



Birchwood area food pantry

VOLUNTEER NEWS!

Winter 2024

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BACKPACK PROGRAM



As we close the books on 2023, we are pleased to report that the Backpack Program is alive and doing well. We currently have 28 students enrolled. Our teams have been busy this year keeping students with food insecurities fed on weekends and

holidays. A special thank you to Our Saviors Lutheran Church and Grace Lutheran Church for making and filling the Christmas socks that went out in the Christmas vacation package. I'd also like to thank Jess, the school secretary, and the students who help her deliver the backpacks on Fridays. We are continuing to supply healthy snacks to Jess in the office for any student who needs some nourishment during the school day. Thanks to all the Backpack teams who make this program work.



Holly Herland Backpack Program Director

FOOD INSECURITY FACTS

Food insecurity is defined by the USDA as the condition of not having access to sufficient food, or food of an adequate quality, to meet one's basic needs. Food insecurity is rising across the country. Currently, in NW Wisconsin, 1 in 9 adults and 1 in 7 children are food insecure. Food prices are increasing dramatically. Certain food items, e.g., meat, are increasingly hard to obtain. Governments are currently attempting to reduce (or even eliminate) food subsidies for those who are food insecure.

Birchwood Area Food Pantry (BAFP) Facts

The BAFP is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization.

The BAFP is 100% staffed by volunteers. There are no paid positions.

The BAFP is 100% funded through private donations. No government funds are accepted.

The largest expense (85%) of the BAFP is the cost of food. The remainder of the budget supports the purchase, delivery, storage and distribution of food.

HELP WANTED: TREASURER

After many years serving the BAFP, Bob Herscher has tendered his resignation effective April 30, 2024. If you enjoy working with numbers and have a few hours per month to serve our organization, please contact Bob or Roger to learn more. This is a board-level position.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We hope all our BAFP volunteers experienced a happy holiday season. As expected, the past two months have been exciting at the BAFP. We served 55 families for Thanksgiving and 44 families at Christmas. Both distributions included a special holiday dinner in addition to their regular food. In between, we held a record setting bake sale on December 2nd. With the food pantry festively decorated, we sold more than \$1,600 of baked goods. Special thanks to our bakers for making this a memorable holiday season! On the back of this newsletter, we have included a 2024 calendar of planned activities. Please keep it handy and continue to volunteer as you are able. Happy New Year!

Roger Menk

- TRUCK DELIVERY DAYS
- DISTRIBUTION DAYS
- BOARD MEETINGS

- BAKE SALES DAYS
- SHARING TABLE DAYS



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2024 VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

*Check our website for future events and updates at:
birchwoodareafoodpantry.com/volunteer

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