

Dublin Food Pantry

A Circle of Hope and Abundance

The Dublin Food Pantry (DFP) originally began in the 1970s in response to those in need of emergency food assistance. Still housed in the Dublin Community Church, DFP became a private, nonprofit organization in 2011 to meet the increasing number of Dublin area residents who face the difficult circumstance of a stressful choice: deciding between putting food on the table, or purchasing other basic life needs. Thanks to the generosity of a giving community, DFP works to continuously serve those around us so that choice is made a little easier.



The Year 2012 By the Numbers

- **323,000 Pounds** of food distributed
- **87,353 Pounds** of food donated
- **\$43,895** spent on food **Purchased** by DFP to meet family/client needs
- **150,000 Meals** provided
- **9,563 People** received food
- **1,246** of those were **Children**
- **182** of those were **Senior Citizens**
- **130** Weekly **Volunteers** to operate the pantry
- **500** Event **Volunteers** help yearly
- **17,820** – increase in number of **Meals** provided from previous year
- **233** – Average number of **Families** who visit every month
- **11** local **Churches** regularly provide food, funds and volunteers

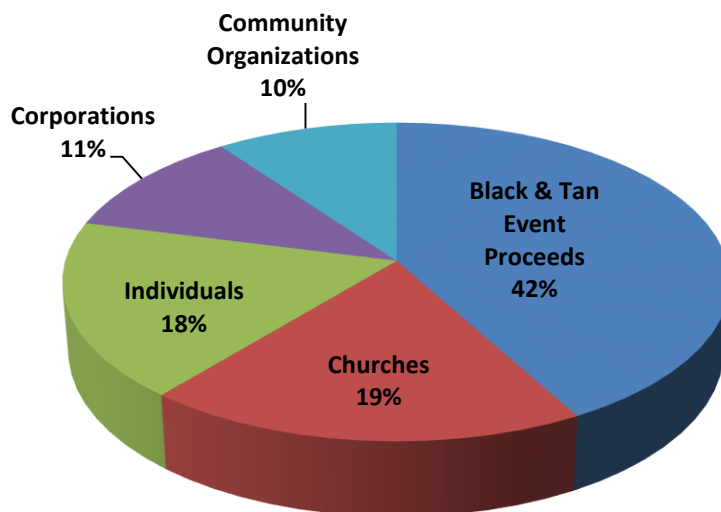
Because It Matters

In 2012, 15% of the U.S. population experienced and/or lived in poverty. In the state of Ohio, household food insecurity is higher than the national average at 16.1% (Source: Feeding America/Hunger in America). People who visit the DFP cite the following circumstances for their household need:

- Under-employed
- Unemployed
- Disability/Health issue
- Crisis situation (death, abandonment, abuse)
- Severe financial loss

Each year, more than 500 Dublin Food Pantry volunteers contribute their hearts, minds and hands to serve those in need. They stock shelves, order food, accept or pick up food deliveries, host special events and even sow community gardens so that families may receive fresh produce each season of the year.

2013 Financial Contribution Sources through June



Financial contributions help to ensure the Dublin Food Pantry's ability to purchase food from wholesalers and the Mid-Ohio Foodbank.

It Takes an Entire Community

Our Vision is a humble one.

The vision of The Dublin Food Pantry is quite simple: To ensure that no one goes hungry. Ever.

In 2012, the Dublin Food Pantry (DFP) saw to it that more than 9,500 of our own neighbors and friends had meals on their tables. That was a total of nearly 150,000 meals. DFP continues to serve those who face household food insecurity, but cannot maintain its momentum without the support of an entire community.

We can't do this alone.

Donors, volunteers, and a bit of old-fashioned hard work meet this need week after week, year after year. With the support of a part time Executive Director and an army of dedicated volunteers, the DFP distributes more than 160 tons of food each year. Thanks to our local churches, community organizations, corporate residents and schools, 87,000 pounds of that food actually comes from donations. DFP gets its food from two other sources: 1) Surplus food picked up by volunteers from generous businesses such as Giant Eagle, Whole Foods, GFS, Trader Joe's, Bob Evans, Chipotle, Panera, Caribou Coffee, DiBella's and Winan's and 2) Purchased food from the Mid-Ohio Food Bank and wholesalers.

These are our neighbors. Our children. Our seniors. Our families.

DFP clients are Dublin and Dublin School District residents. Financial need is determined by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. DFP volunteers explain and walk clients through the steps of providing the information necessary to verify eligibility. The end result can be best summed up by former client "Sara," who wrote this kind e-mail note after receiving assistance:

"I just want to say thank you all so very much for your kindness and generosity. I don't think my family is going to go hungry anytime soon...It truly is a blessing. When I am a little more financially stable, I would like to donate money and help other people in need. I was so ashamed that I had to come there at first but everyone was very welcoming. I just want to say thank you so much from the bottom of my heart. God bless."



Mission Statement: The Dublin Food Pantry is dedicated to providing for the needs of hungry people by collecting and distributing food and grocery products, educating the community about hunger and collaborating with others who address basic human needs.



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