



Food Pantry Network - HOI

CULTIVATING CONNECTIONS-ALLEVIATING HUNGER-IMPROVING HEALTH

Join us today!



WHO

Food Pantry Network - Heart of Illinois (HOI) was created in 2019 to bring those working in charitable food together. Serving primarily Fulton, Mason, Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford counties, we hope to connect pantries, volunteers and other interested community members/organizations with helpful resources for pantries.

Our mission is to support, connect and provide resources to those working within the charitable food system. This network of community partners strives to help alleviate hunger and build a healthier community.

WHAT



OBJECTIVES

- Align food resources within the charitable food system
- Connect organizations working in the charitable food system to resources and information
- Address needs, gaps and challenges in the charitable food system

HOW



Align Food Resources



Mobile pantries, Fresh Food Drives, Preferred Food Drives, Grow-a-Row, Sharing of excess food resources between entities

Connect Organizations



Bi-monthly meetings, networking, private facebook group and google listserv

Address Needs, Gaps & Challenges



One-time emergent deliveries to families, lists of local pantries, Find Food IL, Campaigns (Hunger Action Month, 12 Days of Giving, Holiday Food Guide), group problem solving, volunteer support to pantries



Webpage
[extension.illinois.edu/
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Year in Review
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QUOTES

At the Redeemer Lutheran Food Pantry, we so appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the Food Pantry Network. We have learned so much about how others set up their pantries as well as how to practice food safety for our guests. We also appreciate how the network helps us by educating us on a variety of food sources to supply our pantry. Thank you!

-Laura Grichnik & Laura Burdick, Redeemer Lutheran Church Food Pantry

Friendship! The Network has introduced me to others who are walking a similar path as our mission, with the goal of getting healthy food to the most desperate of our neighbors. I know if obstacles are placed in my way, I can ask for help and advice.

- Claire Crone, Sophia's Kitchen

2025 MEETING SCHEDULE



Save the Date

1:30-3pm

February 19, 2025

April 23, 2025

June 18, 2025

August 20, 2025

October 22, 2025

December 3, 2025



WHEN

Currently all Food Pantry Network - HOI Meetings are bi-monthly often on the third Wednesday at 1:30pm.



WHERE

Location moves & is announced ahead of each meeting as well as any details about how to join.



JOIN US

Interested in learning more or joining Food Pantry Network - HOI?

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