

Mobile Pantry Overview

Once a site has been determined, we will work with partners in that area to set up a time and day for the mobile pantry to come. We also try to get local volunteers to help with the pantry. Usually 5-8 people are needed to help distribute the food during the pantry.

A week or so before the pantry, I will create a flyer for the pantry to distribute so folks know the pantry is coming up.

The day of the pantry, the truck is loaded with items from the food reservoir. This can include shelf stable items, produce, frozen meat, bread and bakery. These items will vary based on what the reservoir has available at the time of the distribution.



There are tables on the truck to set the food out on so clients can choose what they wish to take. Looking at it from a store model, the truck is a mini warehouse and the tables become the store shelves people choose from. The volunteers help to keep product on the tables, encourage people to select items and distribute it out.



When the weather is colder or it is raining, we try to find indoor locations to distribute from. In this case, we transfer the food from the truck into the building and distribute from in there. It usually takes 30 minutes to set up and another 30 to put stuff back in the truck. So the volunteer commitment is about 2 hour's altogether.



Once set up, the pantry runs for an hour. Or, if we run out of food, it will end sooner. Everyone can go through once and take one or two of each item they want. If they have a larger family, we encourage them to go through again once everyone else has had a chance to select. Our goal is to get food to folks that need it.