



Volunteers!

The heart and soul of our pantry!



As we gear up for our weekly Wednesday food distribution, we'd love to show you what it takes to serve 700 households through our drive-thru. Here's a quick look at the areas where we need ongoing help.

Volunteer Opportunities

Day	Task	Qualifications
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri	Pick up food from local stores, weigh and sort	• Drivers license • Ability to drive a van or large vehicle • Able to carry 45 lbs
Monday (Morning)	Pack boxes for distribution	• Stand for 2-3 hours • Able to carry/lift 10-15 pounds
Wed (Morning)	Sort and bag food items	• Stand for 2-3 hours • Able to carry 30 lbs
Wed (Afternoon)	Preparing food boxes, directing traffic, loading food into vehicles and clean up	• able to stand 2-3 hours • Able to carry/lift 5-10 pounds

Pre-distribution duties

- Sorting and packing: Volunteers inspect donated food items, sort them by category, and assemble boxes of food items for distribution.
- Preparing for the day: This includes constructing and taping empty boxes, moving pallets of food from storage to the distribution area, and organizing items like fresh produce, bread, and non-perishables.
- Inventory management: Tasks can include unloading large food deliveries, weighing and logging incoming items, and organizing the warehouse and freezer spaces.

During-distribution duties

- Traffic control: Volunteers direct vehicles into the correct queues and safely manage the flow of traffic to ensure a smooth and efficient process.
- Patron check-in: Using a manual system, volunteers record household information, place household number on vehicle and direct to proper lane for loadout.
- Loadout: Volunteers load pre-packed boxes, bags, and fresh items directly into the patrons' cars while patron remain in their vehicles for safety.
- Distribution of food: Volunteers place bulk food into boxes utilizing a conveyor system that moves food to the loadout area.
- Safety: Volunteers break down cardboard boxes and other packaging from distribution area to ensure the safety of all volunteers.

Post-distribution duties

- Cleanup and breakdown: Once distribution is complete, volunteers help clean the area, continue to break down cardboard boxes, discard any spoiled food, and return unused items to storage.
- Garbage and Recycling: All garbage is bagged and placed in garbage bin. Recycling is taken to outside recycling containers.

Skills and qualifications

- A friendly and compassionate demeanor
- The ability to work well as part of a team
- The ability to lift and carry boxes of varying weights
- The ability to stand for extended periods
- A willingness to work outdoors in various weather conditions

We would love to have you as part of our team!

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