

OPEN DOORS

Of Washington Township

A FOOD AND CLOTHING PANTRY



Open Doors Food and Clothing Pantry

PO Box 196
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Westfield IN 46074
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www.opendoorswestfield.org
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Hours of Pantry:

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
8:30 am – 12:00 pm
Monday
3:30 – 7:00 pm

Summer 2026

SERVING THE WESTFIELD COMMUNITY SINCE 1990

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*"For I was hungry
and you gave me
something to eat,
I was thirsty
and you gave me
something to drink.
I was a stranger
and you invited me in,
I needed clothes
and you clothed me."
Matthew 25:35*

Summer is officially here, and with it comes a busy season.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our faithful volunteers for generously donating their time to the pantry. We know this time of year is filled with vacations, family activities, and many other commitments. So, we especially appreciate the time you set aside to serve. Our all-volunteer organization simply could not operate without your dedication and faithful service.

While school is out for the summer, we provide extra food to our clients with school-aged children. During each summer month, families meeting with an advocate can choose from a variety of kid-friendly foods and snacks to supplement their regular pantry order. A special thank you goes to Carrie Larrison for leading this important project, as well as to the many volunteers who sort, organize, and distribute these items throughout the summer. We are also incredibly grateful for the generous donations and food drives that make this initiative possible. It is truly a blessing to serve our community in this meaningful way.

Our Back-to-School Backpack distribution will take place on Saturday, August 15th. Thank you to Resa Glover and Angie Edwards for your many years of dedication and hard work in coordinating this program. We also appreciate Lori Bibb for her efforts in shopping for and organizing the school supplies and clothing. Thanks to our generous donors and our committed volunteers this program continues to provide students with the supplies they need to begin the school year with confidence. We are deeply grateful for everyone who helps make it possible.

It truly takes a village to serve our clients, and I am grateful every day to be part of such a caring and committed community. Thank you for all that you do, and I wish you a wonderful summer.

Jen Goldberg, President

OPEN DOORS OFFICERS

Jen Goldberg
President

Kurt Wanninger
VP of Operations

Carrie Larrison
VP of Special Programs

Jerry Rosenberger
Treasurer

Kathy Patterson
Secretary



COORDINATOR REPORTS

Advocates – *Lorna Mills*

We are still looking for more people to serve as advocates.

Clothing – *Karen Sutcliffe*

Clothing is going well. We are running low on hangers, so please don't give them away to clients.

Volunteers – *Sarah Clark*

We have had monthly volunteer trainings. Several new volunteers are now on the schedule for the pantry and front room – with more being trained. There is a need for more front room volunteers and advocates.

We are grateful for all the individuals who are willing to give of their time and energy to serving the community through Open Doors.

Thanks to Scott Pratt, we are working to set up Google Tools so that volunteers can access the monthly volunteer calendar online. Details to come later.

Warehouse Operations – *Tom Clark*

The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive from May has been processed courtesy of many volunteers that sorted and boxed everything. Special thanks to Bob Peterson for rounding up and directing the extra volunteers we needed – as well as doing all the prep work.

We will no longer store glass bottles of any kind in the warehouse. Those will go directly to the pantry shelves. Cardboard boxes can become less sturdy after repeated storage cycles. This puts us at a greater risk of dropping a box full of glass jars.

Thank you to Scott Pratt from WWS's Tech Support team for installing the new computer in the warehouse.

The white "Dock Box," donated by the Reynolds family, has been great to use for the items going to Cory (our chicken farmer). Items are out of the elements and protected from critters.

Thanks to our dedicated regular warehouse volunteers.



Pack The Cruiser 2026

This year's Pack the Cruiser food drive was held Saturday, May 30 at the Kroger on Springmill Road and 161st Street. We focused our requests for donations to the items used in our special programs as well as items frequently on our "Most Needed" list (which can be found on our website). Once again, our community stepped up. We received 1150 pounds of food and \$254 in gift certificates.

We'd love to set up more of these types of food drives. They can be easy to organize, a good way to involve kids, and a great motivator for shoppers.



New Monday Hours

With the first hour on Monday evenings being extremely busy (especially when school is in session), Open Doors will begin opening 30 minutes earlier. Starting in August, Monday evening hours will be 3:30 – 7pm.

Spread The Word

Be sure to follow [Open Doors of Washington Township on Facebook](#) to help us spread the word of upcoming events and get the latest updates and announcements.



COORDINATOR REPORTS *continued*

Pantry Operations – Margie Smith / Patti Franz

Rescued food continues to fluctuate store by store. Recently, we received 26 racks of buns from Kroger on Carey Road. We were able to share with the little pantry in Cicero and the Good News Mission in Indy. They are always happy to take whatever we can give them.

Midwest Food Bank reached out a couple weeks ago asking to visit – more of a survey, not as an inspection. The three men had never been here before and were given a complete tour. They were extremely impressed with our operation and made comments that they had never seen such organization of food.

Patti continues to monitor the influx and outgo of meat. We try to keep from overloading the older freezers as they just can't handle it.

Special Projects – Carrie Larrison

Summer Kids' Bags

The summer program is going well and will run through August. When families visit the advocate, they are given another sheet of food to choose from including breakfast, lunch and snack items. The specific amount given is based on how many children they have.

Back-To-School

Resa, Angie and Lori are in the process of packaging socks, underwear and t-shirts for the kids based on size. They are gathering school supplies and have an [Amazon Wish List](#) set up to help buy backpacks since those are the most expensive items we need. There are 251 kids signed up. Applications were accepted through July 11 and distribution of backpacks will be August 15.

Building Expansion – Kurt Wanninger

The subcommittee will meet in late August/early Sept. Site layout will be the focus of discussion. Updates will be provided monthly to the Operations Committee.

We averaged 176 families served each month during the 2nd Quarter 2026.



Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive – May 9, 2026

Another Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is in the books! Thank you to everyone who folded bags, spread the word, unloaded trucks, sorted donations, and more. Bob Peterson did a great job again this year coordinating efforts. We appreciate all the postal carriers who collected the donations on their routes. This is our biggest food drive each year and helps support Open Doors through the summer months. The final tally was a much needed 32,000 pounds!



2026 Calendar of Events

Board of Directors Meeting Dates

January 8
April 9
July 9
October 8

Annual Meeting

October 8

Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

May 9

Pack the Cruiser

May 30

Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway

August 15

Thanksgiving Food Giveaway

November 21

Christmas Toy & Food Giveaway

December 12

Pantry Closed

January 1
May 25
July 4
TBD – due to LIV Golf traffic
November 21
November 26
December 12
December 25

At this point, we
are planning to
remain open during
the LIV Golf event.



MEMBER CHURCHES

Christ United Methodist Church

318 N. Union Street
Westfield, IN

Crossroads Church at Westfield (PCUSA)

19201 Grassy Branch Road
Westfield, IN

Eagle Creek Evangelical Friends Church

18235 Eagletown Rd.
Westfield, IN

Hortonville United Methodist

3080 W. SR 38
Sheridan, IN

Lifepointe Church

3233 W. 166th Street
Westfield, IN

Mts. Runn Baptist Church

250 S. 775 E.
Zionville, IN

New Joy Lutheran Church, ELCA

316 156th Street
Westfield, IN

North Circle Church

20101 Grassy Branch Rd
Westfield, IN

Northview Church

Westfield Campus
17171 Ditch Road
Westfield, IN

Radiant Christian Life

16162 Carey Road
Westfield, IN

The Journey Church

17716 Eagletown Road
Westfield, IN

Thrive Christian Church

15091 Towne Rd.
Westfield, IN

Trinity Baptist Church

1415 E. 191st Street
Westfield IN

Westfield Friends Church

324 South Union Street
Westfield, IN

Westfield Bible Methodist Church

219 W. 161st Street
Westfield, IN

SHOP and CONTRIBUTE

KROGER...

Register with your Kroger PLUS CARD (free at the store service counter) on the [CommunityRewards Website](#). Select number **WY292** for Open Doors. Every time you swipe your card, KROGER will donate a percentage of your purchase to Open Doors.



AMAZON WISH LIST...

QR CODE and LINK CREATED for OPEN DOORS

AMAZON WISH LIST. Scan code with camera and be taken to our Wish List. Please do not ship directly to Open Doors as the building is not always open and deliveries sit outside.



https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2LWM3R XR49QKR?ref=wl_fw_le

If you would like to make a financial donation to Open Doors, please go to our website OpenDoorsWestfield.org and look for the yellow Donate button at the top. A current list of most needed items can also be found on our website.

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Pantry Needs, News, General Information

www.opendoorswestfield.org

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Volunteering:

Individuals, Groups (school, church, community)

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OPEN DOORS COORDINATORS

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Food Pantry

Margie Smith / Patti Franz

Kroger Food Rescue

Bruce Houtman

