



WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY

HUNGER IN COOK COUNTY

- 1 in 6 Cook County residents is considered food insecure; that is, they do not know when their next meal will be, or if it will be enough food.
- 69% of client households have incomes that fall at or below the federal poverty level. 54% of client households have annual incomes of \$10,000 or less.
- 58% of households served through the area food pantries are currently receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.
- In 2014, households that had higher rates of food insecurity than the national average included households with children (19%), especially households with children headed by single women (35%) or single men (22%), Black non-Hispanic households (26%) and Hispanic households (22%).
- In 2013, 5.4 million seniors (over age 60), or 9 percent of all seniors were food insecure.

HOW THE WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY WORKS

- The Westchester Food Pantry serves as a resource throughout the year for those who are hungry and food insecure. Our service is free and confidential.
- Clients may receive food from the Westchester Food Pantry once per month.
- We are proud to serve clients living in the following communities: Broadview (60155), Westchester (60154), Bellwood (60104), La Grange Park (60526), Berkeley (60163), Hillside (60162), and Western Springs (60558).
- The Westchester Food Pantry shelves are stocked with the generous donations from residents, businesses and community organizations. Donations are accepted year-round.
- We are entirely volunteer-run and our space is generously provided by the Village of Westchester.

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- In 2017, we served 450 households; 48.9% of these families lived in Bellwood.
- The average age of a Bellwood resident that came to our pantry was 66 years of age.
- 80% of our clients have a female head of household.
- The average client household income in 2016 was \$13,659 a year.
- Most of our clients are seniors on fixed incomes and persons with disabilities.

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The Village of Broadview is generously hosting a food drive to benefit the Westchester Food Pantry, which serves the local areas of Broadview, Westchester, Berkeley, Bellwood, Hillside, La Grange Park and Western Springs. The food collected will help neighbors in need during the summer months, when need is at its greatest. Thanks to all for participating!

Items Needed

Cereal
Oatmeal (packets and canisters)
Grits
Canned fruit and applesauce
Pasta sauce
Pasta (long noodles)
Canned meat (tuna and chicken)
Peanut butter
Jelly
Soup (low sodium)
Rice side dishes
Baking mixes

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