



2025 Distribution Days
 First Tuesday 8:00 - 10:00 am
 Second Tuesday 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 Third Tuesday 5:00 - 6:30 pm



THANK YOU NHN Supporters! We hope this newsletter finds you well and celebrating a fulfilling year of serving others. Following are some highlights of the year at the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry. No matter your role or involvement with us **WE APPRECIATE YOU!**

Food insecurity remains top of mind for many. Meeting day-to-day nutrition needs is a worry that individuals and families continue to experience across our area. We are here to help supplement other food sources with once-a-month access to a shopping cart full of food, including eggs, milk and meat. Larger families receive additional eggs, canned goods and more. NHN makes food accessible for everyone with three monthly distributions and easy registration.



PARTICIPATION – We experienced two back-to-back weather events in January which made it unsafe for volunteers and participants to attend distributions; thus, our overall member numbers decreased on a YTD basis to 5,606 members. This is a little over 6%. As the holidays approach, participation increases to the largest of the year. This may be attributed to NHN offering a choice of a turkey or ham during the holidays to help support family traditions.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – People and organizations continue to step up to help NHN fulfill its mission. Many groups make helping NHN an annual giving objective. They inspire others to get involved and have fun while doing it! The Second Annual NHN Trivia Night at the Isle of Capri improved on the success of last year with more teams, more auction items and more money raised. We also look forward to the

Knights of Columbus New Year’s Eve Bingo. It is an event of food, fun activities and helping those who are food insecure all rolled into one. From small groups collecting cans or diapers to large fundraising events – EVERY SINGLE EFFORT is valued by those we serve.



SOURCES – We’ve again increased our monthly food spend to make up for the decreased supply from The Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri. (NHN makes every effort to purchase locally.) The Food Bank is receiving less from their suppliers thus leaving less to distribute. The NHN Board is working with the Food Bank to increase our food supply in relation to need and relative to the number of people living at poverty level in the area. The Food Bank continues to supply over half of the food NHN receives including USDA and Senior Boxes.

We give praise to those who help further meet the need: numerous church and organization/business collections, school spirit drives, caring neighbors and farmers, as well as the Annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Drive. Corporate food sponsors include Walmart, Bunny Bread, Dollar General, Casey's and C&R which supply the pantry with breads, sweets and dairy products.

BOARD ACTIVITY – Through grants, we were able to complete the installation of additional solar panels and repair the flooring in the warehouse. (Stop by and see for yourself!) We participated in the Boonville Farmer's Market to bring more awareness of NHN efforts by distributing flyers and displaying a sample of food given out in a typical distribution. We are involved with local community organizations' efforts to address food insecurity in the Boonslick region. A recent Community Health Assessment found 97% of respondents ranked nutrition/food access as important or very important. We will continue involvement to improve our impact on those in need.



A recent donation will help us update our computer systems to improve wi-fi access and registration entry.

We also updated our web page to make it easier to maintain and will be adding a feature to streamline donations. We continue to assess the timing of distributions and based on feedback, will adjust the time for the 2025 FIRST TUESDAY distributions to 8:00-10:00 am. Regardless, the pantry will remain available during all distributions as long as needed.



VOLUNTEERS – Crucial volunteers continue to steer the ship with 3,005 YTD hours helping at the pantry. These numbers are down slightly due to the closed dates in January. Many consistently show up to help NHN run smoothly. If having fun with others, while giving back to those in need, is on your resolution list - COME ON DOWN! We welcome any and all volunteers. Let us know if you would like to be included in our monthly email notifications.

Check out our webpage for all things NHN (nhnfp.org) and follow us on Facebook at NHN-

Neighbors Helping Neighbors.



Board of Directors: President: Cindy Newton, Vice-President: Monica Richey Pfeiffer, Treasurer: Ed Tiff, Secretary: Jeanne Pascale. At large members: Brock Einsphar, Chuck Harris, John Sponaugle, Ken Stegner, and Wanda Vonderahe.

NHN, a charitable 501C(3) not-for-profit organization, welcomes your financial and non-perishable food item donations.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported Neighbors Helping Neighbors in any way during 2024 and for voting us a finalist in the “**Best of Boonville**” Non-Profit Organization category.

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