.

He says that things have gotten a lot better for him. He works out four times a week and enjoys reading.

He also has two sons of whom he's incredibly proud: one is a mechanic at a local dealership, and the other will graduate college this year in the hopes of becoming a school counselor and gym teacher. "You've got to be proud of that."



Financial Information

Income

66%
Donated Goods

20%
Direct Giving

14%
Special Events

\$2.5 Million Total

Expenses

90%
Program

6%
Fundraising

4%
Administrative



A Look Ahead

Dear fellow WSCP supporters,

As we look ahead, the Board of Directors and Staff of WSCP are excited about the future. We have many innovative programs planned to continue to break down barriers for people in need. Here are a few highlights of what to expect in the coming year:

A fresh approach to our service at our Woodridge facility, including a more welcoming environment and a focus on customer service that meets the comprehensive needs of our clients.

Increasing access to food through

- 36 mobile pantries in high need communities
- Innovations in ordering and offsite distribution locations
- Deeper outreach to schools, churches and partners organizations.

A focus on one-to-one client relationships that take clients from surviving to thriving.

Thank you for continuing to be on this journey with us. Together, we are feeding hope for so many of our neighbors in need.

With Sincere Appreciation,



Barbara Gulick
Board Chair



Sarah had the typical American middle-class life: four children, a house, a husband who provided. That life came crashing down when her husband lost his job. The family turned to WSCP for support. Soon after, Sarah divorced her husband and was on her own to

raise her children. She was able to get a part-time job at a hair salon while taking culinary classes at College of DuPage.

She's determined to show her children that it is possible to get out of tough situations – especially through education.

Still, Sarah couldn't quite make ends meet and found herself back at WSCP to put food on the table for her kids. "Not knowing when the next meal is coming is so stressful and scary," she says.

Coming to visit a food pantry is not an easy decision. She says it takes time to learn when ask for help.

"Thank you for doing what you do, and for treating clients with respect," she says. "One day, when I'm able, I want to reciprocate."

To Our Volunteers
Thank you!



29,374
hours
volunteered

Our Staff

Laura Coyle
Executive Director

Joe Jobst
Pantry Manager

Kristin Jachymiak
Director of Operations

Kevin Grozewski
Pantry Assistant

Lisa Spaeth
Development Manager

Denice Kraft
Volunteer and Special Programs Coordinator

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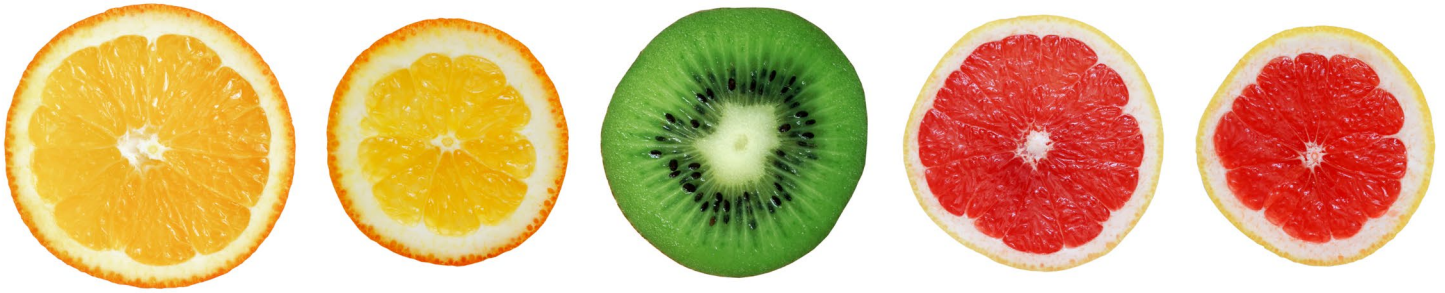
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Annual Partners

Bridgeview Bank Group
Lisle Savings Bank
Northern Illinois Food Bank
Dr. Robert F. Girgis, Orthodontist
\$20,000 +
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DuPage County
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Topfer Family Foundation

Our Food Rescue Partners

100,000+ Pounds
Caputo's Addison
Jewel Lemont
Jewel Woodridge
50,000 - 99,999 Pounds
E.A. Sween Company
Northern Illinois Food Bank
25,000 - 49,999 Pounds
Gladson
Gordon Food Service
Target Woodridge
Walmart Villa Park
15,000 - 24,999 Pounds
Aldi Lemont
Home Juice
Jewel Darien
Generous Food Partners
Aunt Millie's
Butternut
LaFlor
Mitsui Bussan
Sts. Peter & Paul Parish
Vistar
Community Partners
Bridge Communities
DuPage Pads
Garden Works
Good Samaritan Hospital
Goodwill Workforce Connection Center
Hope's Front Door
Lisle Library District
Repeat Boutique
Sharing Connections
University of Illinois Extension
Woodridge Public Library



Hours

Client Service

Monday: 10 a.m. – Noon
(bread, fresh produce, milk & eggs only)

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Donations Accepted

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday 8 - Noon

