

# PANTRY PROJECT

Pantry Project was started in 2008 as a joint venture of United Way of Greater Portland and Preble Street with the aim of keeping food pantry shelves full beyond the holiday season. The need for nutritious meals has steadily increased year round, while donated food from local retailers and government food commodities has significantly declined. Your participation in this project will help keep our neighbors fed throughout the year.

## HOW THE PANTRY PROJECT WORKS:

### United Way

- ▶ Provides project materials, including branded shelving units, banner, posters, cardboard boxes, and box labels
- ▶ Provides the Pantry Project User's Manual which includes messaging templates
- ▶ Offers marketing and technical assistance as needed

### Your Organization

- ▶ Agrees to host the Pantry Project for a specified period of time
- ▶ Assembles the pantry shelves and signage
- ▶ Spreads the word to colleagues/clients using the provided posters, templates and email messaging language
- ▶ Organizes and packs donated food using the provided cardboard boxes
- ▶ Transports boxed food to identified agency (they will count, sort and organize the items for distribution)
- ▶ Disassembles the pantry shelves and signage, and transports to the next location or back to the United Way
- ▶ Completes the follow-up survey and project evaluation

## THANK YOU

Your help will support United Way's larger mission to improve people's lives in Greater Portland by mobilizing the caring power of our community.

## GET STARTED

Contact Kerrie Keller at [kkeller@unitedwaygp.org](mailto:kkeller@unitedwaygp.org) or 207-874-1000 x 2348.



## SAMPLE FOOD DRIVE LIST

Here is a shopping list of non-perishable items. Please note, the needs of organizations vary based on current need. Please consult United Way to confirm the current need.

- Tuna fish
- Peanut butter (all-natural)
- Beans (black, kidney, navy, and garbanzo)
- Granola bars
- Applesauce
- Whole grains like oats, bran, and quinoa
- Pasta (whole wheat or whole grain)
- Pasta sauce
- Canned soup and vegetables
- Canned fruit (packed in juice)

**Too busy to shop?**

**Gift cards to grocery stores are always welcome.**



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