



## New Trier Township Food Pantry Fact Sheet

### **Who We Are**

The New Trier Township Food Pantry provides food and basic necessities to people in need in New Trier Township. Established in 1965, the New Trier Township Food Pantry serves as a bridge between those who have the ability to give and those who are in need. Through volunteer efforts the shelves are stocked with a variety of canned and packaged food, frozen foods, useful paper goods, and toiletry items for all ages.

### **Who We Help**

The Food Pantry is open to qualified residents of New Trier Township, which includes the villages of Wilmette, Kenilworth, Winnetka, and Glencoe, plus portions of Glenview and Northfield. In order to qualify for assistance, a social worker meets with the individual making the request and determines if they are eligible for assistance. At that time, the social worker can also inform the individual of other assistance programs.

In Fiscal Year 2009, almost 350 households relied on the New Trier Township Food Pantry for supplemental groceries. Of the population served, the majority are seniors and single family households with children. Increasingly, the Township is serving an ignored population whose incomes are above the federal poverty line (and therefore ineligible to receive government assistance) yet are struggling to meet their basic needs.

### **Where We Get Our Food**

The Pantry is supported solely by donations from the public either through individual donations or organized food and fund drives. No donation is too small – all are appreciated.

### **What Is The Need**

New Trier Township is consistently ranked among the wealthiest areas in the United States. Adversity, however, knows no boundaries. The loss of a job, the damaging economic effects of divorce, a devastating illness, are examples of why some New Trier Township residents request to use the food pantry.

Nationally in 2008, America's Second Harvest reported a 15-20% increase on average in the number of people turning to them for help compared to the prior year. During the same time, New Trier Township has seen a 53% increase in the number of people requesting assistance.

## **How You Can Help**

### ➤ *Donate*

Whether it is a few cans from your pantry or you picked up a few extra items while doing your personal grocery shopping, individual donations are always welcome. A list of “current most needed” items is available at [www.newtriertownship.com](http://www.newtriertownship.com) or by calling the Township office at 847-446-8202. Monetary donations can also be made to the Angel Fund, a registered 501 © 3 organization. One hundred percent of the donated funds are used to assist those in need.

### ➤ *Participate or Organize a Food Drive*

Consider organizing a drive in your neighborhood, business, or as a community service project. Our Food Drive Kit offers many helpful tips and tools to make your drive successful.

### ➤ *Volunteer*

We could not accomplish our work without the dedication, reliability and compassion of our incredible volunteers. Whether you have an hour a week, a few hours a month, you can make a difference.

### ➤ *Help Spread The Word*

Many people are not aware of the New Trier Township Pantry. Tell them about the pantry.

## **If You Need Help**

If you are a New Trier Township resident in need, or if you know of a resident in need, please call the Social Services Administrator at 847-446-8201 for a confidential interview. The office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. A voice mail message can be left at any time.

## **Our Location**

The Food Pantry is located in the New Trier Township office at 739 Elm Street in Winnetka. Directions to the office can be obtained by calling 847-446-8202 or visiting our website at [www.newtriertownship.com](http://www.newtriertownship.com).

## **Our Staff/Management**

Day-to-day operations are run by the Social Services Administrator. The New Trier Township Supervisor and Board of Trustees provide oversight of the program.

## **For More Information**

Visit <http://www.newtriertownship.com/pantry.html> or call 847-446-8202.