

# Did You Know...

serving locally >>>

Each Tuesday you can meet with a NENCAP representative at the Washington County Food Pantry. They can help with SNAP, payment assistance, WIC, child car seats, weatherization food commodity applications and veteran's services. Stop by or call 402.426.0440 to make an appointment.



## Holiday Hours

November 24th—Closed  
November 25 - Joseph's Coat is open. Pantry is closed.  
December 24th —Close at noon  
December 25th and 26th - Closed  
December 31st—Close at 3 pm  
January 2nd - Closed



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WASHINGTON COUNTY  
**FOOD PANTRY**  
at Joseph's Coat  
1737 Washington Street  
Blair, NE 68008  
402.426.0440



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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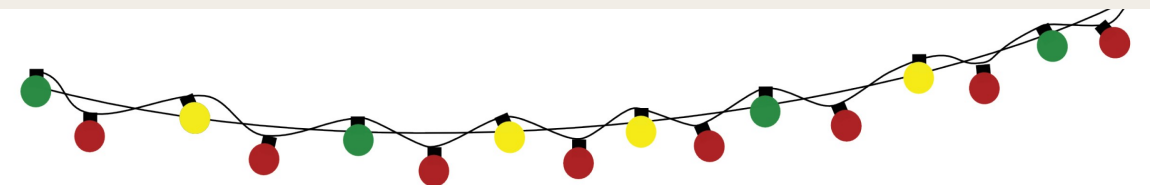
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# Food for Thought



## Christmas for the Coat

Wednesday, December 7th • 6:30 am - 9:00 am

Christmas for the Coat is our largest fundraiser and we are excited to offer the "Drive Thru Edition" again this year!

Enjoy a "To-Go" breakfast that includes a breakfast burrito, fruit, donut, juice or coffee. Stop by before school or on your way to work. Santa will be here to say hello!

Raffle baskets will be available with all proceeds supporting the Washington County Food Pantry!



**Advance Tickets only \$10 and Available Now at:**

Washington County Food Pantry  
Washington County Bank in Blair & Ft Calhoun  
Conner Chiropractic in Blair

"This is an event we hold close. We enjoy greeting all of the families that drive thru to grab breakfast. It is becoming a new holiday tradition for our community."

-Denise Cada  
Strategic Director



## Why give on November 29th?

100% of your donation that day goes to the nonprofit(s) of your choice -- no fees! Visit: [www.washcocommfoundation.org/wcne-gives](http://www.washcocommfoundation.org/wcne-gives).

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT and donate to the Washington County Food Pantry between the hours of 8am and 1pm. THANK YOU to these local businesses who will generously match gifts each hour up to \$500!

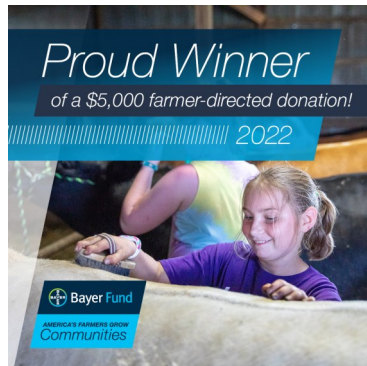






The WCFP Board of Directors is excited to launch a new awareness campaign, "Here for Good" to tell our story to Washington County residents. Stay tuned in the new year to learn more!

## Good Things Happen Here



America's Farmers Grow Communities partners with farmers to strengthen local nonprofits that positively impact communities across rural America. Washington County residents Mike and JoAnne Kahnk were selected to choose a local nonprofit to award a \$5,000 donation, and they designated the food pantry. **THANK YOU Mike & JoAnne!**



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

# Local Schools Fight Hunger

Arlington Public Schools Continues 26 Year Tradition

Arlington High School FBLA continued a long standing school tradition this October by sponsoring their annual school-wide food drive.

"Our goal is 3,000 or more items. This year we collected 3,606 items. This year we focused on items rather than collecting money, noted FBLA Advisor, Shawna Koger.



"We created a competition between classes in the high school and the elementary. High school teacher-advisor group who brought the most cans received a pizza party, while the elementary class received a popcorn party. We track our drive by items to see how we have done over time. Since 2003, we have collected 68,387 items and raised \$1,444.60. Also, this year we set up a community donation location at the Within Shoppe & Studio in Arlington. " Arlington Public Schools donated 2,184 pounds of food this fall! Impressive!

## Blair Otte Middle School Fights Hunger



Otte Middle School held a "Black Out Hunger Event" to help raise funds for the Washington County Food Pantry. Student Senate sponsor, Kristi Baker, started the fundraiser eight years ago.

"It is a way for students to help others as well as letting students have the opportunity to dress up. Students are asked to wear black to black out hunger. One thing important for me is that our students know that it is important to help others. That is why we have events throughout the year to help various organizations. I encourage students to think of ways to help others, especially in our community."

Students were each asked to bring \$.25 to help the food pantry. If every student at Otte gave a quarter over \$120 would be raised. Students smashed that goal and raised \$1,085.92!

## MORE. THAN. A. TON.

Thank you to the NU Extension garden and generous local gardeners we distributed more than 2,000 pounds of fresh garden produce this year!



## 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, books, household items and small furniture and kitchen 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](http://www.josephscoat.org/support).
- 5 **Monetary Donations** are always accepted in person or by mail.

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## By the Numbers

In an average month we serve

- **112 FAMILIES**
- **340 INDIVIDUALS**
- **7,400 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.