



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.

CBS Food Pantry continues to serve our communities during unprecedented times



In January, the pantry was serving 75-80 families each week. Since the rise of the COVID-19 pandemic, that number has increased to 120-150 families per week. On average, volunteers are seeing about 35 new families, each week.



Thank You ...

The CBS Food Pantry would like to thank first and foremost our **staff and volunteers** for allowing us to continue our mission of addressing hunger in our communities. We have remained open throughout the pandemic and have worked tirelessly to provide a safe environment for our clients in a time of unprecedented need.

Thank you to everyone who has donated money, food, and other goods to support our mission.

We would like to thank the following organizations for their recent generous support:

- ❖ The **Chicago Community COVID-19 Response Fund** awarded us a grant in July. This is a collaboration between the City of Chicago, The Chicago Community Trust, and United Way of Metro Chicago.
- ❖ The **Greater Chicago Food Depository** has supported the Food Pantry by covering the costs of food throughout the pandemic. GCFD also has awarded us a grant.
- ❖ The **Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation** awarded us a Rapid Response and Recovery grant.
- ❖ Thank you to **BMO Harris Bank** for awarding us a grant.
- ❖ **Metropolitan Chicago Synod, ELCA** awarded us a grant and highlighted the Food Pantry in social media.
- ❖ Thank you to **Gethsemane Lutheran Church** for allowing the Food Pantry to remain open.
- ❖ Much appreciation for donations from **Beyond Catering, Strong as Oak, Morton West High School, MacNeal Hospital, and La Preferida**

YES, I would like to make a donation to the Cicero-Berwyn-Stickney Food Pantry!

Donate online at www.cbsfoodpantry.org or fill out and mail this form to:

CBS Food Pantry, 1937 S. 50th Avenue, Cicero IL 60804

Name

Address

City, State

Zip

Email

Enclosed is my check payable to
CBS Food Pantry

I would like more information about automatic
monthly giving

I would like more information about becoming
one of *“The 52”*

Please make this donation anonymous



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA POSTPONED - Due to current circumstances, the 2020 Breakfast with Santa is postponed. Watch for the next newsletter to see more information on upcoming fundraising and activities.



There is a lot of volunteerism at the Food Pantry these days. Along with all our "regulars," we have welcomed the help of **Linda Baran** and **Frank Longhi**, Boy Scout leaders of Troop 301, who are always looking to help. One of their scouts, **Connor Schuler**, is working on his Eagle Scout project: collecting health care essentials for our clients. Another scout, **David Torres**, is working on his Eagle project: building a "Little Library" for First Congregational Church of Berwyn. **Sean Keller** is also a wonderful volunteer from this Troop. These young men are great examples of our youth "in action" and example of the wonderful leadership skills they have.

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

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

Your \$500 donation provides enough food for all of our clients for one week.

HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH

Each year, millions of people in America face hunger. The coronavirus pandemic has caused even more families to struggle. It is estimated that 54 million people may be food insecure in 2020, including 18 million children. You can make a difference by making a donation or volunteering with the CBS Food Pantry.