

The Pantry Partner Program

Small Donations. Big Impact. Every Month.

Many community groups want to help address food insecurity but struggle to organize large-scale food drives. The Pantry Partner Program offers a simple solution: every member contributes just 2–3 pantry staples during their regular grocery shopping and brings them to their normal monthly meeting. No special fundraising. No extra events. Just neighbors helping neighbors through small, consistent acts of generosity – mutual aid as a practice.

How It Works

Step 1: Become a Pantry Partner

A book club, Sunday school class, Rotary Club, civic organization, neighborhood association, workplace team, or social group signs up as a Pantry Partner with Seed Feeds the City Program.

The group designates a volunteer coordinator who serves as the contact person for donation pickups.

Step 2: Choose Monthly Collection Items

Each month, participating groups receive a short list of 2–3 high-need pantry items.

Examples include:

- Cereal
- Granola Bars
- Shelf-Stable Milk
- Peanut Butter
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Rice
- Canned Fruit
- Pop-Top Soups & meals (chili, Chef Boyardee, etc)
- Macaroni & Cheese

Step 3: Shop as Usual

Members simply add one or two extra items to their grocery cart during their regular shopping trip. Keeping the list of asks very simple helps people remember what to get and alleviates decision fatigue.

For most participants, this means spending just a few extra dollars each month while collectively creating a significant impact.

Step 4: Bring Donations to Your Regular Meeting

Members bring their items to the group's regularly scheduled gathering.

No special event planning is required.

Whether your group meets:

- Weekly
- Bi-weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly

This collection becomes part of your normal routine.

Step 5: Donations Are Picked Up

Depending on the size of the group and the volume of donations, pickups are arranged:

- Monthly
- Twice per month
- As needed

Seed Feeds the City can provide collection bins, pickup coordination, and delivery to community food pantries and mutual aid programs.

Step 6: Celebrate Your Impact

Each quarter, participating groups receive updates showing:

- Pounds of food collected
- Number of households supported
- Most requested pantry items
- Stories of community impact

Members can see how their small contributions combine to create meaningful change.

Why This Model Works

Traditional food drives often create a large influx of donations followed by long periods with little support.

The Pantry Partner Program creates:

- Consistent donations year-round
- Less volunteer burden
- Better inventory planning
- Stronger community partnerships
- Sustainable giving habits

When 20 people each donate just 3 items per month, that's 720 items per year.

When 10 groups participate, that becomes more than 7,000 pantry items annually—all without hosting a single special event.

Perfect For

- Book Clubs
- Rotary Clubs
- Kiwanis Clubs
- Lions Clubs
- Sunday School Classes
- Faith Communities
- HOA Groups
- Workplace Teams
- Community Organizations
- Civic Clubs
- Parent Groups
- Social Clubs

The Philosophy

No one person has to solve hunger.

But if each of us picks up one extra box of cereal, one extra jar of peanut butter, or one extra package of pasta during a routine grocery trip, together we can keep pantry shelves stocked and ensure our neighbors have access to food with dignity.

Small donations. Consistent action. Community care in practice.