



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

SPRING 2026



A few words from our CEO, Maeven Sipes

Spring heralds a time of renewal, growth and hope. As we enter this new season, West Suburban Community Pantry continues to serve 1,000 families from our community each week with optimism and dedication thanks to the year-round commitment of our volunteers, donors and staff.

WSCP nurtures our community with nutritious food and supportive services to ensure that no matter the season, families continue to thrive.

With your continued commitment through gifts of food, funds and time, our neighbors are finding hope while keeping their families fed. For your support, we are most grateful.



IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS | FY2026 YTD



2.4 million pounds distributed



44% was fresh produce



850,000 pounds shared with other pantries



83 pounds per visit - average order



14,800 neighbors served



3,800 neighbors accessed support services



35,000 volunteer hours



2,080 donors

JILLIAN | WELLNESS WARRIOR



“Everyone’s struggle is different, due to where they are in their story. I think we can all relate to those moments when you have no way to solve the situation on your own and you need resources...with West Suburban Community Pantry’s help, I was able to get my life back on track. The wellness track.”

Jillian is mom to eight-year old Noah but she is also a fitness instructor, wellness warrior, and someone who turned to West Suburban Community Pantry to help her, quite literally, get back on the road of life. Jillian’s career in the food industry came to a halt during COVID. Challenged to find full-time work, Jillian made as many ends meet as she could...until she couldn’t.

Jillian courageously spoke at our 2026 Chefs’ Culinary Celebration and shared her journey.



In what Jillian describes as one of the lowest points of her life – sitting on the side of the road with no gas in her tank, no money and her young son – she called WSCP, where she connected with Nancy in Support Services. Nancy provided more than just a temporary patch for Jillian, she provided inspiration, hope and connections. Connections to resources such as emergency support, highly nutritious food, access to cooking classes, and an opportunity for Jillian to utilize her fitness background to teach seniors during weekly Pantry-sponsored fitness classes.

Jillian’s story is one of so many neighbors who find themselves in need of the support of the community, the Pantry and caring individuals who see people regardless of their circumstances and are willing to help get these neighbors back on the road, live up to their potential, and thrive.

UPCOMING EVENTS



SATURDAY, MAY 2

AT CANTIGNY PARK, WHEATON

Run, walk or stroll with West Suburban Community Pantry at Northern Illinois Food Bank's Run! Scan the QR code to register and then ask your network for donations! Funds raised by the WSCP team will help stock our Pantry shelves with food!



13TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Drive

TO END HUNGER

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

AT SEVEN BRIDGES GOLF CLUB

Register at www.wscpantry.org



\$1 PROVIDES MORE THAN ONE MEAL



YOUR DONATION = NUTRITIOUS FOOD



BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR

A small gift each month adds up to a big difference. Become a monthly donor and your gifts create a foundation that helps us keep shelves stocked, ensure fresh food is available, and offer consistent support to local families facing hunger throughout the year.

Your commitment ensures that families can count on the Pantry year-round and that no one in our community will face hunger alone.

Get started by visiting wscpantry.org/monthly-giving/.

\$25 a month provides one meal a day for a neighbor for an entire year!

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