

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. Call Candy at 402.721.0619 to make an appointment.



OUR MISSION

We are a faith-based organization serving the needs of our local communities through food distribution and support services that engage overall health and well-being.



Save the Date!

Christmas for the Coat
Wednesday, December 6th
~Tickets on sale soon~

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WCFP Board of Directors: Jim Brown, Gine Gille, JoEllen Maras, Teri McKennan, Gregg Miller, Annette Ott, Kelli Shaner, Cece Tom and Cathy White
WCFP Strategic Director: Denise Cada



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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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Food for Thought

WCFP Receives Amazing Community Support



WOW!

Dollar General executive team, including Blair Distribution Center Manager Joseph Hunter, and Mayor Mindy Rump, along with WCFP accepting the donation.

Dollar General recently celebrated the grand opening of their Blair Distribution Center with a picnic for all employees and families. At the celebration, Dollar General surprised the food pantry with a \$10,000 donation. Commenting that their corporate mission is to invest in their communities and serve others, Dollar General proudly supports our efforts in the fight against hunger.



A steer purchased at the Washington County Fair livestock auction was donated to the pantry. RVR Bank and the Washington County Cattlemen's Association purchased the steer for \$4,463 and Oakland Meat Processing donated the processing. "Anytime you can be there to help your community and your county is a no-brainer," Joel Bacon, market president for RVR Bank, said.

Representatives from RVR Bank, the Washington County Cattlemen's Association, Oakland Meat Processing, and the WCFP stand with 4-H exhibitors Hadley Grabbe and Tyler Thompson.

HARVEST FOR HUNGER

Garden season was a success across the county this summer.

Hundreds of pounds of fresh produce was donated this year. We appreciate the donations and love distributing fresh options to patrons.

Neighbors helping neighbors!



We Hit a Homerun!

Summer Campaign Goal: 3,000 Pounds & \$3,000

During the month of June, we pitched a Strike Out Hunger campaign to help address food insecurity across Washington County. Already tight budgets are stretched tighter with rising food and fuel prices and kids home enjoying summer vacation.

Individuals, organizations, and softball and baseball teams all stepped up to the plate and helped us surpass our goal. Thanks to everyone who donated!



Good Things Happen Here Community Office!



Harsin Built Construction built our community office.

In order to provide more services to our patrons, we added an additional office space in our building.

If your organization has a need to utilize this space, reach out to Joseph's Coat. The space is available for hourly or daily use.

WCFP Welcomes New Board Members

The Washington County Food Pantry is pleased to welcome Annette Ott and Teri McKennan to the board of directors.



Annette Ott

I am excited to be a part of the WCFP board. There are so many wonderful things happening there. So many ways to help those in our area. What an awesome asset to this community!



Teri McKennan

I am happy to be on the board and look forward to collaborating with this great group to do the most good for Washington County. The generosity of the community and volunteers is remarkable and I feel privileged to play my small part.

Share Your Story!

We are using stories to spread the importance of ending hunger.

Would you share with us:

- a time you've experienced food insecurity and we helped
- a memory of a time you donated, volunteered or hosted a food drive

www.josephscoat.org/story



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 **Walmart Sparkgood**—select Joseph's Coat as your giving charity on Walmart.com and round up each time you make a purchase.
- 3 **Donorbox**—donations are accepted online at www.josephscoat.org/support.
- 4 **Monetary Donations** are always accepted in person or by mail.

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By the Numbers

In an average month
we serve

- **114 FAMILIES**
- **336 INDIVIDUALS**
- **7,028 MEALS**

We help 9 new
families each month

In 2022 we distributed 157,708 pounds of food to families, seniors and children struggling with hunger in our community.

*\$40 provides dinner
for a family for 1 week*

What do we need?

- *rice
- *pasta noodles
- *tuna
- *canned vegetables
- *soup
- *hamburger helper
- *jelly
- *crackers
- *toilet paper / paper towels



We are excited to take part in Washington County Gives once again this year! It will be an exciting day for our county. Stay tuned for details.