



Birchwood area food pantry

NEWS!

Fall 2024

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Open
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BACKPACK PROGRAM



The Backpack Program is officially underway for the school year. We're stocking our shelves with healthy food and treats. Our backpack teams are well staffed, but we can always use more subs! I would like to start training someone to take over my position as Backpack Program Coordinator. If anyone is interested in getting more involved in the program or would like more information, please contact me at 715-790-5052.

Thank you to everyone who contributed this year so that we are able help those students who are food insecure on weekends and school breaks.

It's so important to the students and their families to know that we are there for them! A big thanks to all the team members and to Jessica Christianson school secretary, for making this program run so smoothly! **Holly Herland Backpack Program Director**

LEADERS NEEDED!

There are currently three board level positions available: Vice President, Backpack Coordinator, and Food Procurement and Distribution. Contact any board member for further details.

We could use your help.



VOLUNTEER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's a busy time of year at the Birchwood Area Food Pantry! Please note the details of our successful matching grant application from the RLCHF on the back of the newsletter. In addition to our regular activities, we are busy planning our special distributions of holiday dinners for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We expect to serve 60 or more families at each distribution. We also will have a gigantic bake sale at the food pantry in conjunction with Birchwood's Winterfest on Saturday, December 7th. Mark your calendar. And, we are planning several events for 2025. Stay tuned. Finally, please consider utilizing your talents to accept one of the leadership positions available as noted elsewhere in this newsletter. Thanks!

Roger Menk





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October 2024

Greetings to our friends and benefactors,

The Birchwood Area Food Pantry is happy to report that our grant application to the Rice Lake Community Health Foundation (RLCHF) was recently approved. The grant matches \$1.50 for every \$1.00 that we raise to a maximum of \$10,000 -- meaning that if we can raise \$6,666.67 by year-end, we will receive \$10,000 from the RLCHF. If you can help us with a donation, now is a perfect opportunity to make a huge impact. Please refer to the coupon at the bottom of this letter for instructions to help us achieve our matching-funds goal.

Many organizations, such as ours, are struggling during the current economic challenges brought upon by ever-increasing food prices. The need of food for our clients continues, and demand is increasing significantly. Currently, 1 out of 9 adults and 1 out of 7 children in NW Wisconsin are food insecure. Over the past 49 years, we have continually provided nutritious food ensuring balanced meals to those we serve. We are always seeking to improve our current programs and develop new programs to educate our families on creative ways to best utilize the food we provide.

We feel blessed to be able to provide food to those in our community(s) in their time of food insecurity. We couldn't accomplish this task without your generous support and our legion of volunteers who give of their time and talent.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

The Birchwood Area Food Pantry

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To contribute to the RLCHF matching funds grant, please:

- Make your check payable to **R.L.C.H.F.** (Rice Lake Community Health Foundation). *We will forward your check to the RLCHF for their match.*
- Mark on the memo line: **Birchwood Area Food Pantry.**
- Mail your check **before December 31, 2024**, in the envelope provided.

Check # _____ Amount \$ _____ Date _____

Note: If you make a donation after 12/31/24, please make your check out to the Birchwood Area Food Pantry and mail it to PO Box 201, Birchwood, WI 54817.