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Board chair Phyllis (right) with a beloved client.

Milestone Celebrated During a Record Year of Client Aid

We shifted from *bricks and mortar* to *building on our mission* as we marked our 10th anniversary at Boulevard Place and overall 40th year in emergency food offerings to midtown Indianapolis and surrounding zip codes. Our fiscal year began with an eye on the present and a focus on the future. We reminisced at an open house while unveiling a new leadership structure, first-ever bylaws and adjustments to provide clients more comfort while also giving them the same level of service despite economic headwinds.



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PANTRY BLESSINGS



Cynthia L. Brown

Greetings! The theme of my message to you this holiday season is *respite* and *sustenance*.

I can't think of two better words to describe Boulevard Place Food Pantry, which we renovated, expanded and modernized during my tenure so that our clients, including this gentleman—who came to the pantry short on gas, short on money, short on hope—could find *sustenance*; the pantry was his *respite* (see his interview at bit.ly/BlvdofHope). That's what this Place was built to do.

As you may know, I retire from the Pantry after what will be a lucky seven years as leader. I feel blessed to have been able to be of service and adding a memorable chapter in our nonprofit's ongoing 40-year story.

Matt Hayes, who shared the director's role with me since March 2022, takes over sole responsibility.

Certainly, what stands out to me was the successful expansion of our warehouse, renovation of the shopping area and brightening of our client waiting room. We also developed a new hybrid shopping format (as part of our experience with COVID-19) to be of comfort and to offer flexible, reliable and dignified shopping, regardless of whether the visit is indoors, or accomplished through to-go kits handed at our drive-up.



We were able to introduce key members of the team—TJ and Valerie—who keep operations flowing smoothly. Your generosity is what makes this such a great Place to serve out our mission.

I am most proud, perhaps, that the mission stayed true even as we evolved from a street-corner

mom-and-pop to a dependable, integral component of hunger relief in Indianapolis. As we built up, we grew up. I can't wait to see what the future holds for Boulevard Place. Thank you for trusting me with that responsibility.

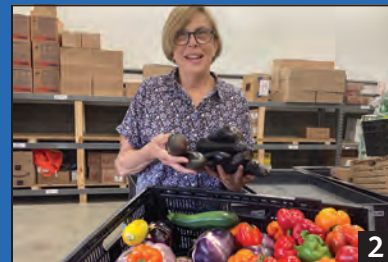
With appreciation,

Cynthia L. Brown
Pantry Director 2016-22
Pantry Co-Director 2022-23

Reliable Sources



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1. The bulk of our food is delivered by big trucks. We love our drivers—**Jim** from SvdP and **Terrence** from Gleaners.

2. Broad Ripple Farmers Market—one of our perennial supporters—allows volunteers like **Sue** to share unsold produce. Not a stem is wasted!

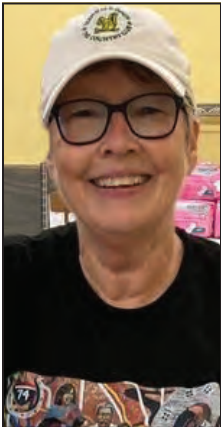
3. Jackson, 17, a junior at Bishop Chatard High School arranged his own food drive, turning \$400+ in donations into 350 pounds of food.

4. PORCH Communities, a national hunger-relief organization, made us a recipient this summer.

FACES OF THE PLACE



A volunteer/director for four decades, Mark's laugh is unmistakable. TJ displays an odd-shaped vegetable. Jodie and Derrick pick up items for their clients at Gennesaret Free Clinics, serving an average of a dozen women and men weekly.



Marie is a regular fixture on the cleaning crew. Energy consultant Andy talks solar to Ed, president of the BTNA. Tom lends his packing skills. Penny loves to showcase the client shopping area. Terry, Valerie and Tom coordinated our 10th anniversary celebration in September, which included a visit from Christ the King Monsignor Tony Volz. Christian and Keith unpack then stack. Inara and St. Thomas Aquinas student Emerson show off the Marion County Master Gardeners' landscaping/demonstration area.



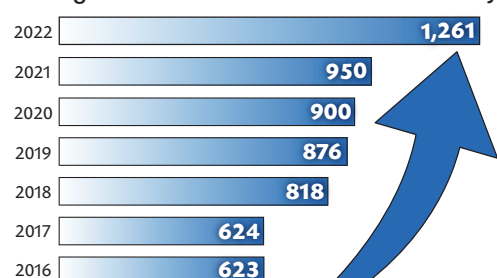
Lew (left), Grant and Lisa are regular, reliable volunteers. Two of our Immaculate Heart of Mary student vols crunch the numbers.

By the Numbers: Year in Review

Inflation Impact Drives Food Need

We saw a rise in client demand from pandemic-led joblessness in 2020 and 2021 but the need truly shifted in 2022 because of inflation. We set an all-time record with 1,261 households served monthly. We were able to address food insecurity—even though prices were high for the pantry, too. We upped our food obtained 22% to 620,965 pounds from 514,498, tapping from 40 sources—Gleaners to USDA to Starbucks.

Average number of households served monthly



620,965

Total pounds of food received



61/39

Percentage of food donated versus purchased



58,812

Pounds of food donated from STA, SJOA, CTK, StL, and IHM



780

Hours donated for landscape, garden, flower boxes



5,523

Volunteer hours given, up from 4,188 in 2021



\$2,112+

Amount of money saved with 72 new solar panels

Resourced and Responsive



“Very warm and gentle and compassionate people among the nicest in Indianapolis!”

—Henry Parker | 5-Star Google Review | June 2022

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

This annual report is dedicated to our neighbors—the businesses and residents at 42nd and Boulevard Place—for your patience, and to our volunteers and donors for sharing your time, talent, and treasure.

We also remember Tony Morreale, one of our volunteers. Tony passed away on July 22. He was dedicated to St. Vincent de Paul and to the pantry.



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