



Worthington
Resource
Pantry

Community *Impact Report*



2022

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The last two years have brought a number of challenges: jobs, schools, childcare, gas prices – one thing seemed to lead to another. When other organizations scaled back, the Worthington Resource Pantry expanded through your support.

We added Markets at Worthington high schools and began offering SNAP benefit sign-ups in our Resource Center. We expanded delivery options to families who couldn't come to the pantry. We invested in new freezers and refrigerators so we could add more grocery stores to our pickup schedules.

We do this to consistently have fresh, healthy food choices for our neighbors. During fiscal year 2021-22, more than half of the households we served shopped with us for the very first time. For many, that was their first time ever shopping at a food pantry.

You make it possible for us to live up to our neighbors' expectations. Our volunteers, donors, and supporters ensure that the Worthington Resource Pantry can create new opportunities to get food and resources into our community.

Sincerely,

Nick & Neil



MEET *Lairee*



Lairee Wielinski, mother of five, started shopping at the Pantry during the height of COVID-19. With remote school and no daycare options available, Lairee found herself needing financial help when she could no longer get enough hours at work. When she began looking for support, she searched online for local food pantries and found the Worthington Resource Pantry. She lived within the service area and met all the criteria.

Now she shops whenever her family needs a little more than her income can afford and enjoys the security the Pantry provides.

"If I'm not able to go out and work and make something happen, I know the Pantry is available," she said.

Now Lairee has access to fresh, healthy food and community resources, and with multiple young kids at home, she says the diapers, wipes, and hygiene products helped the most.

Lairee and at least 60 million others turned to food banks, food pantries, and other food assistance programs in the midst of the health and economic crisis caused by the pandemic. Due to the economic impact, she – like tens of millions of people across the country was struggling to make ends meet.

Lairee knows she can always turn to the Worthington Resource Pantry to help feed her family.



2,029 new households with children have started shopping at the Pantry since March 2020



MEET *Amarachi*

Amarachi Ogbuesi and her two young daughters, ages 3 and 6, were driving by when they saw the bustling parking lot at the Worthington Resource Pantry.

With grocery store prices increasing nearly 13%, Amarachi had been struggling to pay her bills and feed her family, so she decided to stop at the Pantry. She was able to receive fresh, healthy food and access to additional resources she needed.

Amarachi is a new neighbor this year, shopping for only the second time, but is very grateful for the extra support provided by the Worthington Resource Pantry.

She is part of an increase in people turning to food pantries, food banks, and alternative food programs as this is one of the items worst hit by rising inflation. The cost of food and other essentials, such as gas and rent, fall hardest on those with little wiggle room.

Nearly 39 percent of the neighbors served at the Worthington Resource Pantry are children. Amarachi is often joined by her two daughters who love to pick out the fruits and vegetables. Their favorites are pineapples and carrots!



Mid-Ohio Food Collective donated 233,624 pounds of fresh produce in fiscal year 2022

MEET Godwin



Godwin Godu, 73 years old, lives in a three-generation household. When his rent and utilities increased, Godwin found it difficult to meet his family's food needs on a fixed income. That is when he turned to the Worthington Resource Pantry for assistance.

The Pantry serves over 1,100 senior families each year, just like Godwin and his family, through the four day a week Open Pantry or weekly Homebound Delivery service.

Godwin particularly loves that the Worthington Resource Pantry is a

choice pantry, so he has the option to pick out what meat, produce, breads, and personal hygiene products his family likes. Godwin says the Pantry makes it possible for him to keep up his standard of living, but only takes what his family needs to be sure there are always choices for other neighbors too. Each neighbor can shop two times a month in addition to the Bread and Produce Saturdays.

Godwin has been a neighbor at the Worthington Resource Pantry since 2020. While an increase in food insecurity started during the pandemic, it continues due to inflation in housing, gas, and especially food. By using the Pantry, he is able to put any additional money towards his other expenses, so he doesn't have to choose between food or housing.

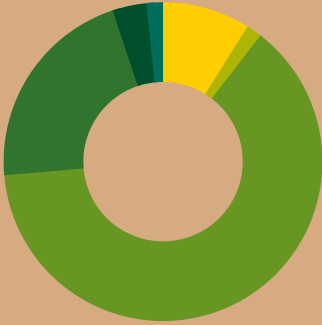


Multi-generation households visited the Pantry 2,504 times during fiscal year 2022

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

INCOME



● Individuals	20.3%
● Businesses	1.5%
● Grants and Foundations	8.5%
● Community and Faith Based	1.6%
● Events	3.3%
● In-Kind	64.8%

INCOME

Individuals	20.3%	\$398,015
Businesses	1.5%	\$28,620
Grants and Foundations	8.5%	\$166,142
Community and Faith Based	1.6%	\$32,002
Events	3.3%	\$65,169
In-Kind	64.8%	\$1,269,502
Total	100%	\$1,959,500

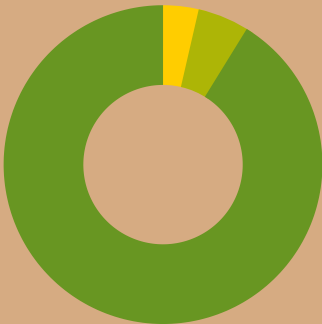
EXPENSES

Administration	3.6%	\$61,751
Fundraising	5.2%	\$90,023
Program Services	91.2%	\$1,575,220
Total	100%	\$1,726,994

Total Net Assets

\$1,151,896

EXPENSES



● Administration	3.6%
● Fundraising	5.2%
● Program Services	91.2%





VOLUNTEER SUMMARY

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Individual Volunteers	480
New Volunteers	229
Organizations that Volunteer	22
Volunteer Food Pick Ups	1,506
Open Pantry Services	197

Total Volunteer Hours Served 16,803



75

volunteers work at least once a week

805,980

pounds of donations sorted by volunteers

\$503,249

total value of volunteer hours

6,280

snacks
distributed
at the
high school
markets

846,224

meals provided

72,363

neighbors served

1,458

deliveries made to
homebound neighbors

1,783

new
families



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