



Helping Hands

NEWSLETTER

Est. 2012

November 2018

Proud Member Agency



Mission Statement: The Helping Hands Food Pantry of Roseville exists to improve quality of life for Warren County residents by providing assistance to families in need and by developing programs to strengthen families and individuals.

Vision Statement: Eliminating hunger in Warren County

THREE CHEERS for CUB SCOUTS PACK 336!!!

Once again PACK 336 put a lot of energy into gathering food and paper products on behalf of Helping Hands Food Pantry!

On Saturday, October 6, the generously-filled bags that the supportive town of Roseville had placed on front porches were retrieved and brought to the Community Center by the Cub Scouts. There the donations were organized before being presented to The Pantry. Over 245 pounds of non-perishable food items were given as well as an impressive supply of paper products.

The efforts of the Cub Scouts are very much appreciated by The Pantry.

Thank you for being such great friends of the community!

You Are Awesome!



The 2018-2019 Helping Hands Board Members

want to thank the community for the tremendous support in this past year and wish each family a blessed and peaceful holiday season.

Back Row: Karen Larkin, Sylvia Arnold, Grace McCreery, Jonna Young, Karen Starbuck, Linda Jones

Front Row: Cyndy Hunter, Amy Corman, Cheryl Britt, Deb Johnston, Denise McIntyre



Photo: Deb Johnston

Helping Hands Invited to Participate in Galesburg Community Foundation's Grant Application Process

On October 4, board members Cyndy Hunter, Cheryl Britt, Deb Johnston and Denise McIntyre presented to the GCF grant application board and donor advisors a concise 7-minute explanation of who and what The Pantry is and does, as well as the vision for the Pantry's future in the hopes of being awarded a 2019 operational grant. The following is a portion of the presentation contributed by Cyndy Hunter:

"There is a meal gap in Warren County because, of the 17,000 people who live here, about 15.5% or about 2,700 people live in poverty. (2010 US Federal Census) For a family of four, poverty means that they have an annual income of just over \$25,000 or a monthly income of just over \$2,000. (Illinois Dept. of Human Services, US Poverty Guidelines) (continued on page 2...)"



For children, poverty means that they qualify for free and reduced lunches through the school districts. At the Monmouth-Roseville SD 81% of the children qualify, and at United SD 90% qualify. (River Bend Food Bank)

10.7% of our neighbors or almost 1,900 people in Warren County are experiencing food insecurity. Food insecurity is a lack of enough money to buy nutritious food. Families that are experiencing food insecurity are forced to choose between buying food, or paying the utility or the medical bill. Although many of our neighbors qualify for the Subsidized Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) card, what was once called food stamps, it doesn't stretch very far. (Feeding America) These are the individuals and families that Helping Hands Food Pantry helps to feed."

Statistics such as these serve to inspire the continuing efforts of Helping Hands Food Pantry towards eliminating hunger in Warren County. They also show why your support is highly valued.

Numbers for October 2018

**The Pantry had
181 family visits.**

**711 individuals were served,
including 291 children.**



UPCOMING EVENTS:

WMOI/WRAM's Freezing For Food Event
December 5-7 (Wednesday-Friday 9-3)

Contact Linda Jones if you would be willing to contribute just one hour towards this community event. The Pantry benefits immensely from the food drive so a show of participation would speak volumes about our appreciation of being included as a beneficiary.

CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE!

Wednesday Evening ... December 5
Set the Holidays in motion by joining in on this favorite community event. Helping Hands will be providing the desserts for the festivities.

Thankful for Our Supporters...

- Rudy & Amy Corman
 - Sue & Pat Huston
 - Gaila Parsons Memorial
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Visit our website for updates on the volunteer schedule, available produce and speciality items, pantry closing dates, as well as past newsletters... helpinghandsofroseville.org

2018-2019 Officers: President: Cheryl Britt, Vice President: Grace McCrery,
Secretary: Deb Johnston, Treasurer: Amy Corman

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