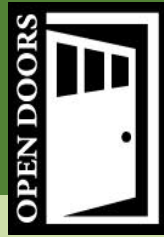


# OPEN DOORS

## *Of Washington Township*

A FOOD AND CLOTHING PANTRY



### Open Doors Food and Clothing Pantry

PO Box 196  
19360 Tomlinson Rd.,  
Westfield IN 46074  
(317) 867-8670

[www.opendoorswestfield.org](http://www.opendoorswestfield.org)  
[Facebook](#)

### Hours of Pantry:

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday  
8:30 am – 12:00 pm  
Monday  
4:00 – 7:00 pm

Fall 2025

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*

It has been a great few months with numerous new clients and new volunteers. Thank you to Ann Godby for training the new pantry and front room volunteers.

We have added new volunteers to our front room activities, and this has helped a lot, especially on busy days. Additional Advocates are being trained for the front room as well. This should take a great load off the receptionists.

The summer ended with a very successful back-to-school program. Thanks go to Angie Edwards and Resa Glover for getting the program together and collecting all the supplies needed for our clients' kids.

Next, Carrie Larrison once again organized the Weekend Food Bag program, to provide weekend meals for school kids who receive free breakfasts and lunches at school. Approximately 500 bags are loaded by volunteers at Open Doors each month. Bob Peterson, Bruce Houtman and Bill Black deliver the bags to each of the elementary schools the first week of the month. The school counselors store the food bags and hand them out to the students each Friday.

Gleaners once again asked us to participate in the Firefighters Fighting Hunger event at the Kroger on Carey Road on September 13. This time firefighters handed out fliers with a list of food items resulting in 2262 pounds of most-needed donations from our generous neighbors.

Gleaners Mobile Truck distributes food at two of the Hamilton County schools each month for Hamilton County pantries. Carrie Larrison picks up food for Open Doors – anything leftover she can also bring back to the pantry. This is a great program that helps keep our shelves stocked, as well as a good supply of produce.

At our Annual Meeting, Ann Godby announced that she is resigning from the job of recruiting and training new volunteers. She has handled this responsibility since Open Doors was founded 35 years ago. We thank Ann for the excellent work she has done over all the years. Ann will continue to handle other duties at the pantry.

I announced that I will be resigning from the President of the Board once we locate a replacement. A nominating committee is being formed to officially nominate all the officers for the 2026 year. All the other officers have agreed to continue in their positions for next year. I have been blessed with the opportunity to have been the President of Open Doors since 2018. I thank the Board and all our volunteers for the tremendous support I have received during my tenure. Thank you and God Bless for a prosperous future.

*Bruce A. Watson, President*

### OPEN DOORS OFFICERS

Bruce Watson  
*President*

Kurt Wanninger  
*VP of Operations*

Carrie Larrison  
*VP of Special Programs*

Jerry Rosenberger  
*Treasurer*

Kathy Patterson  
*Secretary*

## COORDINATOR REPORTS

### Advocates

As our clients are increasing, we are looking at the need for two dedicated advocates each time we are open.

### Church Reps

The Board will be updating the Strategic Plan, which is reviewed in January. We will address the role of the Church Reps in more detail as there is no clear direction.

### Clothing

We are still receiving quite a few donations. It is clear people are going through the outside donation boxes and taking items. Discussed possible deterrents.

We have an overload of women's shoes and will consider increasing the limit on those items.

Four new sorters have been trained. Our goal is to get the items sorted in a timely manner and keep the front room stocked.

### Pantry Operations

There are now alarms on some of the freezer doors to signal when the doors are left open. This is to prevent further losses from frozen foods thawing out.

As of October 1, we will no longer be listing sandwich bread on the pick sheets. This is due to client complaints and the ability to better utilize our freezer space. Fresh bread will be put out in the front room so clients can take as much as they want. Attempts will be made to find places to donate any surplus bread.

We have received large donations of produce. St. Andrews Society gleans apples from Stuckey Farms – we have already received approx. 800 pounds and hope to get more. They also coordinate with St. Mark's Church in Carmel – we received 250 pounds of potatoes plus a few more bags of apples. Hamilton Harvest Food Bank gleans from the Noblesville Farmers Market in the summer – we received herbs, lettuce, tomatoes, radishes, cucumbers, zucchini, eggplant, and lots of sweet corn.

### Firefighters Fighting Hunger

On Saturday, September 13, Westfield Firefighters helped volunteers from Open Doors collect food donations at the Kroger on Carey Road. This was a very successful food drive with 2262 pounds of food and \$349 collected!



### NCL Philanthropic Fair

In August, Cindy Olson represented Open Doors at the National Charity League's Philanthropic Fair at Westfield High School. Each non-profit shared information about their organization and volunteer opportunities within the community to over 150 moms and daughters in attendance.



### Lions Club Partnered with Elevance Health Foundation

The Westfield Lions Club used a \$2,300 grant from Elevance Health Foundation to purchase food items for 750 bags to be distributed through the Open Doors' weekend food bag program.

Check out the [full story](#) linked on our website.



## COORDINATOR REPORTS *continued*

### Volunteers

This quarter, five volunteers were trained. We have a list of people who would like to volunteer. We keep their name on file to call when someone can no longer serve Open Doors.

We are looking into a new t-shirt vendor since the Logo Shop has moved out of town.

Ann would like to thank all who sent prayers, emails, calls, texts, and cards on the passing of her grandson.

### Special Projects

#### *Weekend Food Bags*

We have started this up again – already providing food to the schools for September and October. Currently, there are about 236 school kids on the list and will likely increase.

Each school has signed up to have a food drive for this project – one each month.

The Westfield Lions Club and Elevance Health Foundation used a \$2300 grant to buy food for this program as well as volunteer to bag the food in October.

Chatham Hills started participating in Eagles for Children, which donates money to local charities – we will be getting \$4000 in November.

#### *Thanksgiving and Christmas Giveaways*

We're still gathering applications for the holiday assistance. Currently, we have about 80 families signed up, but we estimate it will be about 200. We are not taking Good Samaritan families this year. We will only be collecting gifts for families whose children do not go to Westfield Washington Schools. Families with kids at WWS will have their gifts organized through the school.

There are a few slots left to [sign up](#) to donate food for the Thanksgiving and Christmas giveaways.

### Warehouse Operations

Things are going well. We've started sending copies of the inventory weekly to those purchasing items and those working with food drives to know what we are most needing.

### Church Relations

Second quarter saw 625 pounds of food donated by Westfield Friends bringing our year-to-date total to 4683 pounds from our member churches. This exceeds what was raised last year and is greatly needed.

We have Journey Church scheduled for a holiday food drive in December. Anyone else looking to coordinate a drive through their church, please reach out to Bill Black.

### Building and Grounds

We are in the exploration phase of a possible building expansion to create more space for Advocate meetings and the clothing area.



### Spiritual Concerns

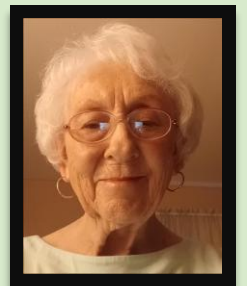
Please continue to hold up in prayer:

- Denise Cox
- Jerry and Sandy Rosenberger
- Jim and Ann Godby

### Ann Godby Steps Down After 35 Years

On October 9, Ann Godby announced she is stepping down as Volunteer Coordinator, a role she has held for 35 years. Not to worry though, Ann will still be found at Open Doors as an Advocate and front room volunteer and will continue to order birthday boxes and staff t-shirts.

Ann stated, "It has been a pleasure to serve in this capacity, and I wish to thank all the volunteers that I have worked with over the years. It's amazing to see the growth of Open Doors in the last 35 years. I am humbled to be a part of it."



Sarah and Tom Clark, who stepped in to help Ann the last few years, have agreed to serve as Volunteer Coordinators. Jen Goldberg has agreed to send out information to the Front Room volunteers as needed.

## 2025 Calendar of Events

### **Board of Directors Meeting Dates**

January 16  
April 10  
July 10  
October 9

### **Annual Meeting**

October 9

### **Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive**

May 10

### **Pack the Cruiser**

June 7 (10am-2pm)

### **Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway**

August 2

### **Thanksgiving Food Giveaway**

November 22



### **Christmas Toy & Food Giveaway**

December 13



### **Pantry Closed**

January 1  
August 16 – due to LIV Golf traffic  
November 22  
November 27  
December 13  
December 25

**2026 Annual and  
Quarterly Board Meeting  
January 8, 2026**



## **Open Doors of Washington Township 1990-2025**

Providing assistance to residents of Washington Township for 35 years  
and still 100% run by volunteers



## 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. 191<sup>st</sup> Street  
Westfield IN

### Westfield Friends Church

324 South Union Street  
Westfield, IN

### Westfield Bible Methodist Church

219 W. 161st Street  
Westfield, IN 46074

## 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 fv le>

If you would like to make a financial donation to Open Doors, please go to our website [OpenDoorsWestfield.org](http://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.

**Donate**

## OPEN DOORS LINKS

*Pantry Needs, News, General Information*

[www.opendoorswestfield.org](http://www.opendoorswestfield.org)

*Suggestions, Ideas, Photos for Website and Newsletter*

[bruce@westfieldconsult.com](mailto:bruce@westfieldconsult.com)

*Suggestions, Ideas, Photos for FACEBOOK*

[Kurt.Wanninger@hotmail.com](mailto:Kurt.Wanninger@hotmail.com)

*Volunteering:*

*Individuals, Groups (school, church, community)*

[jagodby59@aol.com](mailto:jagodby59@aol.com)

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## OPEN DOORS COORDINATORS

### Warehouse

Tom Clark

### Advocate

Lorna Mills

### Clothing

Karen Sutcliffe

### Church Relations

Bill Black

### Pantry/Front Room

#### Volunteers

Ann Godby / Sarah Clark

### Food Pantry

Margie Smith

### Kroger Food Rescue

Kurt Wanninger