

ABOUT US

The Pantry of Rich Township, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

In 1984 the pantry began on a very small scale. Today, we serve around 900 households a month with our Pantry and Free Produce Day programs.

We provide food, at no cost, to residents of Rich Township, all of Park Forest and to the homeless. Households must meet the Department of Human Service guidelines.

We are able to distribute 4+ bags of groceries including non-perishables, fresh produce, dairy, meat, fruits, and personal care items depending on availability. Please inquire if you need baby food or formula.



Free Produce Day (GCFD)

Free fresh produce is available to everyone (no residency or income restrictions) on the first Wednesday of every month from 9:00 am till noon. Produce varies every month.

Access to Care - The Pantry is also a designated site to apply for Access to Care.

It is a non-profit primary health care program for low-income, uninsured and underinsured residents of suburban Cook County and northwest Chicago.

<http://www.accesstocare.org/>



Boundaries: South-Steger Road, North-183 Street, West-Harlem Avenue and East-Western Avenue

Map of Rich Township

Includes all or part of Country Club Hills, Flossmoor, Hazel Crest, Homewood, Matteson, Olympia Fields, Park Forest, Richton Park, Tinley Park and University Park

Rich Township Officials

Supervisor:	Al Riley
Administrator:	Mark Mason
Clerk:	Bobbie G. King
Assessor:	Sam Brown
Highway Commissioner:	Calvin Jordan

Trustees

Nick Bobis	Therese Goodrich
Elliott Johnson	Jackie Small



MISSION

The mission of The Pantry of Rich Township, Inc. is to provide nutritional food for individuals and families in need of food assistance while treating them with dignity and respect.



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CLIENT INFORMATION

If you find yourself in need of food assistance you can come to the pantry once every 30 days.



You will receive breakfast cereal, protein, fruit, vegetables, grains, soups, legumes, pasta, and other food supplies as available.

To register bring with you:

1. A current driver's license, state ID, piece of mail or utility bill with your name and address, or a letter from your landlord verifying identity and residency
2. If you are homeless an ID is not required to receive food.
2. Know your household income
3. Know the name and birthdate of each household member

Only one account per household address

If you do not live in the Township you will be given emergency food one time and information on pantries that serve your address.

Pantry Hours:

First Wednesday of the month
12:30 - 3:30

Monday through Friday
1:30 to 3:30

Closed on most major holidays



HOW YOU CAN HELP



Donate \$\$\$

We rely on monetary gifts from individuals, businesses, foundations, financial institutions, community churches and organizations. No gift is too small to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

Donate Food:

We need canned fruits and vegetables, rice, beans, fruit juices, soups, pasta, cereal (hot or cold), garden produce, snacks, peanut butter, jelly and personal care products.

- We accept current "use by" or "best buy" dates.
- Drop off food Monday - Friday 9:30 to 3:30

Organize a Food Drive at your school, work, church, or community organization. They supplement our food inventory by providing items unavailable or in limited supply from the food bank.

FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION VISIT:

www.richtownship.org/pantry-food



Vicki Sline with USPS Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive donation.

Tracy Duckworth and volunteers from the Grand Prairie Library's Food Drive.

VOLUNTEER

The pantry is staffed by a group of conscientious and dedicated volunteers.

Volunteers unload trucks, repackage stock, shelf inventory, pack and distribute food, data entry, assist clients; post on social media, organize food drives, set up Free Produce Day and much more.

Volunteers also help raise money each year by participating in special fund-raising projects:

- Volunteering at GCFD, Monthly
- So. Suburban Crop Hunger Walk, Spring
- GCFD Hunger Walk, September
- Annual Fall Event, October



Without our volunteers, the pantry could not function.

With the help of our volunteers we are the proud recipients of these awards:

- Ebony Fashion Show Award
- Governors Home Town Award
- Abby Foundation Award
- Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD)
- Gertrude Snodgrass Award
- Pantry of the Year
- Fr. Phillip Marquard Best Pantry
- Quality Performance Award
- JC Penney - Golden Rule Award
- Village of Matteson, Good Neighbor Award

To volunteer call 708-748-6722

Ask for Odette Guering