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Want to help send food to those in need? Stock the Shelves donation window open during October



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Stock the Shelves is an annual campaign by the USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin in partnership with Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin that encourages readers to donate money to help fight hunger in their local communities.

Since 2010, Stock the Shelves has raised more than \$5 million for food pantries across Wisconsin thanks to the donations of readers and support of community partners, including credit unions.

"We are excited to continue our partnership with the Stock the Shelves program in 2021," said Andy Fisher, chief business executive for USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin. "Over the years this program has helped countless numbers of individuals and families throughout eastern Wisconsin. Last year over \$150,000 was raised through this program. COVID-19 has impacted and continues to impact many of our families, friends and neighbors throughout our communities and there has not been a more important time to band together to help these people in need."

The money raised provided about half a million meals to those in need in our communities.

"We are committed to supporting the communities throughout our USA TODAY-Wisconsin Network and our team is excited to partner with this amazing program again this year," Fisher said.

Stock the Shelves aims to help those in need in the communities served by the following Northeastern Wisconsin newspapers: Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Green Bay Press Gazette, Appleton Post Crescent, Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter, Oshkosh Northwestern, Fond du Lac Reporter, Sheboygan Press, Wausau Daily Herald, Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune,

Marshfield News Record, Stevens Point Journal, Door County Advocate, Oconto County Reporter and Kewaunee County Star-News.

Donations will help support the community in which the donor resides.

To donate online, visit feedingamericawi.org/stocktheshelvesdonate.

Checks should be made payable to Feeding American Eastern Wisconsin, ATTN: Stock the Shelves, and mail to 2911 W. Evergreen Drive, Appleton WI 54913. Enclose alongside your contribution the donor's address with city, state and zip code for internal processing, a notation of whether or not the donation should remain anonymous, whether the donation is in the memory of someone special, and the donor's name as it should appear in the thank-you advertisement to be published in the Thanksgiving edition of USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin's daily newspapers.

For a list of pantries supported by Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin, visit feedingamericawi.org/find-help/pantry-locator/.

Our Stock the Shelves reporting:

Hunger is a real concern in many Wisconsin communities. Throughout October, reporters in our communities talked to local pantries, volunteers and clients to share their stories about food insecurity and the community's efforts to help.

Week five:

Iceberg lettuce or spinach? Feeding America supplies food for program battling diabetes, food insecurity | Stock the Shelves

In Appleton, some of your neighbors don't have enough food. Giving to Stock the Shelves will help

Ask for help when you need it, and give help when you can. Our campaign ends Oct. 31

Central Wisconsin food pantries are facing many challenges. Here's how you can help

In Fond du Lac, 42% of families struggle to put food on the table. Please donate to Stock the Shelves

Stock the Shelves campaign ends Oct. 31, still time for Green Bay readers to help local families with meals

Still time to give to Manitowoc County food pantries as Stock the Shelves effort tops \$70K statewide

In Oshkosh, 40% of families struggle to put food on the table. Please join me in donating to Stock the Shelves

There's still time to give to Sheboygan County food pantries as Stock the Shelves effort tops \$70K statewide

Week four:

Culturally important Indigenous foods central to pilot program for Wisconsin tribal elders

Evening hours, proxy pickups, personal deliveries: Rural pantries fight to help distant patrons

Week three:

As benefits cliff looms, volunteers plan for rise in food pantry traffic

Week two:

Feeding America's Fresh Stop program connects Oshkosh, Fond du Lac pantries to fresh produce

On average, 300 regional households trek to Oconto Falls to use food pantry

Three women talk paths that led to need for Kewaunee County food pantries

St. Vincent de Paul of Marshfield overcomes pandemic barriers to serve those in need

What is FOCUS, and how is it helping hunger in the Wisconsin Rapids area?

Portage County pantries saw record need last year, and it hasn't gone away

Pantries continue to struggle in Marathon County as federal aid dries up, need expected to rise

Door County's own Waseda Farms helps combat hunger in Wisconsin; here's how you can join them

Appleton meal program adapts to pandemic to keep helping those that need assistance

'I'm just skimming the surface of what is needed,' says a volunteer coordinating

Sheboygan's new Homeless Lunch program

Manitowoc volunteer stepped up to help hungry folks two months before pandemic hit

Golden House pantry uses hydroponic food system to help clients, kids staying at shelter

Week one:

'Pay it forward' is a motto I live by, so let's help stop food insecurity in the Fox Valley

Community donations in Fond du Lac help local food pantries go beyond 'struggle meals'
Green Bay pantries play important role battling hidden hunger during the pandemic
One sandwich at a time, Kewaunee Co. generosity helps through pandemic — but the need remains

In Manitowoc, I had no idea how many kids in school went hungry after the bell rings
Help the Marshfield News-Herald, Feeding America fight hunger in our community
An Oconto County father's tearful thanks for NEWCAP food delivery reminds of need for pantry support

Food insecurity can impact anyone, but we can help: Fight hunger in Oshkosh with Stock the Shelves

A Sheboygan woman started bagging weekend food for hungry kids. The program now feeds hundreds.

As Portage County rises to help neighbors, we need your help to fight hunger

As Wausau Daily Herald's annual Stock The Shelves fundraiser for food pantries opens, here's why its so important

Hunger is common, we need your help to fight it in the Wisconsin Rapids area

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