

FOOD PANTRY OUTREACH -- 2016

1. We give surplus produce, desserts and bread to Outreached Arms, which is an organization that feeds the homeless in downtown Pittsburgh every Tuesday.
2. We give surplus produce, desserts and bread to St. Richard's Catholic Church in Gibsonia, and they feed the homeless one Tuesday and one Wednesday a month.
3. We take surplus bread and produce to Hot Metal Church on the South Side and they provide a community dinner every Tuesday and Thursday.
4. We provide much needed food and personal care products to a local safe house, Living in Liberty, for rescued victims of sex trafficking.
5. We provide food directly to rescued victims of sex and labor trafficking.
6. We bless several low income senior centers on a regular basis.
7. We give surplus bread to the Urban League, and they distribute it to many impoverished families.
8. We pass along bread and produce to a food pantry located in a church in West View – Ridgeway Church.
9. We are helping a very poor food pantry in Troy Hill by providing financial assistance and food. The food pantry is located in Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish.
10. We are able to help a "Honey Lunch Program" (in a very impoverished area in West Virginia) provide healthy, wholesome food for elementary school children when they go home for the weekend. I have been told that the parents feed the children inexpensive chips and cookies because they cannot afford to purchase healthy food, but this organization makes sure the children have nourishing food while they are at home.
11. We help a food bank (House of Carpenters) in an impoverished area in Wheeling, WV, with food, clothing, housewares and toys;
12. We filled a 16' truck with non-perishable foods, fruit, veggies, bread, and clothes for an area of West Virginia that was devastated by the flooding this past summer.
13. We send food, clothing and toys with a NW member to Moundsville, WV, where this person's sister helps people who live in what some may think is a 3rd world country by the way they live. This year, one of their greatest needs, other than food, were warm coats. Many of the food pantry volunteers donated gently used coats for the families;

14. The “Flower Children” (consisting of 10 food pantry volunteers) take flowers from Trader Joe’s to nursing homes, hospices, senior centers, and assisted living facilities every Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Friday. The Flower Children bring joy everywhere they go!
15. A volunteer picks up from Whole Foods every Friday, and has a ministry of her own that feeds several large families who are struggling;
16. We helped a ministry of North Catholic High School that provided a meal and toys for Christmas to the Troy Hill area. A food pantry volunteer was our connection, and she said the desserts and bread that we gave her helped tremendously, and that the toys were a huge help to their ministry;
17. Every summer, we take surplus bread, desserts, fruit and veggies to the Pine Valley Camp north of Zelienople. This camp is designed for the under privileged children in Pittsburgh. The cooks at the camp make something with every piece of produce that we provide.
18. Surplus bread and desserts is passed along to Little Sisters of the Poor.
19. We provide food to VOICe (which is a domestic violence center for women and children) by giving them food for the women and children who are staying at this facility.
20. We are giving bread, desserts and fresh fruit to a local Meals On Wheels, who recently lost their funding.
21. We provide boxes of “emergency food” to people who come to the church office seeking food.
22. “Care packages” of donated fruit, vegetables, bread, desserts and prepared foods are boxed every weekend for approximately 25 North Way members who pick up the food after attending one of the three services in Wexford. These are people who typically do not come to the food pantry, but are struggling and cannot seem to make it through the week without some additional help with food for their families.

And most important – The Food Pantry is offered to the Wexford, Bradford Woods, Valencia and Pine-Richland areas of our community, as well as members who attend North Way Christian Community