

DUNEDIN CARES COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Feed the Need





Dunedin Cares
COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Letter from our President

As the year draws to a close, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on our journey together in 2023. This year has presented us with various challenges, but with the unwavering support of our dedicated volunteers and the generosity of our community, we've continued to make a significant impact.

Throughout the year, our volunteers have contributed an astounding 11,775 volunteer hours. Dunedin Cares has distributed an incredible 502,877 pounds of food, providing essential support to 20,828 individuals across 9,944 households. This effort has been instrumental in ensuring that families within our community have had access to nutritious meals during challenging times.

In addition to this incredible feat, we're thrilled to share that we've distributed 62,502 pounds of fresh produce. Your contributions have enabled us to not only provide sustenance but also promote healthier lifestyles through access to nutritious fruits and vegetables.

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every individual who has supported us—whether through volunteering, donations, or spreading awareness about our cause. Your contributions have been instrumental in our ability to serve our community.

As we move forward into the new year, we remain committed to our mission of supporting and nourishing those in need within our community. Together, we'll continue to make a difference, one meal at a time.

Thank you for your unwavering support, dedication, and commitment to Dunedin Cares Community Food Pantry. Your generosity has truly made a difference in the lives of many.

Terri Scully

Terri Scully, President
Dunedin Cares Community Food Pantry



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Our History

Dunedin Cares Community Food Pantry's remarkable journey commenced in 2015 under the visionary leadership of Ed Hughes, a distinguished businessman and beloved figure within the Dunedin community. Mr. Hughes, deeply attuned to the pressing need for food within our community, embarked on a mission that would forever change the landscape of community support in Dunedin. In the beginning, the pantry was housed in a closet in the Faith Lutheran Church equipped with basic shelving.

Fast forward to 2023, and the transformation of Dunedin Cares Community Food Pantry is nothing short of extraordinary. Today, our pantry stands as a testament to the indomitable spirit of community resilience. Our current location, situated at the rear of the Faith Lutheran property, is a double-wide trailer generously bestowed upon us by a benevolent patron of the community. This generous donation has provided us with a substantial 2,400 square feet of warehouse and shopping space, enabling us to expand our services exponentially.

Dunedin Cares takes great pride in its distinctive approach as a food choice pantry. In contrast to conventional food distribution models, we empower our guests to exercise agency in selecting the food items that best align with their dietary preferences and cultural needs.

Our client-choice model fosters dignity and self-determination among those we serve, setting us apart as a unique and progressive force in the realm of food assistance. For the majority of our existence, Dunedin Cares Community Food Pantry has been propelled forward by the sheer dedication of our volunteer staff, a testament to the power of community-driven initiatives. However, recognizing the evolving demands and increased reach of our pantry, we made the strategic decision in 2022 to augment our team. Presently, we are privileged to employ one full-time Executive Director and one part-time Pantry Operations Coordinator, further enhancing our capacity to serve the community with unwavering dedication.

The story of Dunedin Cares Community Food Pantry is one of humble beginnings, tireless dedication, and unyielding community support. With each passing year, our pantry continues to evolve, adapt, and expand its mission, ensuring that the Dunedin community's needs are met with compassion, choice, and commitment.



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Our Mission

Dunedin Cares Community Food Pantry strives to eliminate food insecurity by providing food to those in need within our local community.

Client -Choice

A client-choice food pantry enables our guests to choose their food as they would in a grocery store rather than receiving pre-packed bags of food. Dunedin Cares Community Food Pantry creates an atmosphere of respect which builds trust between the guests, staff and volunteers.

Who do we serve?

We serve the residents of Dunedin, Clearwater and Palm Harbor. We strive to reach those in our local community that are food insecure - where children go to bed hungry at night, and the elderly are forced to choose between food and needed medications.

We do this in the following ways:

- **Provide increased food assistance for adults and children**
- **Focus on children's palates and nutritious children's foods by distributing pre-packaged children's meals**
- **Stock the DHS Food Closet for food insecure teenagers**
- **Support seniors through our Neighborly partnership for dedicated senior shopping**
- **Focus on healthy essentials as a food "choice" pantry. Fresh produce is always available to guests**

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Coordinator



Our Pantry Numbers

Total Households	9,944
Total Individuals	20,828
Total Produce	62,502
*Total Pounds (this includes, produce, outreach, children's meals)	502,877
Total Pounds to outreach	26,573
Total Pounds per Household	52.5
Total of Bags to Shut-ins (Neighborly)	206
Total of pounds to DHS	345
Total of Neighborly Visits (In Pantry)	425

Community Engagement



Pantry Food Distribution

Our pantry is open for shopping

Monday 5:30 - 7:30PM

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9:30-12PM

We have volunteers who shop with our guests to help them make food selections. Every guest checks-in and provides us with proof of residence in Dunedin, Palm Harbor or Clearwater. All food is weighed before the guest leaves, and a valet assists them in loading the food into their car. Our Senior Shopping (Neighborly) is two times per month. The Neighborly bus brings our senior population to shop during specific shopping days.

Each shift takes a minimum of 11 volunteers.



The Pop-up Pantry Our Community Outreach at the Good Shepherd Thrift Store

The 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month to supply food, personal items, produce and seasonal items to our surrounding community. This takes place at the Good Shepherd Thrift Store in Clearwater, FL. We provide food for approximately 56 people each month and distribute 750 lbs per month.



Dunedin VFW

We support our local VFW's Dunedin Blessing Box by bringing them over 200 lbs of food per month. This food has to be sustainable as the food goes in the box for the Veterans to collect as they are able. This serves over 67 vets per month, and assists in making sure our Veterans do not go hungry! This was generously funded in 2023 by the Rotary Club of Dunedin.



PBJ & More Food Drive



2023 PBJ & More challenge

Contest winners! This challenge allows us to help feed our people over the summer.

With school being out children often do not know where their next meal is coming from and they rely on the pantry for food.

This takes place every April-May and brings well over 6,000 lbs of food!

DHS Food Closet



Working with the counselors at Dunedin High School, we provide snacks, food, and hygiene products to students that are in need. In 2023 this totaled 635 lbs.

This program is available to all students at Dunedin High School.

Our Supporters

\$150,000

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\$35,000

City of Dunedin

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\$10,000-\$30,000

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\$2,500-5,000

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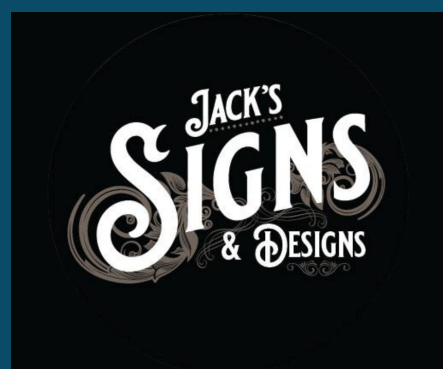
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Thank you to our sign sponsor. We recently changed our logo and Jack Furey generously donated all our pantry signs and van decals!



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Holy Apostles Church
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Hog Island Fish Camp
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2,600 LBS - 3,599 LBS

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3,600 LBS-5,599 LBS

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Paws and Claws Animal Medical Center
Royal Stewart Arms
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
St. Francis of Assisi Old Catholic Church
The Church of the Good Shepherd

5,600 LBS - 9,000 LBS

City of Dunedin Library
Faith United Church of Christ
Garrison Jones Elementary
Good Shepherd Thrift Store
Smith Family Farms

Our Partners

Thank you for the meat, produce, fruit and other items!

Feeding Tampa Bay 82,311 lbs

St. Pete Free Clinic 69,134 lbs

Publix Granada Plaza 23,534 lbs

Nature's Food Patch 13,608 lbs

Save-A- Lot 3,622



Thank you for feeding the pets!

Paws and Claws Animal Med Center 4,338 lbs

My Natural Pet 3,064 lbs

Dunedin Pet Supply 1,558 lbs



**Thank you for the 4,000 lbs of
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Thank you!

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Church Experience
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Faith United Church of Christ
First United Methodist Church
Holy Apostles Church
St. Michaels Catholic Church
St. Francis of Assisi
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
Union Station 7th Day Baptist Church
Unity Community Church of Dunedin



Our Churches are at the heart of our mission!
They provide us with monthly donations of food & money
that allow us to sustain our pantry. Without them we
would not be able to survive.

***Faith Lutheran Church is in bold because they
give us our home.**

Our Volunteers

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless"



Dawn Aftanis

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Terri Scully

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Representing 11,775 hours or
\$352,662.00 for 2023

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