

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.



Happy 90th Birthday, Hugh!

Hugh Shields has been a volunteer at Joseph's Coat since it began in the basement of the Episcopal Church in Blair. Hugh helps weekly with the shoes and books.



follow us on Facebook



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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WCFF Board of Directors: Gine Gile, Ashleigh Harvey, Jolien Maras, Teri McKennan, Gregg Miller, Annette Ott, Kelli Shaner, Cece Tonn and Cathy White
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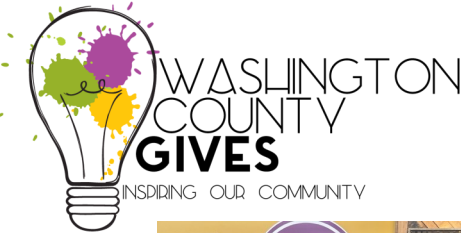
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Food for Thought

A December to Remember

Washington County Gives & Christmas for the Coat provide a tremendous boost!



Abe's Trash Service
generously matched
Washington County
Gives Day
donations!



On Tuesday, November 28th we took part in the 7th annual Washington County Gives celebration. THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the food pantry and joined us for our open house and chili feed. We received TREMENDOUS support on Gives Day!

COX



The largest ever Christmas for the Coat fundraiser was held Wednesday, December 6th. Over 200 cars drove thru to grab breakfast and take part in early December holiday cheer. Special thanks to presenting sponsor Cox Communications.





We use 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
- how the pantry has helped you in other ways besides with food
- how your organization or family has benefitted from helping us

www.josephscoat.org/story

You can make a difference every month of the year!

You can become a **monthly donor** by setting up automatic monthly donations in an amount that suits you. This hassle-free method ensures that your generous contributions are conveniently drafted each month, allowing you to support the food pantry with secure, automatic payments from your bank account, credit card, or debit card.

Quick and Easy!

1. Go to www.josephscoat.org or scan the QR code below
2. Click 'support' icon
3. Scroll down to "online donations" and enter your information



Home > Support > Online Donations

Online Donations

How much to give?

Did you know? \$45 will feed a family of 4 for one week!

Choose amount

One-time Weekly Monthly

You can log in to edit your recurring donation any time

\$ 45 \$ 75 \$ 100

\$ Custom Amount

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Joseph's Coat Needs Your Stuff!

Spring is coming...and it's time to clean out your closets and cabinets! Joseph's Coat is grateful to take your donations of:

- Holiday decorations
- Gently used small furniture
- Small household appliances
- Clothing and shoes

Your donations are sold at Joseph's Coat and profits are used to purchase food for the food pantry. **Donate your stuff today and help the pantry!**



Lenten List

Most needed foods for the Easter season:

- Salad dressing
- Boxed Potatoes
- Jelly
- Canned fruit
- Muffin mix
- Pancake mix
- Syrup
- Jello



Denise Cada and Emily Petersen, WCCF Grants Committee

The Washington County Community Foundation awarded the WCCF a \$5,000 grant to replace a freezer unit in the pantry.

"The Foundation has always been so generous to the food pantry. Ninety percent of our protein is stored frozen so replacing the freezer is a major benefit to our patrons in Washington County," commented Denise Cada, WCCF Strategic Director.



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By the Numbers

In an average month we serve

- **114 FAMILIES**
- **312 INDIVIDUALS**
- **6,570 MEALS**

We help 10 new families each month

In 2023 we distributed 273,419 pounds of food to families, seniors and children struggling with hunger in our community.

\$45 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



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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