



Mobile Food Pantry Volunteer Overview

HACAP Food Reservoir works with partners in local areas to set up a time and day for the mobile pantry to come. At a smaller pantry, usually 5-8 volunteers are needed to help distribute the food during the pantry. A week or so before the pantry, our Mobile Food Pantry Coordinator, Bob Andriik, will create a flyer for the pantry to distribute so clients know the pantry is coming up.

Food Distribution

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.

Set Up

Volunteers will distribute pre-boxed food and have pallets of boxes and bags ready to hand out perishable items like produce, bakery and meat. Clients will be asked to wait in their vehicles and drive thru for pick up. If clients do not have cars, a line of participants will be formed and we will call one person at a time up to receive their pre-boxed and bagged items.

Pantry Run Time

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.

Inclement Weather

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 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 hours altogether.

Volunteers handing food out to cars



Volunteers loading boxes into back of car



Look for this truck when arriving on-site



The HACAP Food Reservoir Mobile Food Pantry was graciously donated by Alliant Energy

For a complete schedule on where our Mobile Food Pantry will be headed to next, please visit our website at www.hacap.org/mfp.