

BREADCRUMBS

July 2013

The Newsletter of the Irving Park Community Food Pantry
Celebrating Twenty-Eight Years of Service to the Community

Pantry Plans Tues. Evening Hours!

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry will begin offering an evening option once a month for our regular food distributions. Beginning in September (on the 10th), the Pantry will be open from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. This will add to our regular hours of 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday morning.

This will be a great service to our neighbors who need help, as it will provide food to those who hold jobs and have other commitments during the day.

To operate at this new time, the Pantry needs volunteers both to help set up between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. and to run the distribution from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Jobs include food collection, distribution-line management, client check-in and interviewing, statistical work, box breakdown and removal, and Spanish and Polish translation. Some jobs will require advance training.



Join our merry band of volunteers on Tuesday nights!

We welcome high-school and college students looking for service hours or those seeking to help their community in a low-stress, cooperative environment. To learn more or to volunteer, please contact Volunteer Manager Lee Stein at volunteer@irvingparkfoodpantry.org.



The Pantry will distribute school supplies to clients' school-age children throughout August.

Help Students Get a Good Start

Our annual School Supply Distribution is being held during August. Last year, we distributed about 380 bags of school supplies to the school-age children of our clients (1st to 12th grades).

We are in need of many unused supplies: crayons (24 pack), markers, colored pencils, loose-leaf paper, spiral notebooks, pocket folders, glue sticks, scissors, rulers, erasers, #2 pencils and pens. Please do not donate backpacks!

To arrange for a dropoff, please contact us at info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org or call 773/283-6296.

Save the Date: Wine Tasting Oct.13

Save the date: Our annual wine-tasting benefit will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on October 13 at Mirabell restaurant (3454 W. Addison St.).

For information or tickets, contact Janet Middleton at janetkmiddleton0@gmail.com.



The Pantry's Hunger Walk team included Julie Kult, Janet Middleton, John Psiharis, Dennis Delavara, Craig Shutt, Margie Pomonis, Anna Besmann and Missy Goldberg.

Hunger Walk Raises Pantry Funds

Thank you for your support of our efforts during the 28th Annual Hunger Walk, held June 29th by the Greater Chicago Food Depository. The money raised by the walk will help fund our food purchases throughout the coming year.

More than 15,000 people walked the 3.2-mile course along the lakefront at Soldier Field on an overcast but cool and dry morning.

It's not too late to donate! Please visit the Pantry site at www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org and click on the blue Donate button on the right-hand side. We appreciate your support, as the Hunger Walk is our largest fund-raising even in the year!



The Hunger Walk went off without a hitch on June 29th, with more than 15, 000 walkers at Soldier Field.

Visit Us on Facebook!

To keep up to date on Pantry events and programs, visit us at www.facebook.com/irvingpark.pantry. You also can join our email list to receive the new Breadcrumbs and special announcements.

Thank You to our Volunteers!

Thank you to our volunteers and donators who help to keep us going every week.



Eight volunteers from Fossil helped out at the Pantry on June 26th, performing a variety of duties with energy and big smiles.



Volunteer Katy Troy looks over the donation of soaps, shampoos and lotions from The Warming Center after the Pantry put out a call when we ran out of toiletries.

We always can use toiletries (razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shaving cream, and toilet paper) as well as men and women's white crew socks. Please keep us in mind when you see a sale!

If your organization would like to volunteer one week at the Pantry, contact Volunteer Manager Lee Stein at volunteer@irvingparkfoodpantry.org.