



MARIE WILKINSON
FOOD PANTRY
 Nourishing Lives Since 1957



West Pantry: 834 North Highland Ave
 East Pantry: East Aurora High School
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2019 Highlights - Growth in Pantry & Garden Services NOURISHING 57,187 LIVES.

- Pantry volunteers shared food with guests seeking support for their households on **174 days** in 2019.
 - Marie's West Pantry: *Wednesdays 12 - 2 pm, Fridays 1:00 - 4:00 pm.*
 - Marie's East Pantry: *Sat. 9 - 11 am, plus Two Thursdays per month for East High Students.*
- Volunteers provided a grocery cart full (~70 lbs) of nourishing food to **over 20,313 guests** in 2019.
 - Guests freely choose what they will use, just like they would in a grocery store.
- Pantry guests brought groceries home to **over 57,187 household members**, providing nutrition to:
 - 23,773 children under 18 yrs of age
 - 28,560 persons aged 19-65
 - 4,854 seniors over age 65
- Guests may **visit once a week** to fill a cart with fresh produce, dairy, deli, frozen meats, baked goods, cereals, and canned goods. Some personal care and household cleaning items are available as well.
USDA calculates 1.2 pounds is an average meal (determined by age and appetite of individuals).
- Pantry volunteers shared ~ **642 tons** of food with guests. *47.6% increase from 2018*
 - **155 tons of fresh produce.** *12% increase from 2018*
- **80%** of food shared came from the **Food Rescue Program**, which has grown nearly 40 trips to local grocers each week by Marie's Food Rescue Volunteers.
- Over **3,453 lbs of vegetables** were harvested from **Marie's Community Garden**.
- Local farmers and gardeners donated fresh produce. *72.6% increase from 2018*
- Celebrated the 2nd year of '**Food 4 Students**' program in Aurora's schools.
 - Served groceries to **1,785 East High students.** *98% increase from 2018*
 - Students brought groceries to **7,215 household members**, of whom **2,533** are **younger siblings**.

NEW Projects Launched in 2019

- Formed Marie's **Young Professionals Advocacy Board.** *June*
- Partnership with **Bruno's Pro Bono Pet Food.** *March*
- **New Food Rescue Van** purchased in partnership with The Dunham Fund. *March*
- **New Van & Storage Barn** built with support from Aurora Aldermen & Wise Construction Services, Inc. *July*
- **Marie's Community Garden** grew by leaps and bounds together with nfp partners, **Charity Blooms**
 - Egg-Laying Hens and Compost-Laying Rabbits joined 'The Coop.' *April*
 - Garden Harvest Dinner with Livia Italian Eatery. *August*
 - Solar Powered Kitchen & New Greenhouse. *September*
- Delivered turkey dinners to launch 'Hope for the Holiday's' with City of Aurora Alderman & Mayor. *November*
- Delivered 360 Emergency Food Bags in partnership with Senior Services. *December*

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**FOOD 4
 STUDENTS**

A Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry Program



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