



# Cicero-Berwyn-Stickney Food Pantry

*Our Mission: As part of the global effort to eliminate hunger, the Cicero-Berwyn-Stickney Food Pantry exists to reduce hunger in our communities by collecting and distributing supplemental food and other goods to those in need, and by providing resources to help our clients attain self-sufficiency. The CBS Food Pantry is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.*

## Breakfast with Santa! Saturday, December 3, 2016

Doors open at 8:30am

Santa arrives by 9:00 with the help of the Berwyn Fire Department

Skylite West Banquet Hall • 7117 West Ogden Avenue, Berwyn

Admission is free • Breakfast tickets are \$10.00 per plate

Raffle items: Galaxy Tab A 16 GB WiFi Tablet and More!

Music by Eddie Lopez • Face Painting by Carole • B-Noz the Clown

Crafts • Pictures with Santa • Non-perishable items are welcome



## Meijer 2016 *Simply Give* Campaign

CBS Food Pantry is happy to partner with Meijer this holiday season to provide hunger relief to local families through the retailer's food pantry donation program, **Simply Give**. How does Simply Give work? Customers of your Berwyn Meijer store purchase \$10 Simply Give donation cards that are converted to Meijer food-only gift cards and given to CBS. Visit [www.meijercommunity.com](http://www.meijercommunity.com) to learn more about Simply Give.



## SNAP (Food Stamp) Outreach

The food pantry is a member of the SNAP Outreach Program which will help to assist eligible households through the food stamp application process to ensure they receive benefits to purchase additional food. A member of our staff is available every Tuesday from 11:00-3:00pm to help clients or answer questions about the food stamp process. Stop by or call, and we will be glad to help members of the community to answer your questions or even help you with the redetermination process.

*The CBS Food Pantry will be closed for the holidays on Tuesday, December 20 and Tuesday, December 27. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 3.*

The **annual meeting** of the CBS Anti-Hunger Foundation will be on Monday, January 23, at 7:30 pm at Gethsemane Church, 1937 South 50th Avenue. At the meeting, members will vote on a slate of candidates to serve on the Board of Directors

Voting members of the Foundation include:

- Volunteers who request voting membership in the Foundation and who work at least 100 hours per year.
- One representative from each organization that requests voting membership in the Foundation and fulfills the minimal annual contribution of \$100.
- Individuals who request voting membership in the Foundation and fulfill the minimal annual contribution of \$100.

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### **From the President ...**

Happy Thanksgiving!

This year has been another busy year. Each month during 2016, we served between 400 and 500 families comprising of between 1000 and 1500 individuals.

Despite the generosity of our donors and our efficient purchasing of food, the CBS Food Pantry is currently operating at a deficit approaching \$10,000. Please consider helping us eliminate our financial deficit by:

- Becoming one of *The 52*. You can do so by donating \$500 (approximately one week's food cost).
- Donating any amount you can.

Your donation will help us continue to reduce hunger in the Cicero, Berwyn and Stickney area.

May God bless you and your family this holiday season.

### **Richard Vavra**

President, Board of Directors

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## **Support CBS when you shop Amazon.com**

Shopping Amazon.com for the holidays? Use **Amazon Smile** and 0.5% of your purchase will support the CBS Food Pantry! Simply navigate to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and search for "CBS Anti-Hunger Foundation." You can also find the link on our website, [cbsfoodpantry.org](http://cbsfoodpantry.org)

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### **Volunteer Profile: Bret Popper**



Not all our volunteers can be seen working at the pantry on Tuesday afternoons. Bret Popper has served six years on the Board of Directors and is now Vice President. He is also responsible for many of our community outreach activities, such as maintaining the Pantry's web site and publishing the newsletters. Bret served previously as Treasurer and led the creation of the Pantry's first strategic plan back in 2001.

Bret got involved in the Food Pantry at the urging of his mother, Carolyn Popper, a longtime intake volunteer. "My mom greatly enjoyed working at the pantry every week. And she always impressed to me the importance of giving back to the community."

Bret is a lifelong member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Cicero. He is also President of the Board of Directors for the Chicago City-Wide Symphony Orchestra.

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Cicero IL 60804  
Phone: (708) 863-4913

**Food Distribution:**  
Tuesdays, 2:00 – 5:30 PM

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[www.cbsfoodpantry.org](http://www.cbsfoodpantry.org)

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[facebook.com/CBSFoodPantry](https://www.facebook.com/CBSFoodPantry)

***Help the CBS Food Pantry feed our neighbors. Become one of "The 52."***

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**      Saturday, December 3

**FOOD PANTRY CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS**  
Tuesday, December 20 and Tuesday, December 27

**CBS ANNUAL MEETING**      Monday, January 23, 2017

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