

10 Ways to Help the Common Pantry

1. **Donate food** (such as cereal, canned goods, tuna, and chili, peanut butter, prepared boxed meals, pasta, tomato sauce, etc). [Click here for our latest Wish List.](#)

2. **Organize a food drive** at your work, church, temple, block party, scout troop, sports team, etc. [Click here to find out more.](#)

3. **Volunteer at the Common Pantry** during our preparation hours, distribution sessions, or with our home delivery program. [Click here to learn more about volunteer opportunities.](#)

4. **Make a financial contribution.** Our operation incurs many costs, including food, utilities, rent, office supplies, and delivery expenses. Any amount is greatly appreciated. You can mail it to Common Pantry 3744 N. Damen Ave. Chicago IL 60618 or you can make an online donation on our website – www.commonpantry.org

5. Use www.goodsearch.com the next time you search the internet. You can select the Common Pantry as your charity and we get a penny each time you conduct a search.

6. **Organize a Group Volunteer Project** at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. There are many weekend and evening opportunities for groups of 2 to 30 people. Please provide our agency code of A00003 and we receive food credit for each hour each volunteer works. [Click here to learn more about volunteer opportunities](#)

7. **Save up your used grocery bags** and bring them to the pantry. Or, help us **go green** by donating reusable cloth bags for use during our distribution hours.

8. **Gather toiletries from business or personal travel** and bring them into the pantry. We try to have a limited supply of personal items for our clients, such as toothpaste, toilet paper, deodorant, soap, etc.

9. **Donate office supplies** to the Common Pantry. We use many standard items for our operation and costs can definitely add up. Paperclips, copy paper, tape, toner cartridges, index cards, pens, markers, stamps are always in short supply.

10. **Visit our Sponsors!** There are numerous organizations and businesses in our community that have provided food, financial donations, and fundraising opportunities. Show your support for those who have contributed to the Common Pantry's mission of helping those in need.

Thank You for supporting the Common Pantry