

**WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY**



**WET NOSE PANTRY**

# **ANNUAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, January 10 at 7:30pm**

**Join us virtually via Zoom!**

## Meeting Agenda

- Who We Are, Behind the Scenes and How It Works
- 2023 in Review
  - Client numbers
  - Food in and out
  - Outreach and Fundraising
  - New for 2023
- Looking ahead to 2024
- How you can help
- Questions/Answers



# Who We Are

- The Westchester Food Pantry works to end hunger in the communities of Westchester, Berkeley, Bellwood, Broadview, Hillside, Hines, La Grange Park and Western Springs.
- The Pantry is run entirely by volunteers.
- The Pantry relies completely on donations of funds and food to operate.
- Open Wednesdays 4:30-7pm and Saturdays 9-11am



# Behind the Scenes

- Board of Directors
  - President, Secretary, Treasurer
  - Committee Chairs
- Executive Director
- Pantry Manager
- Assistant Pantry Manager
- Operations Manager
- Building Manager
- Back Office (Bookkeeping, Accounting, Finance, Accounts Payable, Taxes, Risk Management, Compliance, Analytics, Liaison with the Village, Legal, etc.)



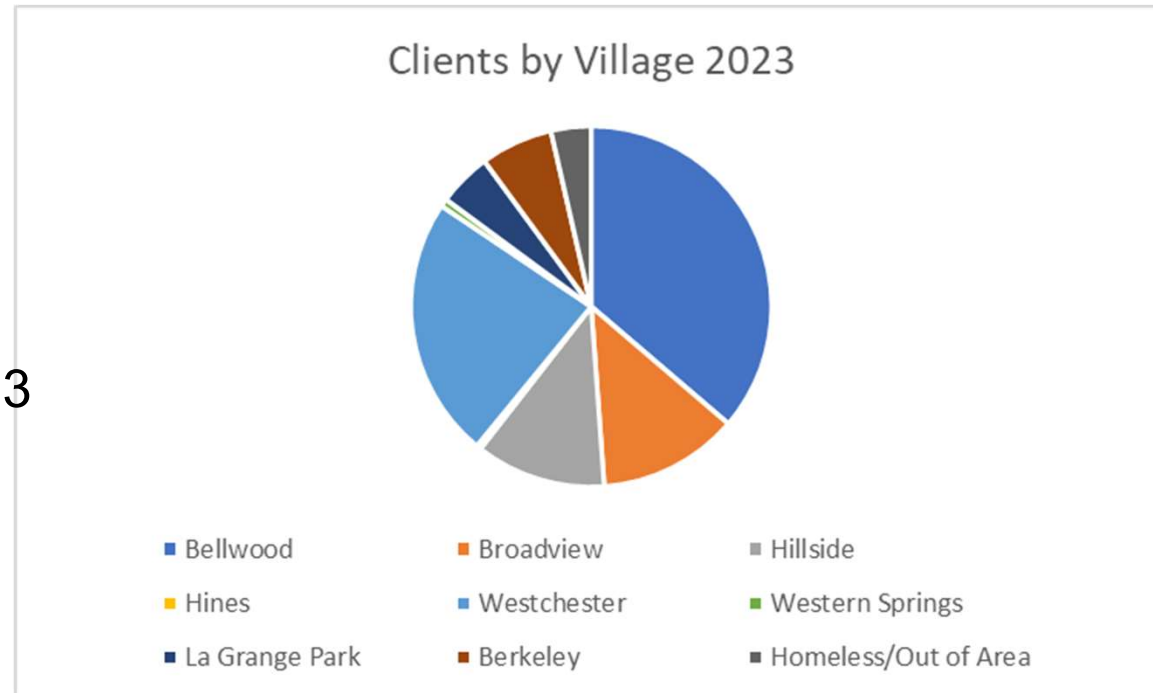
# How the Pantry Works

- Clients can come in once each calendar month and must show proof of residency.
- Clients come in, get their number, wait to be called, shop in the lobby, get registered and shop for choice items. The entire process takes 10-30 minutes from registration on.
- Clients receive pre-packed bags of canned and boxed goods, fresh produce, frozen meat and baked items. Pet food is also available.



# 2023 Client Numbers

- 5995 client households in 2023
  - 4895 in 2022
  - 3000 in 2021
  - 4103 in 2020
  - 2650 in 2019
  - 2590 in 2018
  - 1477 in 2017
- 19,423 individuals served in 2023
  - 15,866 individuals served in 2022
- 50.4% of clients were new
- Records set in 2023
  - Highest month: September 485 households
  - Highest day: 76 households on 11/8



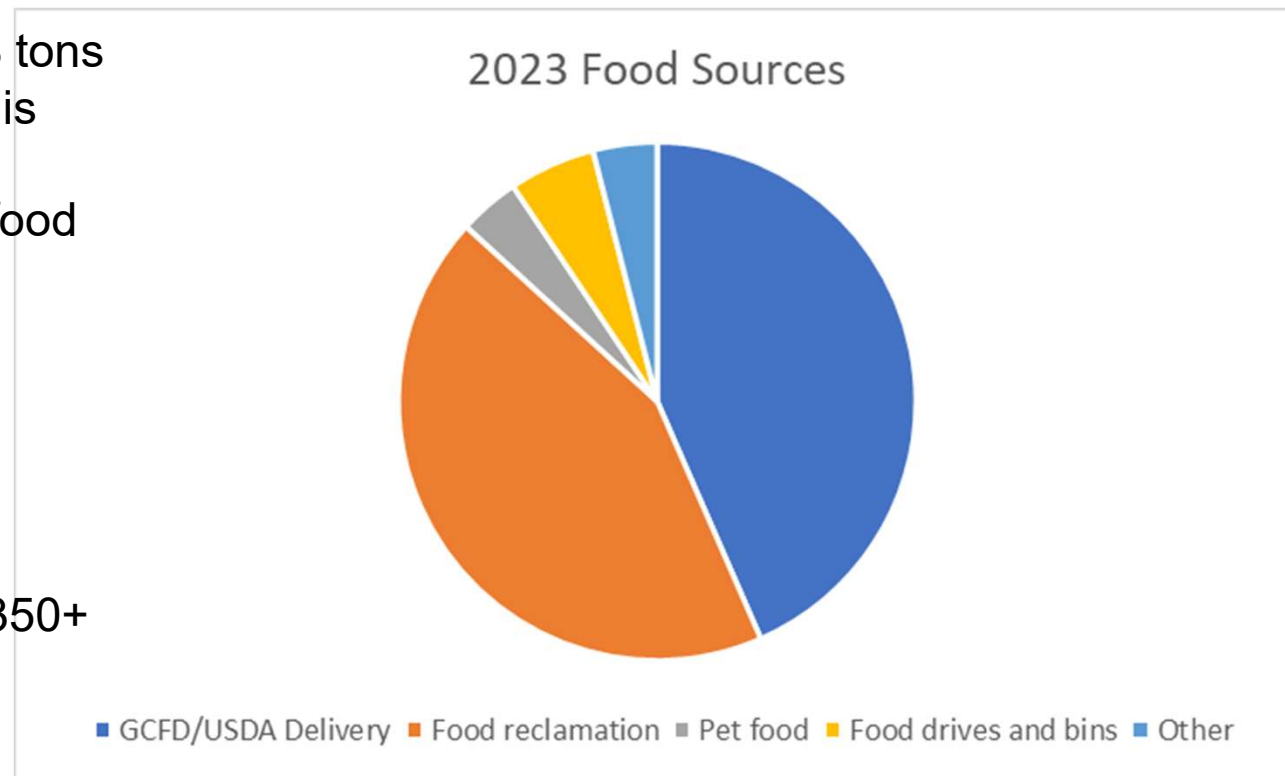
# 2023 Food In and Food Out

- Food In

- 523,600 pounds = 261.8 tons
- Average GCFD delivery is 9,278 pounds
- 173.8 tons comes from food reclamation
- 670 food rec pickups
- 7 pet food pickups

- Food Out

- Worth \$2+ million retail
- 436,298 meals
- Each cart is valued at \$350+









# Outreach and Fundraising



- Outreach events
  - 60 outreach events (37 in 2021, 48 in 2022)
  - August and October are the busiest months—9 events
  - Reach potential donors, volunteers and clients
- Fundraising events
  - 2023 Souper Bowl
  - Spring Fling Artisan Market
  - Grassroots Garden Group's Seedling Sale
  - Yard Sale Extravaganza
  - Mid-Year Letter Campaign
  - Independence Day Parade
  - Grassroots Garden Group's Garden Walk
  - Fall Photo Project
  - Tour de Proviso
  - Winter Wonderland Holiday Market
  - End-of-Year Letter Campaign
  - Facebook fundraisers



# New for 2023

- Change of hours on Wednesday 4:30-7pm
- Three new Board members!
- Spring Fling Artisan Market
- Junior Advisory Board
- Grants





## New for 2024

- Increased length of shifts
- Increased number of volunteers for client service shifts
  - Outreach volunteer
  - Lobby attendant
  - Parking lot attendants
- Cultivate more volunteer leaders
- Tracking groups who volunteer
- Service opportunities for kids and tweens

## How To Help

- Volunteer
- Make a financial contribution.
- Support our events!
- Coordinate a food drive
- Give us your paper bags!
- Spread the word!





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**SATURDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 3**  
**4-8:00pm**

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT SOUP**  
**DESSERTS · SILENT AUCTION · RAFFLES**



**Westchester Community Center**  
**10201 Bond Street Westchester, IL**



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WestchesterFoodPantry.org

**ADMISSION**

**ADULTS (13+)** \$30  
**KIDS (6-12)** \$15  
**KIDS 5 & UNDER** FREE

**FEATURING SOUPS FROM**

**Alpine Banquets · Ariston · Chai Yo Thai · Broadview Family Restaurant**  
**Benjarong Thai Cuisine · Donald's Hot Dogs · The Original Chickie's Beef**  
**Nick's Pizza · Emilio's Tapas · Beach Avenue BBQ**  
**Duncan's Pizza and Wings · Mattone · Paul's Pizza and Hot Dogs**  
**Mary's Morning Mix-Up · Westchester Inn · Sawa's Old Warsaw**

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**Donation Drop-Off Days!**

**Saturday, March 2 9-11am**

**Saturday, April 6 9-11am**

**Saturday, May 4 9-11am**

**Westchester Community Church,**  
**1840 Westchester Blvd., Westchester**

The Westchester Food Pantry is gearing up for its annual Yard Sale Extravaganza! High-quality unwanted household goods will be turned into food for our neighbors in need. Clean out your closets, cabinets, garages and basements...your donations can make a difference in our communities. **Please bag or box all donations.** All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

We **CAN** accept the following items  
in high-quality, good used condition:

- Children's books only
- Purses and wallets
- Backpacks and luggage
- Toys, games and puzzles
- Baby items (small items)
- Tools (manual and power)
- Camping equipment (no sleeping bags)
- Newer small electronics (radios, CD players, DVD players, mp3 players, tablets)
- CDs, DVDs, records
- Home decor and artwork
- Kitchen items and utensils
- Gardening supplies
- Craft/hobby items
- Vintage collectibles
- Office supplies
- Pet items/equipment
- Antiques/memorabilia
- Sporting goods
- Party supplies
- Jewelry
- Compact exercise equipment
- Picture frames and photo albums
- Vases and candles
- Video consoles and games

We **CANNOT** accept:

- Large furniture (couches, mattresses, etc.)
- Hazardous materials
- Televisions
- Computers and related equipment
- Automobile parts
- Construction materials
- Car seats, cribs or baby swings
- Large appliances (refrigerators, furnaces, etc.)
- Clothing or shoes
- Golf clubs and bags
- Stuffed animals
- Adult books
- Reference books, encyclopedias or magazines
- Lamps
- China/Dishes
- Christmas trees
- VHS or cassette tapes
- Skis and related equipment

**The 2024 Yard Sale**  
**Extravaganza will be**  
**May 30, 31 and June 1**

# Questions and Answers

