

The LOCAL voice for the hungry!

Healthy Pantries for a Healthy Community

Why the Name Change?

For many years Food Pantries for the Capital District, Inc. has been commonly referred to as "The Food Pantries", and/or confused with The Regional Food Bank of NENY, "The Food Bank".

In fact we are different organizations with a common goal: to feed the hungry. We are the local voice for the hungry. Our main goal is to support local food pantries. Our defined boundaries are the Capital District, hence Food Pantries for the Capital District. The Food Bank is a major partner in this effort. They amass large amounts of food from their corporate partners and other avenues, making it available to food pantries and other emergency feeding programs in the region Plattsburgh to Westchester. They are our Regional Food Bank, and we stand together in the Capital District to fight hunger!

In an effort to more effectively help our neighborhood food pantries and serve more hungry people we evaluated our 31+ year history and image. We discovered it was necessary for us to focus on our image and identity in the Capital District. As always we looked for ways to adapt so we can efficiently administer our services and programs.

Our new logo and name allows us to be easily identified. We have always been referred to as "The Food Pantries", and we will always be a coalition of food pantries working together in a spirit of cooperation to do together what no one of us could do alone. We have always worked together and will continue to work together, hence our new tagline: "Working Together To Feed the Hungry".

We are now known as **The Food Pantries**, with a new logo that you see above. Our marketing campaign is focusing on branding the name and services we offer to member food pantries. The goal is to heighten our awareness and solidify our organization as the local voice for the hungry!



About Us

Established in 1979, Food Pantries for the Capital District, now The Food Pantries, is a COALITION of food pantries, working together to feed the hungry!

Pantries provide groceries and basic everyday items to ANYONE in need. This includes Seniors, Children, and Families.

In 2010 our organization delivered **900 tons** of food to food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. As a result member food pantries supplied **215,985** individuals enough food for **2,386,386** meals!

There are currently 52 member pantries throughout Albany, Rensselaer, and Southern Saratoga Counties.

Membership Criteria

- Will not discriminate for any reason.
- Must be a registered nonprofit.
- Serve a minimum amount of food and be open regular hours.
- Adhere to proper sanitary regulations.
- Submit monthly and yearly statistics.
- Attend monthly coalition meetings for education and information.
- Support the organization when possible.

Every item donated stays LOCAL to help our neighbors in need!

Our Programs

Food Warehouse: Our Food Warehouse provides funding for food to our pantries in the form of spending accounts at the Regional Food Bank. If a member pantry is in danger of running out of food at any time, we will provide emergency funding and deliver food to them within 24 hours.

Food Express: The Food Express is the "life line" to the pantries. The program delivers food ordered by the pantries from the Regional Food Bank to our pantries. Pantries are using far more food than can reasonably be transported by volunteers with vans or small trucks.

Food/Fund Drives: Throughout the year and especially during the holidays, groups sponsor food/fund drives to benefit the hungry in our community. We provide information and guidelines for conducting a successful drive as well as making arrangement for delivery. This program exists to provide food and much needed funding for the pantries.

Holiday Meals: We purchase both food and grocery store gift certificates (restricted from purchasing alcohol or tobacco) to enable those we serve to enjoy special meals for the Holiday Season and give them the dignity of choice.

Infant Needs: Through this project, we purchase infant formula and diapers to keep the youngest of those we serve both fed and dry. Formula and diapers are delivered to pantries once a month or as needed.

Food Shuttle: Our staff and volunteers rescue "day-old" food from local retailers and deliver it to food pantries, shelters and soup kitchens. Our goal is to move food quickly from the store to the table.

Member Education: Our staff and volunteers create partnerships with various organizations to conduct educational programs to help pantries provide better service to our neighbors in need.