# The Place to Be for Our Community

#### **Pantry Hours**

Wednesday—10:00 am to noon
(Drive-through service only)
Thursday—10:00 am to 4:00 pm (In person)
Saturday—9:00 am to noon (In person)

#### **Shopping Guidelines**

A point system based on family size determines the grocery items shoppers may select on each visit.

#### Service Area

Persons living in the following zip-code boundaries may shop once a week: **46260**, **46240**, **46220**, **46208**, **and 46205**. Shoppers choose their day.

#### Ways to Help the Pantry

**Provide Food** Walk-in donations are welcome on Tuesdays from 8:00 AM to 10:45 AM.

**Serve Clients** Email Amy, volunteer coordinator, at ataylor@svdpindy.org. Shifts are available at Boulevard Place and also the main SVdP at Pratt-Quigley.

**Get in Touch** Call 317-924-3461; email info-blvdplace@svdpindy.org. Our blog: svdpindy.org. We're social! **f o** 

**Give Financial Support** We accept checks or donate online at https://bit.ly/givetoBlvd or scan the code.



"A wonderful place for experiencing the miracle of goodness in this world. —P. Waite, Google review



Boulevard Place Food Pantry
4202 N. Boulevard Place | Indianapolis, IN 46208

# **Boulevard Place Food Pantry**

A source of emergency food assistance for our community since 1982





# Collaborating to Conquer Hunger

BOULEVARD PLACE FOOD PANTRY is a special work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Indianapolis Council, a Catholic Lay Ministry and a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Our members and volunteers subscribe to the mission and ministry of the Society, answering God's call to increase our spirituality and service to our neighbors. Its mission is to provide emergency food assistance to those in need in our community. Five Catholic parishes in our service area support our annual budget: Christ the King, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Joan of Arc, St. Luke the Evangelist, and St. Thomas Aquinas.

#### **Community Partners**



We express our appreciation to all, including Second Helpings, Broad Ripple Farmers Market, Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, Knights of Columbus Councils #3433 and #14895, Hoagies 'N' Hops, Butler University students, Fairview Presbyterian Church, Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis, St. Simon the Apostle Catholic Church, HATCH for Hunger, Meridian Street United Methodist Church, Common Ground Christian Church, SHarP Gardens, IPS Schools, Marion County Master Gardener Association, PORCH, Catholic parishes in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis North Deanery, and many other groups, schools, and individuals.

# Tenacity in Transition



#### **MILESTONES**

NYTHING really worth doing takes persistence, perseverance, and determination. Tenacity is the quality displayed by someone who just won't quit who keeps trying until the goal is reached. That describes our team as we modified our zip code service area in a challenging 2024 food-supply environment. Our mainly volunteer pantry acted resourcefully and responsively in light of record demand. These snapshots are a great example of how we help our clients and what we will continue doing as we enter 2025. Thanks for your continued support!

Matt Hayes | Director 2022-2025

By expanding zip-code service boundaries we reduced food-insecurity needs, and we fed **16,500+ households,** up 1% from 2023.



#### JAN/FEB



For Catholic Schools Week, Saint Simon the Apostle Catholic School generated **1,725 pounds** of soup from the Souper Bowl canned soup drive. We have more than **100 volunteers** and a few helpers—like Chloe. Many hands make light work, no matter how big or small they are.



#### MAR/APR



Another growing season means weekly donations from vendors at Broad Ripple Farmers Market! Giveaway produce exceeded 10,000 pounds! Sabra and John Leamnson, our "Second Helpings Crew," pick up surplus food **weekly** and bring it to the Pantry for our clients.



# MAY/JUN



We surprised Director Emeritus Mark Varnau of STA parish on his 90th birthday with a ceremonial **\$9,090** check from a successful Pantry fundraiser. Acclaimed Boston, Mass. drummers and buglers in Indy for a national competition donated **825 pounds** of food to us!



# JUL/AUG



A survey taken by our volunteers gave us helpful insights. **63 percent** of our talented contributors have volunteered with us 3+ years.

Erica Escalante-Dominguez (right) created a how-to shopping video for the Pantry's Spanishspeaking clients.



# SEP/OCT



Immaculate Heart of Mary's breakfast cereal drive generated **428 pounds** of food needed for children at home on their summer break from school.

Our client-shopperday helpers provide guidance to our clients about balancing nutrition and frozen food selection.



### NOV/DEC



After **42 years** we updated our logo, both to reinforce our mission and to recognize the importance of sharing time, talent, and treasure.

#### FY2024-BY THE NUMBERS



The ratio of donated food to purchased food rose to a 70/30 split.



Solar panels generated 26,686 kWh (60% of our electricity) saving \$2,969.



Pounds of food received: 658,685 up 8%. Value of food donated was \$1.93/pound.



Pounds of food donated from STA, SJOA, CTK, StL, and IHM: 55,261 up 1%.



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