



Hancock County Food Pantry



Hancock County Food Pantry is celebrating our 30th birthday in 2023. As we prepare to celebrate in 2023, we reflect on all that God has done for our Pantry in 2022.

- Pantry started in a small closet of Faith United Methodist Church in Greenfield – as a group effort organized by the Greenfield Ministerial Association. Pantry moved several times before settling in the present location in 2009.
- Hancock County Food Pantry has **ZERO paid staff**. We are 100% operated by volunteers and led by an eleven member Board of Directors (also volunteers).
- Pantry operates 6 different ‘client-serving shifts’ each week – 52 weeks a year. We are still serving clients via ‘drive-thru’ process. We surveyed clients in summer of 2022 and over 65% of them PREFERRED the drive-thru process VS. ‘in-house’ shopping. Reasons cited were: speed of service, convenience, avoid crowded waiting room/germs, etc. Therefore, we will continue this drive-thru model. Our volunteers are pleased with this type of serving as well, for similar reasons.
- Each week, the pantry has 80-100 different volunteers serving in the building. **It requires over 800 volunteer hours EACH MONTH to keep our Pantry open.**
- 2022 budget was \$178,300 (all funds go toward food costs or facility expenses).
- All pantry funds come from personal donations, business donations, churches or grants. HCFP does not receive ANY regular/yearly funding from government entities.
- HCFP served 1,423 unique households throughout 2022. These families visited the pantry a total of 7,304 times. **This is a 41% increase in households served over 2021.**
- Approximate ‘retail value’ of typical client **food @ each visit** is MINIMUM of: **\$90-\$100**
- Clients are allowed to visit 2x each month

- Because we do serve USDA commodities, our clients must meet income requirements set by the gov't – for 2022/2023 these income requirements are:

INCOME GUIDELINES (185%)

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MONTHLY	ANNUALLY	HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MONTHLY	ANNUALLY
1	\$2,096	\$25,142	4	\$4,279	\$51,338
2	\$2,823	\$33,874	5	\$5,006	\$60,070
3	\$3,551	\$42,606	6	\$5,734	\$68,802
For each additional household member add \$728 per month					

- Rent for our building is \$1700/month (not including utilities) – our long-term goal is to own our own building someday! We are actively searching for our forever home.
- In addition to serving our own clients in a drive-thru process out of our building, we also:
 - Manage & provide volunteers to distribute 15,000+ pounds of food (each month) that Gleaner's provides for the mobile food pantry at Hancock County Fairgrounds (Oct.-Mar).
 - Provide food to Eastern Hancock schools to stock their school pantries
 - Provide 100s of weekend meal sacks to free/reduced lunch students @ EH & GC
 - Assist Greenfield Central schools (when needed) to stock their school pantries
 - Provide 'training time' for GCHS special needs students during the school year. Three times each week, students (supervised by their teachers) work in our pantry to learn skills as they pack our client boxes and do sorting/stocking.
 - Provide shelf stable 'Emergency' food boxes to Meals on Wheels clients so they have food available in case MOW is unable to deliver their hot meals.
 - Collaborate with and share our 'surplus' with other local pantries and Soup Kitchen
- Breakdown of shifts/clients served for 2022:

Total households served by each shift

- 2016 Monday Afternoon: 1-2:30pm
- 813 Monday PM: 5:30-6:30pm
- 1127 Tuesday Morning: 9-10:30am
- 1191 Tuesday PM: 6-7pm
- 930 Wed PM: 7-8pm
- 1256 Thurs PM: 7-8pm

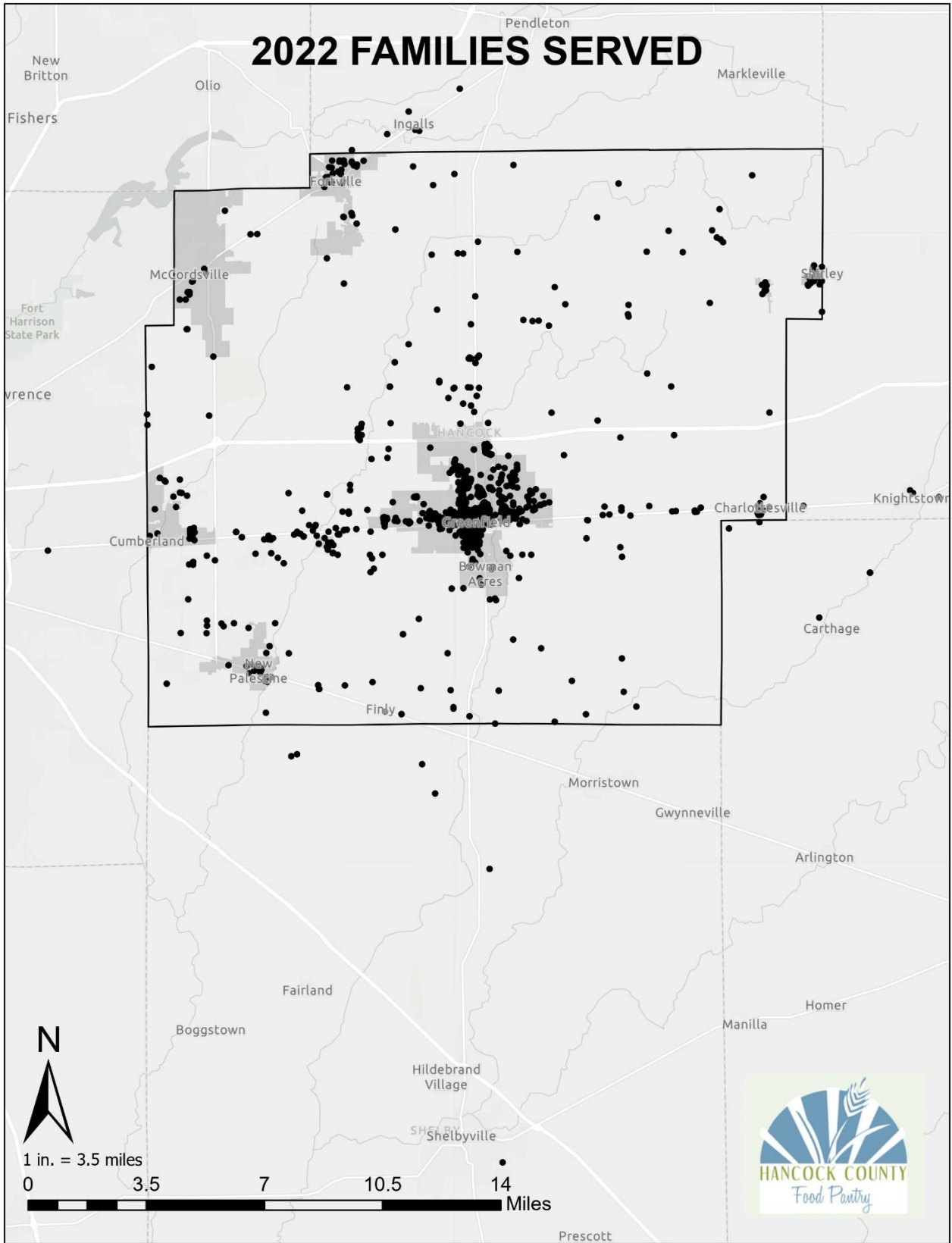
7333 total household visits in 2022

In 2022, 47% of our clients only came 1 or 2 times all year.

See table below

FAMILY COUNT & FREQUENCY REPORT - 2022

# of visits/yr	# of households served	# of people served	Percentage
1	455	1427	31.95%
2	216	742	15.17%
3	123	405	8.64%
4	95	318	6.67%
5	82	269	5.76%
6	60	216	4.21%
7	56	203	3.93%
8	51	173	3.58%
9	48	157	3.37%
10	29	82	2.04%
11	28	97	1.97%
12	27	100	1.90%
13	20	70	1.40%
14	17	51	1.19%
15	23	69	1.62%
16	10	28	0.70%
17	13	43	0.91%
18	10	27	0.70%
19	7	18	0.49%
20	12	42	0.84%
21	8	38	0.56%
22	4	15	0.28%
23	12	36	0.84%
24	18	56	1.26%



Each dot indicates a client address in Hancock County.

Note: highest density of clients reside in Center Township.

• MAIN SOURCES OF OUR FOOD:

- Gleaner's Food (both purchased and donated) –
 - In 2022 – 436,722 lbs
- USDA commodity food (no charge to us) –
 - In 2022 – 127,509 lbs
- Abraham's weekly Monday donations –
 - In 2022 – estimated @ 55,000 lbs
- Walmart & Dollar General weekly Mon & Thurs donations -
 - In 2022 – 109,000 lbs
- Midwest Food Bank donations – 2-4 pallets 1x/month -
 - In 2022 – estimated @ 30,000 lbs
- New Palestine Needler's weekly donations -
 - In 2022 – estimated @ 15,000 lbs
- Food drives/churches/schools/businesses/small food vendors -
 - In 2022 – estimated 100,000 lbs
- Tuttle's Orchards – donation of sweet corn, apples, cider
 - In 2022 – estimated 7,500 lbs

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS 2022 INFO:

- Gleaner's **Mobile** Pantries provided 185,006 lbs of food to Hancock County residents in 2022
- Gleaner's provided 2,972 gallons of FREE milk to our pantry for our clients in 2022. The remaining 4,000+ gallons of milk were purchased with HCFP funds at Greenfield Walmart.
- Gleaner's donated over 110,000 lbs of fresh produce to our pantry in 2022
- Each month, we serve 900 doz eggs to our clients. The funds for these eggs have been DONATED to our food pantry by the SAME family in our community for over 10+ years.

- **Overall, we estimate HCFP distributes 1+ million pounds of food to our clients each year.**

A frequently asked question of our pantry is:

“Which would you rather have.... donations of food or money?”

- While we will always accept donations of food/personal hygiene items (and we are grateful for those heartfelt and gifts of love), a monetary donation will actually provide more food for our pantry, due to the purchasing power we have to source food through Gleaner’s.
- With cash donations, we are also able to purchase items most needed and that fit in with the preferences of our clients. **If we solely relied on food donations, our inventory would be very sporadic.** For example, during November and December, we are BLESSED with an abundance of food drives from local groups/businesses/churches. However, during the months of Jan through October, our ‘donated’ products slow down to a trickle and would not sustain our inventory levels needed to serve our clients.
- Also, donated food is sometimes difficult to package (due to size differences, glass jars, etc). Since we are currently serving our clients food to them via a ‘pre-boxed, drive-through’ process, it is very helpful when we have similar ‘sized’ items and non-breakable containers.
- As we look ahead to 2023 and our 30th birthday celebration, the Hancock County Board of Directors is excited about what lies ahead. Thanks to ALL of you – our amazing volunteers – and with thanks to our very generous community supporters – the food pantry is poised to have an amazing year!
- Please feel free to share this document with anyone that you know that supports us! Please use this information as talking points when you are out and about in our community – and share the Good NEWS and GOOD FOOD that our Food Pantry has to share with those in need!
- **1 CHRONICLES 16:34**
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!