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million distributed meals

36,469 households served

2.2 million pounds of rescued food

\$4.4 million value of food distributed

23,000 volunteer hours

2023 in Review

A Note from our Executive Director

As I reflect on the year that has passed, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible support and dedication that donors and volunteers have shown to our food pantry throughout 2023. Their unwavering commitment and generosity have made a profound difference in the lives of those we serve, ensuring that no one in our community goes hungry. With heartfelt gratitude, thank you. – *Carol Phipps*

To see those churches, community organizations and businesses that support the pantry, scan here.

2023 another record-setting year for the pantry

Interchurch Food Pantry Celebrates 40th Anniversary

From our beginnings in the church basement closet of Franklin Baptist Church in 1983, the pantry has served Johnson County residents for 40 years through the support and involvement of individuals, churches, businesses, and local organizations who actively serve as volunteers, provide financial donations and coordinate food drives. A culture of faith, respect, kindness, and compassion contributes to the pantry's longevity and ability to continually serve our Johnson County neighbors in need. We strive to make the pantry a welcoming and inclusive space, where



everyone feels comfortable seeking assistance. Thank you, Mayors Steve Barnett and Mark Myers, for speaking at our celebration.



Recognition by Franklin College and the City of Franklin

Franklin College hosted the program Come to the Table: Interfaith Understanding through the Culinary Arts as a part of the Spirit and Place Festival. At the event, the pantry was recognized by the college and the City of Franklin for its 40 years of service to the community with a proclamation to honor the pantry's mobilization of nutrition resources to serve those in need.

Launching the Legacy Society

Celebrating the 40th anniversary in 2023 motivated us to look at how we can create even more financial sustainability for the pantry in the future. To facilitate that, we have established a Legacy Society, designed to grow our endowment fund. For more information about how to become a member of the Legacy Society, scan the QR code to access our online flyer.



40 year milestones

• **1983** • Started in First Baptist Church, Franklin • Served 183 families • **1993** • Moved to Franklin Printers Storage Building • Served 821 families

2008

 Moved to Farm Bureau Building
 Served as disaster relief center providing flood assistance
 Served 7,048 families

2012

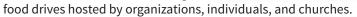
Carol Phipps and Shelia Morton are co-pantry managers
Named Pantry Partner for Johnson County by Gleaners Food Bank
Served 8,848 families

2014

Increased visits to twice a month
Added weekend hours
Purchased a box truck



Over two years from 2021 to 2023 our food donations increased by nearly 350,000 pounds. The greatest growth has come from Gleaners Food Bank, Midwest Food Bank, Costco and local food rescue donations. We remain grateful for the consistent and heartwarming



The pantry is proudly operated with 100% volunteers – no paid staff.



Our New Look: The Canopy

To continue client preference for drive-through service, the pantry had a canopy constructed to replace the temporary tent. The canopy provides more protection for clients and volunteers during inclement weather conditions. The construction of the canopy was funded through grant and individual donations.

Resources matter ... partnership updates

We continue to welcome our nutrition partners, Purdue Extension, WIC, and Windrose Health Network, to join us weekly under the canopy to provide practical advice and tips for our clients. We also have other community partners, such as Johnson County Public Library and Central Nine Career Center, along with various health insurance organizations, that set up a booth under our canopy offering information about their resources. A listing of county-wide resources is posted to our website and a list is always handy for anyone with questions or needs.

40 year milestones continued...

2015

 Moved to current location Karol Doughtery and Carol Phipps are co-managers

 CROP Walk becomes Harvest Walk Started food rescue program

2016

2020

- Carol Phipps named executive director Bonnie Woessner and Susan Klutts named managers
 - Shift to drive-through service in response to the pandemic Increased visits to once a week
 - Served 25.107 households

HARVEST WALK

Come Walk With Us!

As our annual fundraising event, the Harvest Walk took place on October 1 in 2023. The walk generated over \$6,800 and nearly 500 pounds of food in donations. Over 130 people (plus some fourlegged supporters!) participated making it a wonderful day to celebrate what can be accomplished to support our county neighbors when we all work together.

Mark your calendars! The 2024 Harvest Walk will be held on Sunday, October 6th!





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2022

Began nutrition program

partnership

Served 34,157 households

2023 Continued drive-through service •40th anniversary!

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