

Did You Know...

serving locally >>>

NENCAP representatives office at the Washington County Food Pantry throughout the month. They can help with payment assistance, WIC, child car seats, weatherization and veteran’s services. Call us at 402.426.0440 to make an appointment to visit with them.

Carrots, Lettuce and Squash

N EXTENSION

The Washington County Extension Office, led by Extension Educator Jordan Luxa, have planted a community garden and are continually bringing the produce to the pantry for distribution. If you have extra garden produce, we encourage you to bring it to the pantry!



Make a difference today!

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WCCF Strategic Director: Denise Cada

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Looking for a service project for your company or organization? Contact us! We can help you organize a food drive or provide you ideas for a community service project.



Want to hear more about what we do? We will speak at your group meeting. We also give tours of the pantry (please call ahead to schedule the time).

did you realize?

We help complete

SNAP Applications
United Way Basic Needs Assessments

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Food for Thought

Our Community PACKED the Pantry!

Over 3,000 pounds of food was donated to the Washington County Food Pantry during the end of June “Pack the Pantry” event.

“We needed help restocking the pantry with basic items so we decided to run a promotion to help spread the word. The number of patrons visiting the pantry has increased this summer, and we had a definite need,” commented Denise Cada.

Churches, clubs, teams, families and individuals stepped forward to make the event a success for the pantry. Along with over a ton of food donated, people also choose to donate cash. “We will always accept monetary donations. We have unique buying power, and we are able to purchase the exact foods we are needing,” Cada said.



“It is neighbors helping neighbors and our community is always so giving. It never ceases to amaze me how generous and caring people are.”



VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

www.josephscoat.org

Our new site is mobile friendly and full of information about Joseph's Coat and the Washington County Food Pantry.

What you'll find:

- Most needed food lists
- Amazon wish list,
- Food pantry guidelines & support services information
- Event details
- How to support the food pantry, including an online giving portal for both recurring monthly donations and one time giving.

"When designing the new site, we wanted to make giving easy and allow everyone to support the food pantry," commented WCFP VP Jim Brown.



Good Things Happen Here!



Runza's annual Feed the Needs fundraiser was held on April 5 and the Blair Runza location donated \$659.76 to the WCFP.



WCFP was awarded \$1,000 from Family Fare/Spartan Nash's Direct Your Dollars program. Keep collecting your receipts! They make a difference!

Hey, Fort Calhoun...



We now have a donation bin located in Fort Calhoun next to the splash pad (12th & Adams St). Donate your gently used household items & clothing here!



Blair Community Schools K-5 Milk & Cereal Food Drive



Students in BCS grades kindergarten through 5th grade held a milk and cereal food drive in April.

Arbor Park School collected 420 cereal boxes!

North, South and Deerfield Primary schools filled school size milk containers with coins to help the pantry purchase milk. They collected \$2,600! This will provide milk at our pantry for an entire year. **THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING AMAZING!**



Leadership Washington County and Cub Scouts toured the food pantry.



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By the Numbers

In an average month we serve

- **103 FAMILIES**
- **310 INDIVIDUALS**
- **6,510 MEALS**

We help 8 new families each month

In 2021 we distributed 215,506 pounds of food to families, seniors and children struggling with hunger in our community.

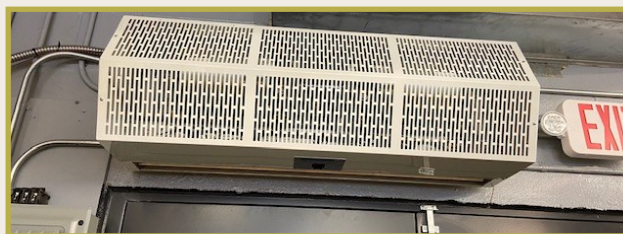
\$40 provides dinner for a family for 1 week

Most commonly needed food items: rice, pasta noodles, boxed potatoes, soups, jelly, baked beans, crackers, condiments and toilet paper.

community action>>>

Grant Funds New Air Curtain

THANK YOU to the Washington County Community Foundation for the generous grant to install a new air curtain over our back entrance. This is a much needed addition to our building making our employees and patrons much more comfortable! **We appreciate everything the WCCF does for our community!**



"The relationship between WCCF and an organization like the Food Pantry is a perfect example of how a philanthropic partnership makes Washington County a great place to live and work."

-Emily Petersen
WCCF Board

"The WCCF appreciates the opportunity each year to apply for a WCCF grant. We take this privilege very seriously and try to request funds that will be used to make the biggest impact for staff and patrons. The success of our organization is a direct result of their generosity and the generosity of our surrounding community."

-JoEllen Maras
WCFP Board President



how to donate >>>

We are a 501(c)(3) organization. All gifts are tax deductible.

- 1 **Joseph's Coat**—please give gently used clothing, toys, household items and small furniture and appliances.
- 2 **Direct Your Dollars**—bring us your receipts from Family Fare. For every \$150,000 of receipts, Family Fare donates \$1,000 to the WCFP.
- 3 The **AmazonSmile Foundation** will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your AmazonSmile purchases.
- 4 **Donorbox**-donations are accepted online at www.josephscoat.org/support.
- 5 **Monetary Donations** are always accepted in person or by mail.

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