



## **Board of Directors Nomination Information**

### **The Food Pantry is Looking for Board Members!**

The Falls Area Food Pantry is seeking new board members! Are you interested in helping people with food insecurity? Do you want to help guide the future of the food pantry? We are looking for 5-7 people to join the Board of Directors in February. We are especially interested in people who have backgrounds in business, law, finance, marketing, technology, communication, and building/maintenance.

### **Board Member Responsibilities**

We need people who can commit 5 – 10 hours a month to the food pantry. They should have an interest in and heart for the Falls Area Food Pantry and be willing to:

- Prepare for and fully engage in board meetings
- Take an active role on one or more committees and possibly lead a committee
- Provide oversight and guidance to the Pantry staff and committees
- Represent the pantry at community events
- Help us achieve our mission: to gather and distribute nutritious food to residents in the greater Menomonee Falls area and to raise awareness of hunger in our community

Officers and committee leads may spend more hours per month assisting the food pantry. Board members are elected to three year terms and can serve a maximum of three consecutive terms.

### **Nomination Process**

If you are interested in joining the board, please do the following:

1. Complete and submit a [Board of Directors Nomination Form](#) by January 20 to [secretary@fallsfoodpantry.org](mailto:secretary@fallsfoodpantry.org).
2. Attend a [Food Pantry Board Information Session](#):
  - Thursday, January 19 from 6 – 7 p.m. (Room 123, MF Community Education & Rec)
  - Friday, January 20 from 9 – 10 a.m. (Room 102, MF Community Education & Rec)
3. Undergo a background check after you submit your nomination form.

**If you have a passion for helping others and have skills or experience that would be useful to the Pantry, we would love to hear from you!** To learn more, contact John Yusko at [jyusko505@twc.com](mailto:jyusko505@twc.com).

# About Our Pantry . . .

## Mission Statement

Our mission is to gather and distribute nutritious food to those with acute or chronic need who live in the greater Menomonee Falls area. We strive to raise awareness of hunger in our community and provide volunteer opportunities for community members to serve one another.

## Brief Pantry History

Falls Area Food Pantry (formally Falls Area Community Services) is a full-service food pantry completely run by community volunteers. This year the pantry is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> year serving the greater Menomonee Falls community. The pantry was established in 1983 by twelve area churches to help meet the needs of residents laid-off from the Briggs and Stratton plant and others who needed food assistance. Today the pantry is supported by these churches as well as many other local churches, businesses, schools, organizations, and individuals. The pantry is managed by a volunteer staff and a volunteer board of directors. We are located at N85 W15382 Menomonee River Pkwy. Our building is owned by the Village of Menomonee Falls. They allow us to use the building for free although the pantry pays for utilities and improvements.

## Current Staff and Board of Directors

<b>Volunteer Food Pantry Staff</b> Jeannine Matuszak, Interim Director	<b>Board of Directors Members at Large</b> Dawn Graham, Grace Commons Kalyani Grasso, Siebert Lutheran Foundation Nick Oliver, Redbird Security Sarah Guenther, Legal Offices of Sarah A. Ponath Jean Richie, Milwaukee Area Technical College Larry Stuever, Community Volunteer Nikki Williams, School District of Menomonee Falls
<b>Board of Directors Executive Committee</b> President, John Yusko, Community Volunteer Vice President, Daniel R. Schwind, Town Bank Treasurer, Linda Zylka, Community Volunteer Secretary, Doreen Ziebell, Community Volunteer	

## Our Clients

The Falls Area Food Pantry serves residents from Lannon, Colgate, Hubertus, Richfield, Butler, Brookfield, Germantown, and Menomonee Falls. We also serve families that live outside of these communities who have children who attend the Menomonee Falls School District. We distribute food on Tuesday and Thursday from 12 - 2 PM & 5 - 7 PM. Once registered, clients can receive food twice a month.

To register, people present two forms of ID showing residence in one of the communities or showing that a child attends school in the Menomonee Falls School District. They also verify their income and provide identification for each member of your household. Since the start of the COVID pandemic, clients have not been entering the pantry; instead, they drive up to the pantry, register/check-in, and a volunteer puts their items into their vehicles. The food pantry is an equal opportunity provider.

About 80% of our families live in Menomonee Falls or Germantown. Roughly 10% of the people in our area experience food insecurity.

PEOPLE SERVED BY THE PANTRY IN 2021:



**466**  
HOUSEHOLDS  
SERVED



**240**  
SENIOR  
CITIZENS



**505**  
OTHER  
ADULTS



**283**  
CHILDREN  
UNDER 18

**We will share more about the pantry at our information sessions!**

Please contact [secretary@fallsfoodpantry.org](mailto:secretary@fallsfoodpantry.org) if you wish to receive these materials as Microsoft Word files.