

Food banks and pantries.

Local food banks and pantries are a great place to turn to for free food, groceries, and other forms of non-financial support. Millions of individuals and families are struggling with feeding their families on a consistent basis. While maybe in some months most people are fine, there can be other periods of time due to an unexpected bill or reduction in income that can make it more challenging.

Many low to moderate income families also struggle to keep food on their tables due to the escalating cost of basic items and the weak economy. Tens of millions of people receive some type of food assistance from these centers every year. Never hesitate to ask or stop by a location. Information is provided below on food banks and distribution centers that are located in your state.

Food pantries are run by a wide range of organizations, charities, non-profits, and even government affiliated agencies. For example, many churches will have a food pantry or soup kitchen on site. Organizations like the Salvation Army or Catholic Charities may run a center at their local branches. Many of these locations also rely on government agencies and the generosity of the community at large. They support them in the form of providing surplus government commodities and they help the pantries offer food and groceries to individuals and families in need.


The exact type of assistance offered to qualified individuals will depend on the food bank. Some will provide bread, vegetables, baby formula, frozen food, and perishables. Other centers may just have free canned goods and other basic groceries. In addition, other forms of non-financial support may be offered, such as clothes, personal hygiene items, Christmas and Thanksgiving meals, and diapers. An individual will just need to call the distribution center near them to get the specifics on the food assistance programs administered.

In addition to information on food banks and pantries, families have other places to turn to for help. So if and when you are struggling, there are a number of resources available. Some of those options include:

Government food assistance programs – The federal government runs a large number of assistance programs for the low income. They are available across the nation. More on government [food assistance programs](#).

Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley

Main address is 2805 Salt Springs Road
Youngstown, OH 44509

330-792-5522  330-792-5522 - Phone number

If you live in this region, call for referrals to a pantry. Fruits, vegetables, canned goods, meats, and more may be served. They may have referrals to holiday meal programs too.

Shared Harvest Foodbank

5901 Dixie Highway
Fairfield, OH 45014

Phone - 800-352-3663  800-352-3663 FREE

Freestore Foodbank

112 East Liberty Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

513-482-4500  513-482-4500

In addition to free food, seniors may have home delivered meals, students may obtain snacks during break or the summer, and other assistance is offered. Supports pantries in the Hamilton County region.

The Freestore Foodbank

Addressing a Vital Need

The Freestore Foodbank provides more than 20 million meals to hungry children and families each year to help address a vital need in our local communities. We sure couldn't do it alone!

Working Together to Fight Hunger

Our member network of [community partners](#) spread across [20 counties](#) in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana help us to distribute food to our hungry neighbors. Together, we fight hunger and help bring hope to those who need it most.

Who are Our Community Partners?

Emergency feeding organizations such as food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters are among the [community partners](#) working with the Freestore Foodbank to help give hope to those who need it most. [Mary Sehlhorst](#) would be happy to answer any additional questions you have about our community partner agencies by email or by phone (513) 482-4532  (513) 482-4532.

The Foodbank, Inc.

Main address - 427 Washington St.
Dayton, OH 45402

937-461-0265  937-461-0265

Second Harvest Foodbank of Clark, Champaign and Logan Counties


701 East Columbia Street
Springfield, Ohio 45503

937-325-8715  937-325-8715

Call for information and referrals to free food pantries. Thousands of seniors, low income families, unemployed, and poor residents get help from this location and its pantries.


West Ohio Food Bank




Address - 1380 East Kibby Street
Lima, OH 45804

Telephone number is 419-222-7946  419-222-7946

If your county or area is not listed above, you still have other options available. [Click here](#) to find information on federal and state of Ohio food assistance programs. Government support is available for low income, the elderly, disabled, children, and others.

SNAP Assistance

The Benefits Outreach Program helps those eligible apply for Medicaid and SNAP (formerly Food Stamps). We partner with other community agencies to determine who is in need of health insurance or food assistance, and we assist them with the application process from start to finish, ensuring that all requirements are met. For additional questions, [please email Kam McKenzie](#) or call (513) 357-4620  (513) 357-4620.


City Gospel Mission, 1805 Dalton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45214 | Ph: (513) 241-5525  (513) 241-5525 contact@citygospelmission.org. If you would like to speak to someone directly, please contact us at (513) 241-5525  (513) 241-5525 or (513) 621-2873  (513) 621-2873.

Founded by James N. Gamble of Procter & Gamble in 1924, City Gospel Mission helps the homeless and hurting break the cycle of poverty and despair ... one life at a time. We engage, equip and empower those in need with the spiritual, emotional, mental and physical skills and resources to achieve long-term life transformation and self-sufficiency. Our proven programs and services are centered on caring, personal relationships focused in four key service areas: food and shelter, recovery, at-risk youth and job readiness and placement.

We collaborate with more than 350 local churches and 2,500 volunteers to annually serve more than 6,800 adults and 9,800 youth.


Food/Shelter: We annually serve more than 96,600 nutritious meals and provide more than 26,600 nights of safe shelter. During the holidays, we provide more than 3,000 families with Thanksgiving meals, and provide a party and gifts for more than 120 senior women at our Christmas Boutique.

Food

We serve breakfast and dinner 7 days a week, every day of the year. Meals are open to men, women and children. Breakfast is served at 6:30 a.m. (doors open at 6:15 a.m.). Dinner is served at 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:15 p.m.). For more information about food help call us at (513) 241-5525  (513) 241-5525.

Emergency Shelter

City Gospel Mission offers safe and clean shelter for men in a Christian environment where we treat each other with the dignity and respect we all deserve. 74 beds are available nightly on a first-come, first-serve basis. Men in our shelter have access to case management, meals, showers, medical services, benefits advocacy, enrichment classes and recreational activities.

Our 74-bed facility is often full. Please call ahead to check bed availability (513) 241-5525  (513) 241-5525. If a bed is available, guest must arrive for intake at 4:00 p.m., bring a photo ID, be sober, and not be on the sex offender list.

CLERMONT COUNTY FOOD PANTRIES

Each month the food banks, pantries, and churches in Clermont County Ohio distribute groceries and emergency food to hundreds of people. Many of the beneficiaries are working poor, children, disabled, people living with HIV, the homeless, and seniors.

Many of the non-profit food pantries also partner with and can refer residents to other hunger-relief agencies, such as community meal programs, senior centers, soup kitchens and other providers. Not only that, but the staff at a pantry often have information on other state of Ohio and federal government assistance, such as SNAP food stamps or WIC vouchers for babies and new mothers.

While all services will vary by location, many centers can, from time to time, have other items such as school or work clothing, baby formula, school supplies, and similar items.


Amelia United Methodist Church

Address - 19 East Main Street
Amelia, OH 45102

(513) 753-6770  (513) 753-6770

Cornerstone Baptist Church

2249 Old State Route 32
Batavia, OH 45103

Administrative phone number is (513) 732-1971  (513) 732-1971.

This location may occasionally have some canned food supplies and goods. This is very limited and is not always available.

Holy Trinity SVDP - Inter Parish Ministry


Food pantry address - 140 North Sixth Street
Batavia, OH 45103

Phone (513) 732-2024  (513) 732-2024

Social services, holiday and Christmas meals, and maybe even limited financial assistance is offered.

Batavia First Presbyterian Church

N. Third And North Street
Batavia, Oh 45103

Main number - (513) 561-3932  (513) 561-3932 Ext. 10

A clothing closet operates as well as a food pantry. Work and school uniforms are offered. Also, fresh meals, fruits, and food boxes for Claremont residents.

Salvation Army Batavia

Corps Center - 87 North Market Street
Batavia, OH 45103

(513) 732-6328  (513) 732-6328

The local branch of the nation's leading non-profit. Call for the thrift store, food pantry, and case management services. Also learn about other aid such as LIHEAP or homeless prevention services. Meet with a social worker to learn about programs such as food stamps.

Vineyard Eastgate Community Church

1005 Old State Route 74
Batavia, Oh 45103

Call (513) 753-1993  (513) 753-1993

Clermont families can call for referrals and free food.

YWCA Of Greater Cincinnati - Eastern Area

The Eastern Area Food Pantry is located at 55 South Fourth Street
Batavia, OH 45103

Main number - (513) 732-0450  (513) 732-0450 Administrative

Serving the community for over 35 years, the Emergency Assistance Program provides assistance with food, resources, referrals and information to Clermont County families. Clients are required to bring a picture i.d. and complete necessary paperwork to access services.

The YWCA Food Pantry is closed on the First Monday of every month and any holiday which falls on a Monday. Otherwise, the YWCA Food Pantry operates on the following schedule:

Monday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday - CLOSED
Wednesday - CLOSED
Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday - CLOSED

Anti-Violence Programs

YWCA House of Peace Shelter YWCA Eastern Area Services provides safe protective shelter and necessary supportive services for battered women and their children to move them toward self-sufficiency, independence and freedom from abuse.


Transitional Living Program The YWCA offers short and long-term housing and support for women and their children who have moved beyond an emergency phase and are making the transition to independent living. Transitional housing and services are available for clients leaving the YWCA House of Peace.

Court Advocacy and Sexual Assault Services YWCA Eastern Area Services provides Court Advocacy to domestic violence victims in Adams, Clermont and Brown Counties. The program provides outreach, legal advocacy, support, education and referrals to victims of domestic violence. Court Advocates prepare women for civil and criminal court hearings, assist in the explanation of the legal process, provide court accompaniment, and serve victims and law enforcement. Serving Clermont, Brown and Adams Counties, the YWCA Sexual Assault Program provides 24-hour crisis intervention, TTY accessible hotline assistance and hospital accompaniment, support groups, community outreach, prevention education, and advocacy for sexual assault survivors and the community

The **YWCA Amend Batterers' Intervention Program** is designed to address the effects of domestic violence and violent behavior through prevention/intervention services that target adult males who engage in violent, abusive and unruly behavior. The Amend mission is to help individuals take responsibility for their actions; to examine and confront the values, beliefs, and attitudes that contribute to violence; and to develop non-violent alternatives for dealing with conflict and managing anger to prevent and reduce violence in the community. Amend addresses male battering on the individual level and demands accountability for abusive behavior.

Batesville Food Pantry

120 South Sycamore Street
Batesville, In 47006

Dial for information on distribution hours - (812) 934-2622  (812) 934-2622 Phone 1

Bethel Ministerial Association

211 East Plane Street
Bethel, Ohio 45106

(513) 734-4357  (513) 734-4357

Mount Nebo United Methodist Church

Location is 11693 State Route 774
Bethel, OH 45106

Call (937) 379-1225  (937) 379-1225

Felicity United Methodist Church


421 West Walnut Street
Felicity, Oh 45120

(513) 876-2147  (513) 876-2147

Some of the programs from this center include food, clothing, and maybe Thanksgiving or Christmas meals in the local Clermont County region.

Goshen United Methodist Church

Address - 6710 Goshen Road
Goshen, Ohio 45122

Telephone: (513) 722-2541  (513) 722-2541
Call for hours of hot meal and food distribution.


Felicity United Methodist Church

Location of pantry is 421 West Walnut Street
Felicity, OH 45120

Dial (513) 876-2147  (513) 876-2147


Life (Loveland Inter Faith Effort) Food Pantry

101 South Lebanon Road
Loveland, OH 45140

(513) 583-8222  (513) 583-8222
Government commodities, perishable items, breads, rice, and other foodstuff is distributed.


First Baptist Church - Milford

1367 Woodville Pike
Milford, OH 45150

Administrative number is (513) 575-1705  (513) 575-1705


House Of Restoration Worship Center

1487 S.r. 131
Milford, OH 45150

Main phone (513) 575-2011  (513) 575-2011


Salvation Army Of Greater Cincinnati - Clermont branch

87 North Market Street
Batavia, OH 45103

(513) 732-6328  (513) 732-6328
Qualified residents of the city of Batavia may qualify for meals or food services. They also have Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets along with a pantry.

Miami Milford Ministry

Location is 844 State Route 131
Milford, Ohio 45150

Call - (513) 248-1114  (513) 248-1114
Emergency food boxes, meals, and free or low cost groceries and vouchers are offered.

Mt. Repose Baptist Church

6088 Guinea Pike
Milford, OH 45150

Dial (513) 575-1121  (513) 575-1121

St. Andrew SVDP


552 Main Street
Milford, OH 45150

Call for (513) 831-7837  (513) 831-7837 service/intake

Volunteers may deliver meals to seniors. There are also groceries, referrals to soup kitchens and pantries, and other social services for low income and working poor families.

Inter Parish Ministry Batavia First Presbyterian Church

Main address is 277 North Street
Batavia, OH 45103

Main phone number is (513) 561-3932  (513) 561-3932

A client choice food pantry, home delivery of meal program and clothing closet are on site. Some of what is offered includes vegetables, canned goods, and milk or dairy goods. There is also winter coats, boots for students, and other clothing.


Life Change Church

Main address is 4359 Bauman Road
Batavia, Ohio 45103

(513) 735-2555  (513) 735-2555

St. Elizabeth Seton SVDP

5900 Buckwheat Road
Milford, OH 45150

Call the church pantry at (513) 575-0957  (513) 575-0957

New Richmond Village Food Pantry


Location- 102 Willow Street Po Box 272
New Richmond, Ohio 45157


Call (513) 553-3800  (513) 553-3800


Everything from an emergency bag of groceries is passed out to applications to USDA commodities.

Williamsburg Emergency Mission

330 Gay Street
Williamsburg, Oh 45176

Telephone number - (513) 724-6305  (513) 724-6305

St. John Fisher Church (Newton (513) 561-9431  (513) 561-9431)

If the centers above can't assist, then dial 513.482.4500  513.482.4500 for additional locations. There are bag lunch programs, weekend snacks for children, and other charity services.

The Inter Parish Ministry

MercyWorks, a Union Township food pantry, received \$30,200 in gift cards Aug. 10 as part of the Meijer Simply Give program. The Simply Give program began again Aug. 5 and customers will be able to purchase food pantry donation cards until Oct. 6.

The food pantry, located at Eastgate Vineyard Church on Old State Route 74, partnered with Meijer to participate in the Simply Give program, which enables customers to donate \$10 gift cards to help stock the shelves of a local food pantry.

“Each Meijer store chooses a pantry, and they run the promotion several times a year,” Barbara Eppich, MercyWorks pastor, said. “If you are a customer, you can pick up a card and take it to the cash register and they double it.”

The MercyWorks food pantry is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. It is located at 1005 Old State Route 74. For more information about the Meijer Simply Give program, visit www.meijer.com.

PET FOOD PANTRIES

The Cincinnati Pet Food Pantry

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2015 is our next distribution day. You must bring your Photo ID and proof of eligibility every month - no exceptions. Only the first 150 qualified visitors will receive pet food assistance. Please come early and be prepared to wait in line outside - dress appropriately! Please do NOT bring your pets with you. DO NOT LEAVE PETS IN THE CAR! We distribute food once a month from the Pantry, which is located at 5207 Madison Road, Suite B-100

Cincinnati, Ohio 45227

We do not distribute food at other times as we are not staffed other than on distribution day.

You must come in person every month. We do not deliver food. If you are unable to stand in line, you can stay in the car if someone stands in line for you. We will come to your car when it's your turn to check your ID and proof of eligibility.

PETPROMISE PET FOOD PANTRY

This program provides temporary assistance in the form of cat and dog food free of charge to caretakers of feral cat colonies and pet owners who are experiencing economic hardship.

To request an application or just learn more about the PetPromise Pet Food Pantry program, please contact outreach@petpromise.org.

PETPROMISE | 4812 KENNY RD. COLUMBUS OH 43220 | 614.738.2149  614.738.2149

Ohio Animal Companion Organization

<http://www.ohioanimalcompanion.org/resources/pet-food-assistance/>

UNITED PET FUND – PARTNER WITH CCHS/CART

UPF Resource Center Location: 11336 Tamarco Dr. Blue Ash 45242

Mailing Address:

United Pet Fund

9401 Towne Square Avenue

Cincinnati, Ohio 45242

Phone: (513) 520-7571  (513) 520-7571

(513) 793-1875  (513) 793-1875

Fax:

(513) 793-6703

Email:

unitedpetfund@fuse.net

RESCUE ME OHIO PET FOOD BANKS

Pet food banks can be found throughout Ohio. Their purpose is to help ensure that pets and free-roaming animals in our communities do not go hungry. They help pet parents keep their pets even during difficult financial times which many people are currently experiencing. They also help ensure that people do not have to share their own meals with their pets and sacrifice their own nutrition and hunger. Food banks are always looking for donations to keep their stock full. If you aren't in need of help, perhaps you will think about offering help. The more help these organizations receive, the more animals they can help.

Pet Food Banks



PAX - PEACE FOR ANIMALS

PO Box 29291, Cleveland, OH 44129

(216) 769-6769

pax4animals@yahoo.com

We provide a temporary source of nutritious pet food for pets of families who are facing tough financial setbacks in Northeast Ohio.



CHARLIE'S PANTRY

PO Box 172 Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351

(419) 835-4052

Charlie's Pantry is focused on serving northwest Ohio through our amazing network of volunteers, Charlie's Pantry, distributes free pet food to anyone...



PAW'S PANTRY

PO Box 475 Madison, OH 44057

(440) 823-0486

pawspantry@windstream.net

No pet should go to sleep at night hungry. Helping those who can't speak for themselves.



A CALL FUR HELP, INC.

P.O. Box 9032 Youngstown, Ohio 44513

330-550-5953

Email: Acallfurhelp@gmail.com

A Call Fur Help, Inc is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes of animal assistance. We concent...



HUMANE OHIO

3131 Tremainsville Road, Toledo OH 43613
(419) 266-5607
petfoodbank@humaneohio.org

Humane Ohio operates the Humane Ohio Pet Food Bank to provide pet food to pet parents in need and to people caring for free-roaming cats. Pet Supplies...

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Northern Ohio

Central Ohio



PETPROMISE

4812 Kenny Rd. Columbus, OH 43220

(614) 738-2149

outreach@petpromise.org

This program provides temporary assistance in the form of cat and dog food free of charge to caretakers of feral cat colonies and pet owners who are experiencing economic hardship.



FAIRFIELD COUNTY CARES

PO Box 844
Lancaster, OH 43130

(740) 654-5000

fairfieldcountycares@columbus.rr.com

Fairfield County CARES donates pet food to local food banks via Choice Food Pantry in Lancaster



RASCAL CHARITIES

6365 Old Avery Rd Ste 9 Dublin, OH 43016

(614) 791-7729

petfoodpantry@rascalunit.org

Rascal Charities has established a pet food pantry to help individuals in need of food for animals in their care throughout the state of Ohio.

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Southern Ohio



CINCINNATI PET FOOD PANTRY

PO Box 844
Lancaster, OH 43130

(740) 654-5000

fairfieldcountycares@columbus.rr.com

Fairfield County CARES donates pet food to local food banks via Choice Food Pantry in Lancaster

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Other Resources



PETS OF THE HOMELESS

Pets of the Homeless is a nonprofit volunteer organization that provides pet food and veterinary care to the homeless in local communities across the United States and Canada.



HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES

Provides a list of national and state organizations that provide pet-related financial aid services including emergency vetting and pet food.

Fairfield County CARES donates pet food to local food banks via Choice Food Pantry in Lancaster

Creating second chances for first class pets

Rescue Me Ohio P.O. Box 636 Hudson, OH 44236

www.rescuemeohio.org/#!pet-food-banks/c2501