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2025
ANNUAL REPORT

WASHINGTON COUNTY
FOOD PANTRY
at Joseph's Coat

2025 IN REVIEW

Here For Good



As we reflect on the past year, we are reminded that this work is truly **powered by community**. Every meal shared and every neighbor served reflects the care and commitment of people across Washington County.

In 2025, we provided 230,015 meals to county residents. Behind that number are families, seniors, and individuals who relied on the pantry during uncertain times. Because of your support, food continued to move where it was needed most—helping keep plates full across our community.

Community engagement remained at the heart of our work. Food drives, volunteers, and partnerships all strengthened our ability to respond with dignity and care. Washington County Gives—our largest fundraiser—was a tremendous day of generosity, and a powerful reminder of what’s possible when neighbors come together in support of one another.

As we look ahead, our mission remains constant. We are here for good- serving our community, one meal at a time.

Thank you for your generosity, your time, and your belief in our work.

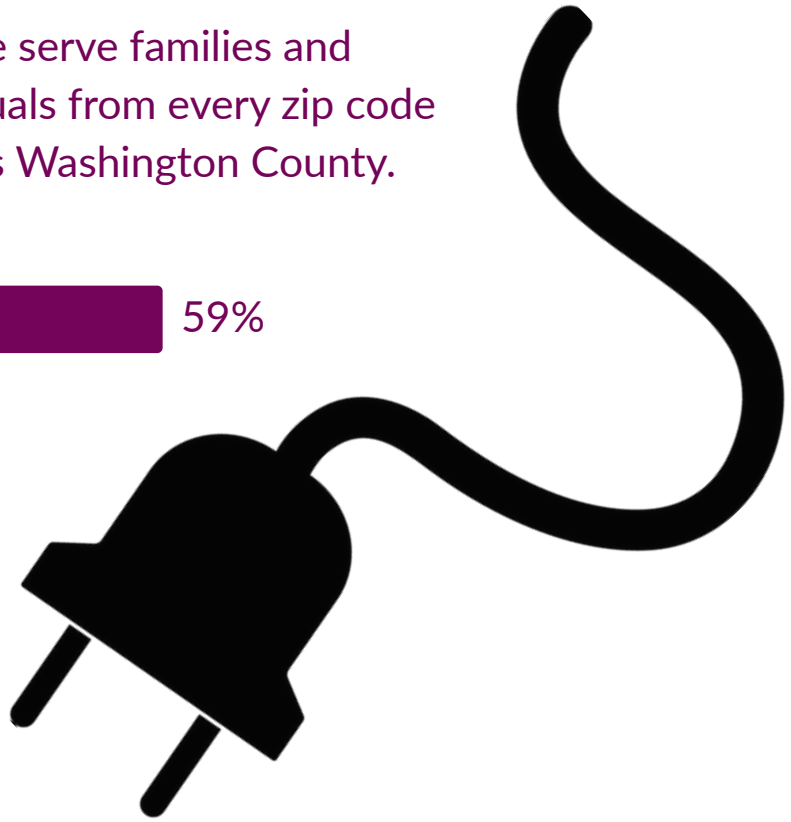
With Gratitude and Blessings,

Denise Cada
Strategic Director

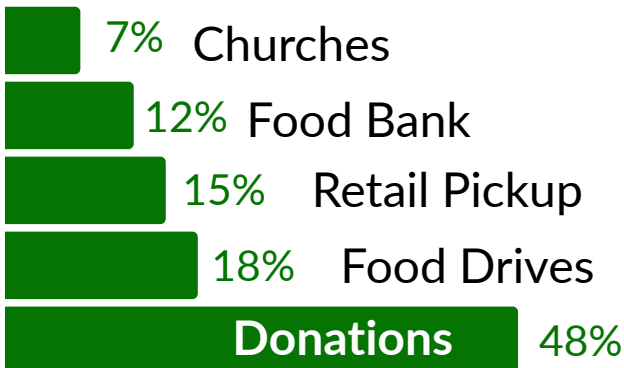
2025 Board of Directors

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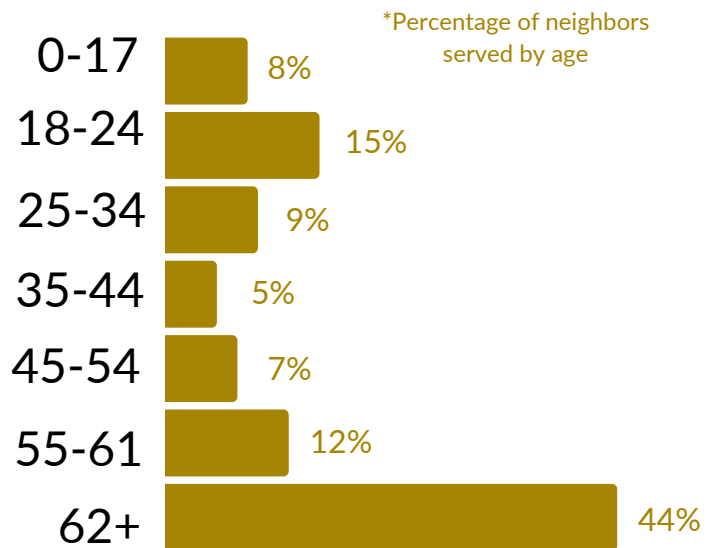
Plugged Into Our Mission



Food comes from many sources—including farmers, grocery partners, food drives, and distributors.



Essential nutrition reaches neighbors of every age.



Power



Community Support



Local Giving



Shared Impact



Donations are a vital part of serving Washington County. Food drives, financial gifts, and Joseph's Coat Thrift Store donations power our mission and ensure our neighbors have access to nutritious foods. In 2025, we received more than 149,000 pounds of donated food.

Grid



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230,015
meals provided



277,122
pounds of food distributed

18%
of Washington county's population utilized the food pantry



100%
of all donations stay in Washington County

12
new families served per month

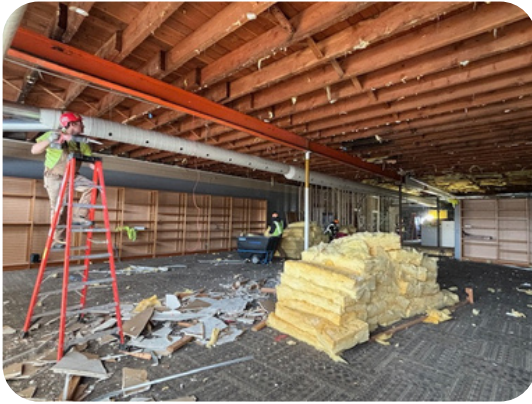


95%
of food distributed was proteins, fruits, and vegetables

51
volunteer organized local food drives

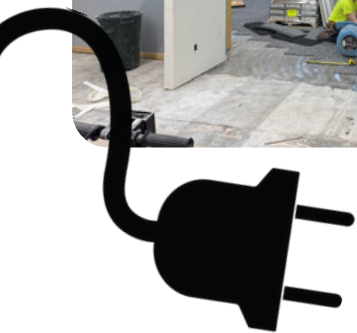
Keeping Current

Here For Good



After years of searching for a new location, our Board of Directors made the decision to renovate our current location on Washington Street. In February, we closed the food pantry and thrift store for two weeks for a complete remodel. We removed ceiling tiles, carpet, and walls, replacing them with a fresh new look—updated lighting and carpet, an improved donation and sorting area, a new front door, and fresh paint throughout.

The new design is more efficient, allowing us to accept more donations and serve more pantry patrons through improved traffic flow. Stop by to see our new look!



SPARKING Change



Hugh and Jane Hunt exemplify the power of generosity and partnership in action. Their deep belief in the mission of the Washington County Food Pantry—and their genuine care for our neighbors—made a tremendous impact this year. Through a gift of more than \$100,000 this fall, Hugh and Jane helped fuel our work and ensure that families across Washington County have access to nutritious, high-quality food. We are profoundly grateful for their trust, their kindness, and the spark they provide that helps power our mission forward.

Staying Connected

Give Where You Live

Tannenbaum Festival



Buddy the Elf joined Food Pantry board members in greeting neighbors at the Tannenbaum Festival, spreading holiday cheer and serving up fun at our popcorn bar. It was a joyful, family-friendly event that brought the town together to celebrate the season.

Washington County Gives

Washington County Gives is our largest fundraiser and a powerful day of generosity across the county. We welcomed the community to an open house and shared a chili and cinnamon roll lunch while celebrating the kindness that fuels our work all year long. We are deeply thankful for every gift and every neighbor who showed their support.



Christmas for the Coat

Despite blustery weather, the community turned out in great numbers for our Christmas for the Coat drive-thru breakfast. Santa and Buddy the Elf greeted families, spreading holiday cheer and reminding us once again of the warmth and generosity that define our community.



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The Washington County Food Pantry relies on community donations for support. We could not serve those in need without your generosity.

Joseph's Coat is a 501(c)(3) organization. All gifts are tax deductible.

Drop off gently used clothing, household items, and small furniture. We sell these items at Joseph's Coat.



Sales from donations help fund food purchases for the Washington County Food Pantry.

Donation drop boxes located at Family Fare (Blair), the Ft. Calhoun splash pad area, and the Washington County Fairgrounds (Arlington)



Contact us about coordinating a local food drive. It's a great community service project for your family, organization, or company.

Donorbox - donating online is easy and quick. Visit www.josephscoat.org/support

Planned charitable giving: We have teamed up with the Washington County Community Foundation to ensure that your philanthropic wishes are honored. Consider leaving a legacy of hope through our endowment fund.



Monetary donations are always appreciated in person or by mail.



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