

Helping to alleviate food insecurity one bag of food at a time.

Who We've Served

So far in 2015, the Wesley Evening Food Pantry has served 2415 individuals (including 1031 children) in 517 households. The Wesley Food Pantry at Parkland has served 1033 individuals (including 436 children) in 296 households. That all adds up to:

3448 

813 

1467 

CROP Walk to Fight Hunger

On Saturday April 19th, Champaign-Urbana will host a Crop Walk to Stop Hunger. This event is a wonderful opportunity to work with your family and friends to encourage awareness and raise funds for our neighbors in need. 25% of the donations from the walk are given to local food pantries and programs including the Wesley Food Pantry!

“Through the CROP Hunger Walk, we help meet emergency and recovery needs in Haiti and around the world, and we support our local food banks. We’re helping families get back on their feet.” –From cwsglobal.org

You can help us reach our goal of \$1500. To make an online donation or join our walking team please visit: <http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/wesleyfoodpantry>.



Parkland Students to Design Publicity for Parkland Pantry

We are excited to announce that Parkland’s Applied Media Promotions (AMP) has selected the Wesley Food Pantry as their charity of focus during their Spring Semester. Applied Media Promotions is a student staffed strategic communications firm operated by the Fine and Applied Arts Department at Parkland College. AMP works with students to review, modify and create publicity projects that will enhance a charity’s community exposure and improve its brand. In the upcoming months the pantry looks forward to newly designed brochures, table tents, flyers, public audio advertisements and other marketing materials. This enhanced visibility in the Parkland area will ensure that we serve those in need in the community. Thank you AMP!



Pantry Partners with Local Social Service Providers

So far this year we have hosted many amazing social service groups:



During the last 2 Wesley Evening Food Pantry Distributions, Illini Medical Screening Society, a nursing group from the university, has served over 50 pantry clients by perform-

ing routine blood testing, vitals and patient consults. During the last distribution a client in a medical crisis was sent from the pantry to the hospital for care. We are so grateful that IMSS was on-site to provide this critical evaluation and referral service.

Champaign County Health Care Consumers have advocated for our client's access to health care by discussing Medicaid with the clients and answering their health care related questions.



Campaña De Salud was on site advertising for their upcoming free health fair on April 9th. The fair includes medical screenings, health education, free food and much more.

SNAP/Link: The pantry is blessed by the regular presence of a couple of SNAP educated community members who work with client's to gain access to vital food services.

Volunteers Needed at Parkland Pantry

"A community can use all the skills of its people."
-Maori Proverb

Volunteers wanted at Parkland College! The pantry set up at Parkland is substantially easier but we still need friendly faces to greet and guide our clients through. Volunteer shifts start ½ hour before the pantry is open to the public and last for 75 minutes. If you haven't yet seen the pantry we invite you to come join us for a distribution by going to the wesleypantry.org webpage and clicking the volunteer link.



Drink Fair Trade Coffee, Fight Hunger

Did you know that there is a Fair-Trade, organic self-serve, coffeehouse at the Wesley United Methodist Church? This donation based coffeehouse, proceeds benefiting the pantry, is a warm location to study, play games with friends and relax for a few before your next gig. Tea is also available.

Hours: Mondays-Thursdays 9:00am - 10:00pm; Fridays 9:00am - 11:45pm

New Pantry Hours

The Wesley Food Pantry at Parkland will be open at the following times:

- 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month from 10am to noon
- 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month from 11am to 1pm and 4pm to 6pm

All distributions are open to the public.

Get more information at wesleypantry.org



What Our Clients Are Saying about Wesley Food Pantry

The Wesley Food Pantry helped me eat when I couldn't eat.

I go home feeling good because the volunteers treat me well.

I feel comfortable at the pantry because they have a good will to help people.

New Horizon is New Partner

We are adding another leaf in our Easter table! This year the Wesley Food Pantry at Parkland College is honored to partner with New Horizon United Methodist Church to distribute Easter baskets to 50 local families. This is part of New Horizon's commitment to preparing and delivering Easter dinner baskets to 500 local families in need. These meals will include ham and our favorite Easter side dishes.



Thank you New Horizon United Methodist Church for including us in your wonderful Easter mission!

IFH Celebrates Millionth Meal

On Tuesday, April 14th Illini Fighting Hunger is celebrating packaging over a million meals at the 77 Club at Memorial Stadium! Congratulations Illini Fighting Hunger for this monumental millionth meal and for all your dedication to the community.



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Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to all of the work that went into hosting The Brilliance and the Wesley Craft Fair and for sharing the proceeds with the pantry. Thank you for sharing your interests and talents with us!

To be removed from our mailing list please contact the pantry at donate@wesleypantry.org or 217-344-1120.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Shining a Spotlight on Our Volunteers



Do you know Clyde Snyder? If you've spent any time at the Evening Food Pantry, we're willing to bet you recognize his face (or at the very least his signature neon orange suspenders!).

Clyde Snyder is a retired United Methodist pastor who also preaches at Allerton on Sunday mornings. Besides that, we also know him as one of two Setup Coordinators, chairperson of the food pantry's executive board, one of two main Cleanup Coordinators, and the general Go-to Guy on pantry night.

For a full profile of Clyde, visit wesleypantry.org/volunteer-spotlight

Natalie got involved with the Graduate Employees Organization (GEO), and it is through the GEO that Natalie started volunteering with the food pantry in January of 2010. She says that now she can see how the GEO's ideals are closely aligned with one of the pantry's fundamental principles: to provide emergency food items to families during the evening hours so that clients do not feel the pressure of having to leave work early or take a lengthy lunch break in order to get the food that they need.



For a full profile of Natalie, visit wesleypantry.org/volunteer-spotlight