

Why is the United Way holding a food drive?

In Illinois, 1 in 7 adults and 1 in 5 children are at risk of hunger and lack access to the food they need to lead healthy, active lives.

Did you know . . .

Area food pantries are experiencing **an increase in requests for food**. This means that the people visiting area pantries are not only previous clients, but new ones who haven't needed help before.

26% of food pantries in Illinois report having less food than is needed. With increased demand, **pantries are struggling to fill the constant gap** by making changes such as reducing the days they are open for distribution.

78% of food pantry clients in Illinois purchase inexpensive, unhealthful foods to get by.

75% of Illinois food pantry recipients report having to **choose between paying for food or other necessities** such as utilities, transportation, housing or medicine.

Your donations to the Day of Caring Food Drive will **benefit more than 150 food pantries** throughout Marshall, Peoria, Putnam, Stark, Tazewell, and Woodford counties.

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