

OPEN DOORS

Of Washington Township

A FOOD AND CLOTHING PANTRY



Open Doors Food and Clothing Pantry

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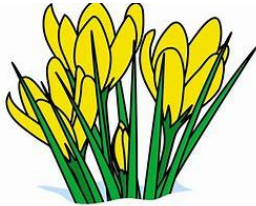
www.opendoorswestfield.org
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Hours of Pantry:
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Monday
4:00 – 7:00 pm

Spring 2024

SERVING THE WESTFIELD COMMUNITY SINCE 1990



*“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.
I was a stranger and you invited me in,
I needed clothes and you clothed me.” Matthew 25:35*

MESSAGE FROM the PRESIDENT

As I sit here writing this message, I am looking out the window at the trees in bloom, and all God’s glory around us at this time of the year. It looks like Spring has finally arrived.

A number of events will be coming up over the next couple months. The annual Postal Workers Food Drive will take place on May 11. As you know this takes a tremendous amount of planning and effort, and provides Open Doors with a good stock of food for the summer and into the early fall months. Bob Peterson has been heading up the bag folding and stapling. To date we have 59,500 bags folded, and 43,000+ cards stapled to the folded bags. A group from the LDS Church will be loading postal totes with the appropriate number of bags for each postal route in both Westfield and Carmel. These will be delivered to the Post Offices early the week of May 6. We will need many volunteers to work on May 11 to pre-sort the donations at the Post Offices, and back at the Pantry. Be on the lookout for a Sign-Up Genius for this program.

Next, the annual Pack the Cruiser Food Drive will take place at the Kroger Springmill store on June 1. This food drive is targeted at donations for the Summer Meals program for kids in need from our schools. The food collection will take place from 10:00am to 2:00pm. We will need crews to promote and collect food at both doors. Once again, be on the lookout for a Sign-up Genius for volunteer opportunities.

On June 8, the Westfield Master Gardeners will once again donate Tomato plants for our clients to grow their own Tomatoes. They will be available on the sidewalk on the west side of the building. Our client families have really enjoyed receiving these plants in the past.

Beginning the first Tuesday in June and each first Tuesday thereafter, Gleaners Food Bank will be holding their Mobile Pantry for anyone who needs some extra food. This will be held at Grand Park. While this is not an Open Doors Project, we will be the recipient of any extra food that is not distributed.

As always, I am grateful for the many committed volunteers, and our department coordinators who keep the Pantry running smoothly.

I hope you all enjoy the spring months ahead.

Bruce Watson

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COORDINATOR REPORTS

Volunteers

The Volunteer team has been working on getting two additional front room people. One of the front room persons will be trained as an advocate. They will assist the advocate when we have a backup of clients that want to meet with the advocate, helping to avoid long waits for clients.

We've trained one volunteer this quarter, Duane Schoenenberger, and welcomed back Beth and Alex Luna. We are up to 129 volunteers!. It's a blessing to have so many people in our community who want to help others.

Kim Fingers passed on this memorable message she heard at FDR's memorial.

“The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the Abundance of those who have much, it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.”



Clothing

We are keeping up with the huge amount of donations received during the week of Spring Break. Thank you community and our 20 great volunteers!



Pantry Operations

Thanks to Bill Black's work with the churches and Carrie's work with the schools, the recent food drives have helped stock the pantry. Our group of volunteer buyers are filling the bare spots. We are all looking forward to the Postal Workers Food Drive in May.

Warehouse Operations

We will be shuffling things around in preparation/making room for the Post Office Food Drive.

OPEN DOORS OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP



2024 Calendar of Events

Board of Directors Meeting Dates

- January 11 • April 11 • July 11 • October 10

Annual Meeting • October 10

Postal Food Drive

- May 11

Pack the Cruiser

- June 1

Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway

- August 3

Thanksgiving Food Giveaway

- November 16

Thanksgiving Meal Giveaway

- November 23

Christmas Toy & Food Giveaway

- December 14

Pantry Closed

- January 1
- November 23
- November 28
- December 14
- December 25

OPEN DOORS LINKS:

MEMBER CHURCHES

Christ United Methodist Church

318 N. Union Street
Westfield, IN

Crossroads Church at Westfield (PCUSA)

19201 Grassy Branch Road
Westfield, IN

Eagle Creek Evangelical Friends Church

18235 Eagletown Rd.
Westfield, IN

Hortonville United Methodist

3080 W. SR 38
Sheridan, IN

Lifepointe Church

3233 W. 166th Street
Westfield, IN

Mts. Runn Baptist Church

250 S. 775 E.
Zionville, IN

New Joy Lutheran Church, ELCA

316 156th Street
Westfield, IN

North Circle Church

20101 Grassy Branch Rd
Westfield, IN

Northview Church Westfield Campus

17171 Ditch Road
Westfield, IN

Radiant Christian Life

16162 Carey Road
Westfield, IN

The Journey Church

17716 Eagletown Road
Westfield, IN

Thrive Christian Church

15091 Towne Rd.
Westfield, IN

Trinity Baptist Church

1415 E. 191st Street
Westfield IN

Westfield Friends Church

324 South Union Street
Westfield, IN

Pantry Needs, News, General Information, COVID-19 Protocols

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Suggestions, Ideas, Photos for Website and Newsletter

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Volunteering: Individuals, Groups (school, church, community)

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