



Feeding Community Fostering Connection

Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report

Our Vision

A community without hunger

Our Mission

West Suburban Community Pantry (WSCP) creates opportunities for our neighbors to thrive by providing nourishing food and access to supportive resources.



Nourish. Connect. Thrive.

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for being a part of our work to build a brighter future for our neighbors in DuPage and Will counties. At the pantry, in addition to providing nutritious food, we strive to provide a community that can help people overcome challenges, feel less alone and ultimately thrive. Your partnership and support make our work possible.

During the last year, we are proud to have served more than 6,800 households — when factoring in the number of people in each household and repeat visits, that number reaches approximately 130,000 neighbors served. In all, we distributed more than 3.7 million pounds of food and personal care items to neighbors facing hunger. Wow!

Since 2020, we have seen a trend of more people seeking our help year over year — and this year that trend continued. **We served more people than we ever have in our history.** To provide for everyone who came to us for assistance, we established innovative new ways to rescue and redistribute groceries to people and partners — like creating a produce hub that shares excess produce with other area pantries.

We would like to thank Suzanne Armato for her leadership as Chief Executive Officer over the past two years. Her work pushed WSCP to find new ways of assisting even more families, especially through our support services. I, Maeven, was honored to join the team as Chief Executive Officer in October and aim to build on WSCP's more than 50-year history of serving our neighbors in partnership with our team, Board, volunteers, donors and community.

In this report, you will find highlights from a year of innovation, inspiration and impact. Thank you for your commitment to our mission. Together, we will realize our vision of a community without hunger.



Maeven Sipes
Chief Executive Officer



Mary Hutchinson
Board Chair



Meeting the Moment

For more than 50 years, West Suburban Community Pantry has provided families, seniors, young adults, children and individuals with the nutrition they need to lead full lives. And last year was no exception. With your help, we are meeting the moment, providing nourishing food and nourishing the human spirit.

Our Impact in 2024



More than **6,800 households served** — when factoring in the number of people in each household and repeat visits, that number reaches approximately **130,000 individuals**.



We saw a **20% increase in neighbors** seeking our help as continued high costs stretch families' limited resources.



3.7 million pounds of groceries were distributed to the community, which is the equivalent of **3.1 million meals**. That is an increase of nearly **1 million more pounds over last year**.



161,000 pounds of produce and other foods were redistributed to local food pantries.



3,000 people received help on their path to stability through our **Support Services**.

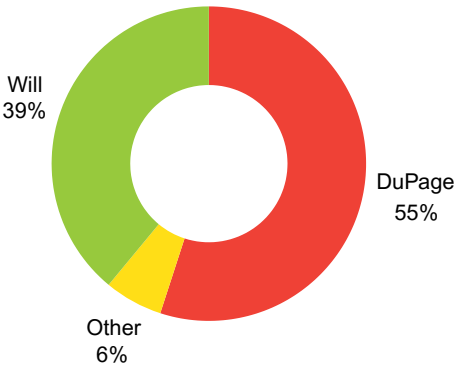


Thanks to technology we were able to serve neighbors in **18 different languages** providing a more comfortable and welcoming experience.

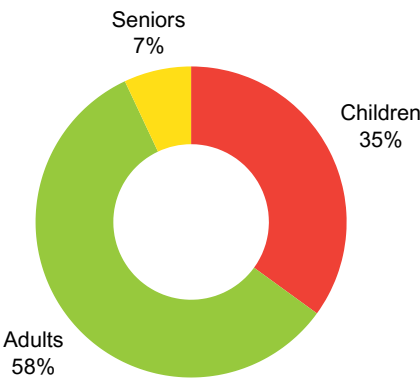


Who We Serve

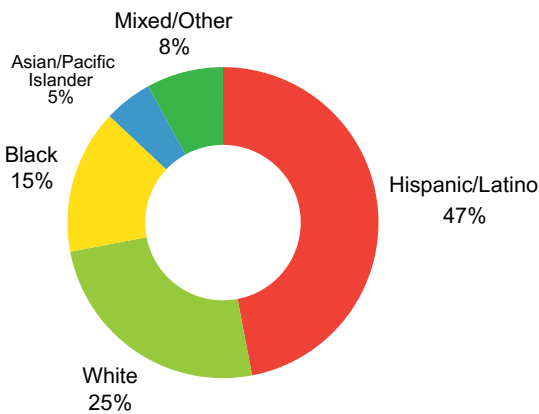
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BY AGE



BY RACE & ETHNICITY



Food Sources

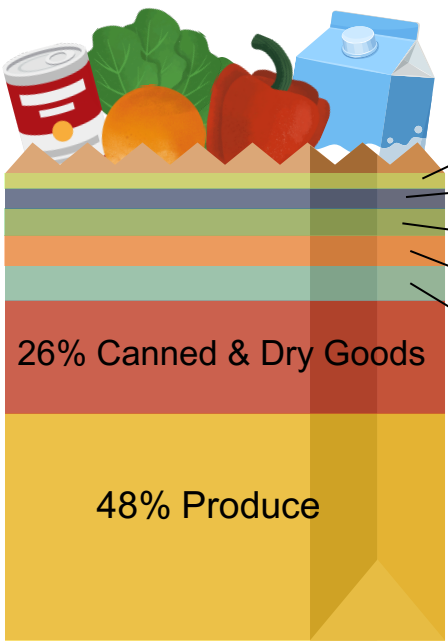
76%

Donated or provided by government programs

24%

Purchased by WSCP

Grocery Mix



- 3% Other (Baby food, Frozen, Juice, etc.)
- 4% Bread & Bakery
- 5% Non-food
- 6% Dairy, Eggs, Cheese & Milk
- 7% Meat & Deli

3,772,184 pounds distributed



Nourish:

Innovating to Feed More People

The core of our work is providing groceries to people in our community facing hunger. As more people come to us for help, we are working hard to find new ways to source and distribute more food. And we are making sure we are meeting the needs of the community we serve — **whether that means sourcing more eggs or organic foods based on need, creating more Online Market pick-up locations, or working with other service organizations to provide nutritious meals and relieve the stress of food insecurity.**

New Produce Hub Provides Healthy Food to Pantry Partners

Supply chain disruptions and inflation meant that for a period of time WSCP struggled to source enough produce to meet the needs of our neighbors. In response, WSCP worked to form new partnerships with wholesale commercial produce companies. These partnerships proved tremendously successful and suddenly WSCP had the opposite challenge: the amount of produce we began receiving was more than we could use. WSCP innovated and launched the produce hub which redistributes fresh fruits and vegetables to other food pantries located throughout DuPage, Cook, Will, Lake and Kane counties. By reallocating produce received to other food pantries, families are provided with healthy foods at the local level.

Over the last year, WSCP has **shared produce with 17 neighboring food pantries and established partnerships with three produce wholesalers.** Through these relationships, built on collaboration and partnership, we are taking fresh, nutritious food that is highly requested from our neighbors and getting it to community agencies who can benefit from it — this is what you call a win, win, win.

WSCP is Innovating to Nourish By:



Delivering groceries to **seven Online Market pick-up locations** to make food access easier



Partnering with DoorDash and Amazon Local Good to **deliver groceries directly to people** for whom transportation is a barrier



Providing **dietary menu shopping suggestions** for people who may be dealing with diet-related illnesses like diabetes and hypertension

Making a Difference for Neighbors like Brenda

At 63 years old, Brenda is navigating life with resilience and grace. Recently retired after a 42-year career as a Direct Support Professional for people with special needs, she moved back to Illinois from Indiana to begin a new chapter. Now, she is adjusting to her new life in a senior living community and is facing dual challenges: financial strain and limited mobility. Brenda learned about WSCP from neighbors in her senior living residence, and they showed her how to use the Online Market to get food delivered.

Brenda's social services career gave her insight into the importance of community support systems. "There's such a big need out there," she said. "The volunteers and donors who support the pantry are making a real difference — not just for me, but for so many people."



"It's so easy," she said. **"You get choices — meat, produce, dry goods, even dog food for my little Shih Tzu-Maltese mix. It's truly a blessing."** Inflation and the costs of moving have strained Brenda's budget. **"I still have bills from Indiana and other expenses, but knowing I'll have food delivered to my door is a huge relief."**



Connect: New Partnerships for Better Nutrition

WSCP plays an important role in the network of food pantries and meal programs in the Chicagoland area. We are a leader in our community. Local schools, nonprofits and government partners know they can come to us for assistance and support. We are a part of a network of people and organizations working towards a stronger future in the western suburbs.

WSCP and Endeavor Health Meet People Where They Are

WSCP partnered with Endeavor Health to launch a Food Order Kiosk at the Woodridge Endeavor Health Center & Walk-in Clinic. Endeavor Health patients and community residents place grocery orders online via an iPad through WSCP's Online Market. They can then choose whether they would like to pick up their order at WSCP in Woodridge or have it delivered to their home, all at no cost. The program recognizes food can be medicine — nutrition is essential to living a full, healthy life.

"The work that we are doing with West Suburban Community Pantry and other organizations for access to healthier foods has been a critical part of our journey to positively influence social determinants of health, those non-medical factors that impact the health of our community," said Joe Dant, System Chief Growth Officer, Endeavor Health.



WSCP is Innovating to Connect By:



Collaborating with service organizations to connect people to supplemental services such as job assistance, financial literacy, mental health services, clothing and furniture resources and much more



Partnering with Myers Commons, a senior living facility, to deliver food to residents and provide cooking demonstrations, nutritional seminars and support services for things like Medicare/Medicaid benefits



Thrive:

Providing More than Food

When someone is experiencing food insecurity, often that means they are facing other challenges. Perhaps they are worried about paying next month's rent or not being able to afford school supplies for their children. Seeking food assistance can be a person's first step in asking for help. WSCP works to understand our neighbors so we can identify additional needs and find ways to address them. **By connecting our neighbors with other community resources and providing supportive services, we are helping people build a path to stability.**

New Programs for Kids Helps Families Thrive

Last year, **35% of the people we served were children under the age of 18 as their families came to the pantry to shop for groceries.** WSCP is working to holistically support families and kids. We know that children who are struggling with hunger miss school more frequently and have trouble focusing during class. During the school year, WSCP provides tutoring for kids in grades K-12, SAT prep classes, as well as college prep and college admissions counseling. **We are proud that 23 students, who we worked with, began their freshman year in college this past fall.**

Over the summer, WSCP hosted a summer camp for kids, which included a five-week Junior Chef Cooking class taught by the University of Illinois Extension program. This course met an essential need for kids whose parents may work multiple jobs. Meal preparation and kitchen safety skills are important life skills. Each week the participating junior chefs received a bag of fresh produce that corresponded with the recipes they worked on that week.

The summer program also included a six-week art class culminating in a public exhibition at the Woodridge library. **WSCP believes all children deserve opportunities for creative expression and skill development.**

WSCP is Innovating to Thrive By:



Hosting Family Fun days at places like DuPage Children's Museum and Cosley Zoo



Hosting a WIC Mobile clinic for new mothers and children



Providing year-round fitness classes for seniors at Endeavor Health and Fitness and facilitating a diabetic support group



Helping complete applications for assistance including LIHEAP, SNAP, Section 8 housing, CHAD and other public services



Thank You to Our Volunteers!

We truly couldn't do what we do without the dedicated, hardworking volunteers who power so much of our work. Thank you to the families, individuals, community groups, and companies who come to the Pantry and give their time and talent and do so with heart.



776

Volunteers



41,464

Volunteer hours
logged



121

Volunteers donated
100+ hours

Volunteers like Bette Ward Are the Heart of Our Community

Bette and her husband Tom supported the pantry financially for years and thought about volunteering but never got around to it. Finally, they made it happen, and Bette hasn't looked back. She has been a regular volunteer for two years working two shifts a week as a shopping assistant. She says the pantry is like being a part of a big family. Recently, she experienced some health challenges, and she was amazed at the care and concern she received from her fellow volunteers as well as the shoppers.



"The pantry is such a warm, good place to be. It's my happy place."

- Bette Ward, WSCP Volunteer

Bette Ward (second from left) is joined by volunteers Sue Vanderwiel, Eileen Dillon and Yoko Bessho during a shift at the pantry.

Volunteers with over 100 Hours

Ann Adkesson
Mellody Anderson
Rick Anderson
Dan Arlt
Teresa Armendariz
Kevin Bartlett
Tori Bates
Yoko Bessho
Fran Bridges
Martin Bryant
Suzan Campbell
Jeffery Cape
David Cappa
Kathleen Carroll
Denese Casserly
Kimberly Castner
Sampath Chandaka
Nancy Chapdelaine
Jill Clarke
Debbie Collins
John Corcoran
Mike Crider
Sue Dolezal
Kris Donofrio
Patty Duranty Robbins
Kathleen Emmerson
Tim Emmerson
Fran Foley
Monica Foley
Gary Francis
Kathleen Furgala
Charito Garcia
Nestor Garcia

Beth Glasser
Donna Greco
Piotr Hadowski
Spencer Haligas
Suzanne Hammer
Kerri Hannen
Hungwen Hardage
Steve Haverkos
Mary Hawkins
Dan Hayes
Lorraine Head
Diane Hewitt
Margaret Hoh
Ramona Hopkins
Jeff Horvath
Marvin Huizinga
Sandra Iannone
Denise Ikoma
Carol Jablonski
Ray -Gilles Janssens
Joe Jobst
Deandre Johnson
Paul Julien
Donald Kinnunen
Ron Kok-Alblas
Laura Korst
Craig Kraus
Kathy Kull
Bill Lebensorger
Carolina Lechuga
Larry Ledenbach
Dennis Lisauskas
Bill Lockett

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Kay Manning
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Bill Murry
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Bronislaw Pluta
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Robert Rhodes
Richard Rice
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Robert Rogers
Joan Ruth
Maria Sanchez

Jacob Scheltens
Mark Servis
Art Sheridan
Jeanne Sheridan
Catherine Smith
Terrie Smith
Andrew Snyder
Ezeal Staples
Wendy Stephen
Chuck Strohm
Fran Strohm
Diane Stutte
Oscar Suarez
Barbara Tanner
Diane Thompson
Maria Townsend
Robert Traub
Ned Vaitkevicius
Tracy Van Zandbergen
Susan Vanderwiel
Randy Wagner
Cheryl Walrath
Karl Walters
Bette Ward
Mike Watson
Cheryl Wegner
Ron Wegner
Ryan Whitehouse
Tom Wolsko
Mike Wu
Jacob Wych
Lori Zaliauskas
Cody Zoellick



Thank You to Our Partners!

Our Food and Grocery Rescue Partners

This past year, close to 350 grocery stores, corporations, community groups and individuals generously donated surplus food and supplies, held food drives, or generated awareness to ensure that our pantry's shelves were stocked and our coolers were filled in support of our neighbors.

This list represents food donors who donated more than 5,000 pounds or provided substantial sustained support.

2024 Food Donors

Aldi
Amazon Fresh
Atom Banana
Bimbo Bakery
Bolingbrook Garden Club
Cargill
Christ the Servant Church
CIS (Comprehensive Inventory Solutions)
Costco
Fruitful Yield Darien
Garfield Produce
Hatch for Hunger
Home Juice
Imperfect Foods/Misfits Market
Inside Out Club
Jewel-Osco

Naperville Sunrise Rotary
Northern Illinois Food Bank
Operation Christmas Bolingbrook
Pete's Market
Produce Plus Inc.
St. Elizabeth Seton Church
St. Joan of Arc Church
St. Scholastica Church
Star Foods
Strube Fruit and Vegetable
SunTerra Chicago
Target
Trinity Lutheran Church
Walmart
Woodridge United Methodist Church

Food Donors



342

Partners
and
supporters



2,069,207

Pounds
donated

Financial Donors



1,664

Donors



268

Donated \$1K+



104

Monthly Donors

Thank you to Our Generous Donors!

Generous donors make our work possible — from individuals like Nick and Teresa Ryan to community foundations and corporate partners. With your financial support, we are able to direct resources where they are needed most, and every week provide nourishing food for our neighbors and yours.

Dedicated supporters of West Suburban Community Pantry **Nick and Teresa Ryan have significantly impacted local families facing food insecurity.** We are filled with gratitude for their generous contributions which have supported the pantry's reach, allowing us to serve more individuals and families in need. Through direct donations and community fundraising events, the Ryans have multiplied their impact.

Their ongoing commitment, including proceeds from their leadership in Water Street District's annual Long Table Dinner, has been crucial in strengthening our community's safety net, providing essential nutrition and hope to our most vulnerable neighbors.



West Suburban Community Pantry Supporters 2023-2024*

\$50,000+

DuPage County
Endeavor Health
Ronald L. McDaniel Foundation
S.L. Gimbel Foundation
Bernard Stromberg Jr.+
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\$20,000 - \$49,999

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Donna Lewis

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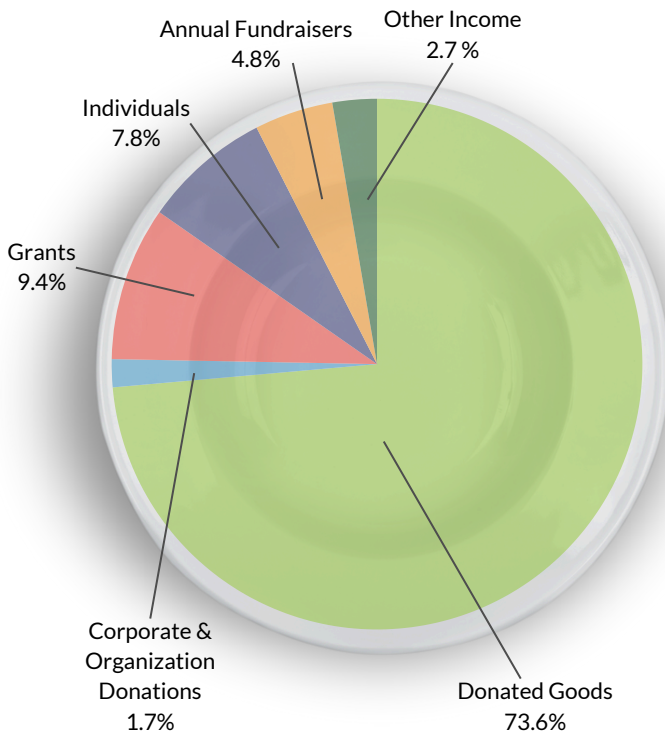
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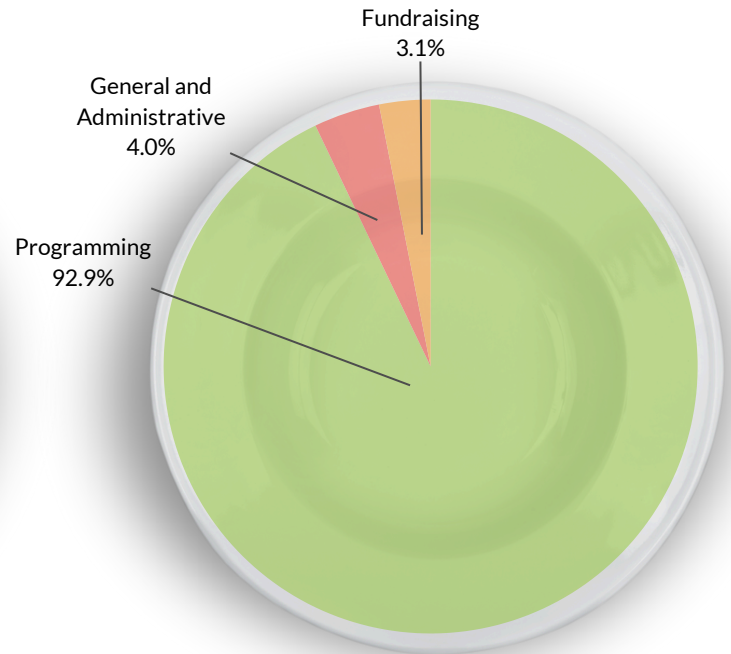
Finances



FY2024 Revenue



FY2024 Expenses



ASSETS:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$343,702
Certificates of deposit	\$673,614
Property and equipment, net	\$958,000
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$1,975,323

LIABILITIES:

Conditional promises to give	\$300,000
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NET ASSETS:

Without donor restrictions	\$1,519,223
With donor restrictions	\$156,100

TOTAL NET ASSETS:	\$1,675,323
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS:	\$1,975,323
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information or
to donate, visit
wscpantry.org.



Shopping Hours

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM by appt.
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM walk-in

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM by appt.
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM walk-in
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM by appt.

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM by appt.
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM walk-in

Donation Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



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