



Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry Newsletter

Getting Around Town

The Food Pantry and Clothes Closet depends on many volunteers, donors, and community members to meet the needs of our clients. There are many individuals that work behind the scenes to make it all happen, and our Van Drivers are essential to the successful operation of the food pantry. You might see the food pantry van around town as it carries groceries from local stores, schools, and businesses during their food drives. Each week, the van makes runs to many of the local grocers including: Jewel, Walmart, Trader Joe's, Target and Aldi.

Drivers typically start their day at 8 am and are responsible for multiple store runs per day. Not only are they responsible for working with each store's representative to coordinate which donations are designated for the Food Pantry and Clothes Closet, but they are also tasked with sorting and loading donations into the van at each stop.

One of the more challenging aspect of the job is the short time frame the drivers have to complete their runs at each store, in order to arrive during the agreed upon pick up time of the next business. Once the van is loaded at each stop, the driver inventories the number of boxes received, and categorizes the donations by type: perishable, non-perishable, bread and produce, and even flowers!

Don't forget to RSVP!

Volunteer
Appreciation Dinner

Tuesday, October
16 at 6:00 PM

Come join us for a celebration of the wonderful volunteers of the Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry and Clothes Closet.

Special Thanks to:

Batavia Mainstreet and the Farm to Table Community Dinner

who presented a \$10,000 check to the Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry & Clothes Closet. In addition to this check, over \$800 in donations was collected during the community dinner event, where guests gather at one long dinner table on River Street in Batavia, IL, and enjoy locally sourced foods prepared by local chefs.

After inventorying donations, drivers head back to the food pantry to unload the donations to a waiting set of volunteers, who help unpack and sort donations inside the food pantry.

Being a van driver is not a glamorous job, but our team of dedicated drivers collects over 30,000 pounds of food donations each month. The drivers at the food pantry are indispensable and deserve recognition for their commitment and work! The Pantry is always looking to add reliable drivers to the team, so if you, or someone you know would be a good fit, contact the Food Pantry for more information!



Food Pantry & Clothes Closet Van being loaded up during a pick up at Aldi Corporate.

To see a list of our most needed items or to make a monetary donation to the pantry, visit

www.bataviafoodpantry.org

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CLOTHES CLOSET: 630.406-0036

<http://www.bataviafoodpantry.org>



Betsy Zinser, Director of the Food Pantry, accepts a check from Batavia Mainstreet.

Upcoming Events:

Batfest

Date: October 27

Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Downtown
Batavia

Fox and Turkey Run

Date: November 21 & 22

Location: Holmstad &
City Hall

Festival of Lights

Date: November 25

Time: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Location: Batavia
Riverwalk

*** All events to benefit the
Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry
& Clothes Closet*



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