

Bring Your Hunger: Neighborhood Services, Inc. Food Pantry

51 Years of Service to the University District Community

Purpose

Neighborhood Services, Inc. was founded in 1965 by an ecumenical group of churches in the University District. NSI works to temper the ill effects of poverty by providing nutritious foods, clothing, seasonal programs, and other services to Franklin County persons in need. We improve the quality of life in the Columbus community by compassionately and respectfully serving our neighbors in need. This includes those from working, low-income families, single individuals with young dependent children, and unemployed families.

Impact

In 2015 NSI served 40 zip codes across Franklin County. 56% of those served were children.

Throughout the year NSI provided:

- A 7-day supply of food to 5,988 families
- Fresh fruits and vegetables to 1,444 families during Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas
- Christmas toys and gifts to 958 children
- Clothing to 503 families
- Backpacks to 417 local students
- A 3-day emergency food supply to 102 homeless individuals
- Free tax filing for 179 individuals



How you can get involved:

- **Pick up from direct retail partners on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday.**
- **Help at our monthly produce markets, every 4th Tuesday of the month.**
- **Assist with marketing, especially photography.**
- **Design or create artwork in our new waiting room or contribute materials.**
- **Support our Community Partners.**

To get involved, contact:

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Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

College of Public Health
Public Health in Action -
Dr. Randi Love
Ohio Union
University Area Commission
CAUSE program
Board Immersion Program
Leadership in Community 2571 -
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Community Partners Involved

Aldi's
Boulevard Presbyterian Church
Community Shares of Mid-Ohio
Dan the Baker
Giant Eagle
Glen Echo Presbyterian Church
Global Community Methodist Church
Holy Name Roman Catholic Church
Indianola Church of Christ
Indianola Presbyterian Church
Katzinger's Delicatessen
Kroger
Lucky's Market
Maynard Avenue United Methodist Church
Mid-Ohio Foodbank
North Area Real Estate Association
North Columbus Friends Meeting
Olentangy Christian Reformed Church
Overbrook Presbyterian Church
Panera Bread
PDS Planning, Inc.
Sedona Grace Foundation
Souper Heroes
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
St. Thomas More Newman Center
Summit on 16th United Methodist Church
Tau Beta Phi
The Columbus Foundation
University Baptist Church
University District Organization
University Kiwanis
Varsity Club
Xenos Christian Fellowship