OPEN DOORS

Of Washington Township

A Food and Clothing Pantry

Spring 2026

Serving the Westfield Community Since 1990

Open Doors Food and Clothing Pantry
PO Box 196
19360 Tomlinson Rd.,
Westfield IN 46074
(317) 867-8670

www.opendoorswestfield.org
Facebook

Hours of Pantry:
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
8:30 am – 12:00 pm
Monday
4:00 – 7:00 pm

"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

OPEN DOORS OFFICERS

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President

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Secretary

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring has arrived, and we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all our volunteers who faithfully supported our clients throughout the winter months. Your commitment to serving others, even during the most challenging weather conditions, has made a meaningful impact. As we transition to warmer days, we look forward to preparing for another active and productive season at the pantry.

This quarter, we are pleased to continue our partnership with the Westfield Meijer store through their Simply Give program. Customers may purchase a Simply Give donation card at checkout, and Meijer will match each contribution. Donations may be made in increments of $10, allowing for flexible giving on the same gift card. We especially encourage participation on Saturday, June 20th, our Double Match Day, when Meijer will contribute $20 for every $10 donated. For the convenience of our volunteers, Simply Give cards are available at the pantry near the sign-in area. This program will run through June 27th and remains a vital source of support in helping us provide essential food items to those we serve.

We would also like to highlight the upcoming Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 9th. This important initiative has been made possible through months of preparation by our dedicated volunteers, including folding the bags and stapling on the information cards. Community members can participate by placing a bag of nonperishable food items near their mailbox on that day. Donations collected by the Letter Carriers will be distributed to Open Doors. We encourage you to help spread awareness by sharing our Facebook posts with your family, neighbors, and friends. As our largest annual food drive, this effort plays a critical role in sustaining our pantry's inventory for the months ahead.

With all these initiatives taking place, I must once again thank each Open Doors volunteer. Your dedication and compassion make an incredible difference in the lives of our clients. Thank you for giving your time, energy and kindness to serve others at the food pantry. Your efforts ensure that families in our community feel supported. Whether you are sorting cloths, picking an order, or organizing our pantry shelves, every act of service matters more than words can express.

I look forward to serving alongside you throughout this spring and summer.

Jen Goldberg, President

COORDINATOR REPORTS

Clothing

We are geared up for spring clothing. We saved bins of spring and summer clothes donated over the winter and are working through those now. Donations have been increasing lately. We have a good crew to sort and keep the front room stocked.

More than 9600 clothing items were distributed to clients during the first quarter.

Special Projects

Weekend Food Bags are going well. The addition of a second van has helped with distribution. Normally, totes are filled Wednesday night but can't be loaded into the van due to the Thursday morning food rescue. We can now load the van on Wednesday and get an earlier start Thursday making the rounds to each school. This is beneficial since we already need to make two separate runs to cover all the schools and next year there will be two additional elementaries.

We just concluded handing out additional Spring Break Food Bags to families with kids that are home and not getting their usual breakfast and lunch from the school.

Pack The Cruiser is coming up soon. We are waiting to get the date, but it should fall at the end of May or beginning of June and will take place at the Kroger on Springmill Road and 161st St.

Church Relations

We'd like to recognize the recent food drive by Lifepointe Church which tallied 2600 pounds of donations. Thrive Christian Church is doing their food drive in April.

Building Expansion

While still in early planning stages, progress has been made in getting information on our options to expand the existing building. We are blessed to have community business members to assist in this process. A committee will be chosen to discuss building uses and decide what best meets our needs now and into the future.

Community Support

Once again, The Mill Tavern has partnered with Coca-Cola Consolidated to raise funds for Open Doors. The Mill hosted their annual Joey's Stockings fundraiser over the holidays. With the contribution from Coca-Cola, the total donation was $15,000! Thank you - We couldn't do what we do without the generosity of community members like The Mill owners Christopher and Kristin Weiler, their loyal patrons (Milligans), and corporate partner Coca-Cola Consolidated.

Spread The Word

Be sure to follow Open Doors of Washington Township on Facebook to help us spread the word of upcoming events and get the latest updates and announcements.

Currently, we are starting to promote the Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 9. Soon after, you'll see information on this year's Pack The Cruiser event. And, of course, we post reminders about the Meijer Simply Give program.

We rely on the generosity of our community to help sustain our food inventory and to provide for our clients. That's where you can help spread the word by sharing our posts with family and friends and other online groups you are a part of.

And, a big thank you to Tami Wanninger for all her time and energy in keeping our Facebook page active!

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COORDINATOR REPORTS *continued*

Pantry Operations

The quantity of food rescued from local grocery stores has been fluctuating. Some weeks we get a good amount of good meat, produce and deli items; however, we've had days where we get no produce or meat. Almost always there is an abundance of bakery/bread items. We are having a hard time finding others with whom to share as Sheridan can only take so much.

We have a local grower that has recently been providing great leaf lettuce – bagged and ready to put out. We appreciate our community members who think of us when they have extras. Thank you!

After some temperature issues, we recently purchased a new cooler for the front room. The old cooler had some minor repairs and is continuing to be used in the annex for overflow produce.

More than 65,000 pounds of food was distributed to clients during the first quarter.

Warehouse Operations

We are still collecting empty 10-ream paper boxes in preparation for the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

Our inventory tracking is back to normal and is audited periodically to keep it up to date. Please make sure all your "outs and ins" are recorded to keep it accurate. Having accurate inventory numbers help with our buying decisions and how we focus food drive requests.

We are trying to mare sure we save bags for "doubling" for a group of special needs volunteers that come each Tuesday. There is no need to do all the bags in the bin as this has been a good activity for this group of volunteers. We believe this group will continue through the school year.

Spiritual Concerns

Please continue to keep Bill Black and his family in your prayers.

Saturday May 9, 2026

Time to mark your calendar for the
2026 Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Simply leave a bag of non-perishable food by your mailbox and a letter carrier will pick it up. Be part of America's largest one-day food drive and support Open Doors' mission to help those in our community.

Items that are most needed at this time:

Cereal • Granola Bars • Pop Tarts • Crackers
Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers
Canned Pasta Meals (like Ravioli)
Microwave Popcorn • Canned Pasta Sauce
Hamburger Helper • Canned Vegetable Soup
Canned Spinach, Potatoes, Beets, Mixed Veg.
Canned Tomato Sauce and Paste • Pasta Shapes
Canned Pineapple, Applesauce

2026 Calendar of Events

Board of Directors Meeting Dates
January 8
April 9
July 9
October 8

Annual Meeting
October 8

Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive
May 9

Pack the Cruiser
May/June --

Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway
August 15

Thanksgiving Food Giveaway
November 21

Christmas Toy & Food Giveaway
December 12

Pantry Closed
January 1
May 25
July 4
August 22 – due to LIV Golf traffic
November 21
November 26
December 12
December 25

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

Westfield Bible Methodist Church
219 W. 161st Street
Westfield, IN

SHOP *and* CONTRIBUTE

KROGER…
Register with your Kroger PLUS CARD (free at the store service counter) on the **CommunityRewards Website.** Select number **WY292** for Open Doors. Every time you swipe your card, KROGER will donate a percentage of your purchase to Open Doors.

AMAZON WISH LIST…
QR CODE and LINK CREATED for OPEN DOORS AMAZON WISH LIST. Scan code with camera and be taken to our Wish List. Please do not ship directly to Open Doors as the building is not always open and deliveries sit outside.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2LWM3RXR49QKR?ref_=wl_fv_le

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If you would like to make a financial donation to Open Doors, please go to our website **OpenDoorsWestfield.org** and look for the yellow Donate button at the top. A current list of most needed items can also be found on our website.

Donate

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Pantry Needs, News, General Information
www.opendoorswestfield.org

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