

# Dublin Food Pantry 2021

The pandemic continued to disrupt lives last year. Pantry donors, volunteers, and partners persevered, helping the pantry connect *more* people with food, essentials, and resources.

We are so thankful! With more customers than ever, this support allows us to provide enough nutritious food and necessities for a healthier community.

*“Food instability can exacerbate pre-existing health issues and can lead to new conditions, creating a cyclical pattern of illness stemming from consistent access to nutritious food.”*  
[healthypeople.gov](http://healthypeople.gov)

With fewer in-person events, our website is a great source to learn how you can help us and to find ways to get help. Our Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram posts offer more ways to connect and join us in fighting hunger.

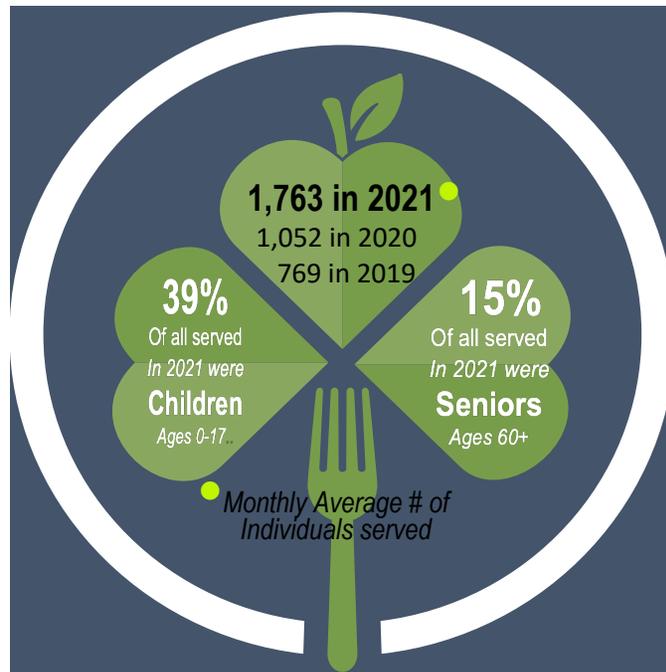
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*There has been a spike in "episodic poverty"... the number of low-income households that fell behind on rent payments was **twice** as high in January 2021 when compared with April 2020.*

*2021 State of Poverty in Ohio*

*The pandemic has revealed how quickly families can fall into economic hardship and food insecurity.*  
*-Ohio Association of Foodbanks*

1 in 4 Ohio children live in food insecure households



*“ We have been having a rough time – lots of ups and downs. This is our first time needing your service and we didn't know what to expect. Everyone was so nice. Thank you. Please tell everyone how much this is going to help our family. We were surprised at how much you could help... Customer's message*



Connecting

It may take a while for our customers to recover. Lower wage earners were hit the hardest. Faced with depleted savings and mounting bills for housing and medical costs, for instance, nutritious food and other grocery items become out of reach, especially with rising food costs.

Even when our customers don't know what to expect next, they know that they can count on us. With our 45-year history, we have helpful connections and inspiring community support.

A volunteer recently said, *“Having this opportunity to chat a little with customers at check-in about families and needs, gets to me, in a good way.”* Our work makes an immediate difference to both givers and receivers,

We look forward to connecting with you.

Denise “Dinky” Youngsteadt-Parrish Executive Director Dublin Food Pantry

*Hunger is a deep seeded trauma, often ignored with lifelong consequences. It is poorly understood and recognized.*

## Recognizing our Team



### Did you know?

- Area students are regular pantry volunteers. Some sign up for semester or summer long shifts. EVERY school in our service area has participated in learning about hunger and has contributed in some way.
- We compost spoiled food + recycle weekly in partnership with the City of Dublin
- Dublin Food Pantry is open to customers 3 times a week, year-round, AND we have a 24-hour Blessing Box filled with emergency grocery items
- Our primary service area includes the 9<sup>th</sup> largest school district in Ohio, Dublin School District and includes 8 zip codes + parts of 3 counties
- Each month, 20,000 pounds of perishable food is picked up from retail partners, sorted and distributed – quality meat, produce, dairy items, and bakery goods
- \$1 can buy \$9.50 worth of pantry food



Dublin Chamber recognized Evan Jajack for being a **COMMUNITY CHAMPION** for his volunteer work at the pantry. He is shown here with Dublin Food Pantry Director of Operations Jim Wilson and Board Chair Gene Pavell



Executive Director Dinky Youngsteadt-Parrish earned the 2021 President's Award from Dublin Chamber of Commerce for the impact of Dublin Food Pantry and to recognize her "energy, expertise and fierce advocacy for social justice."



## Caring Community

Dublin Food Pantry finds support from every corner of Dublin – spanning different faiths, up to 70 languages, and every age. Our wonderful volunteers, supportive partners, and consistent donors are a key reason that we can connect so many with needed food, essentials, and resources.

As we look ahead to 2022, we hope to strengthen our community connections to better meet the rising demands for our services.



**Hashtag:**  
#fillingheartsandcarts

Our partners and our community rely on social media for information, so Dublin Food Pantry has active accounts on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. Our pantry has unique green shopping carts and the work we do is heartfelt and heart healthy, so the hashtag fits well.

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Summer 2021 The  
Dublin Market at  
Bridge Park

Although our traditional events were cancelled in 2021, new outdoor opportunities allowed us to connect in-person. Our volunteers work at Dublin Food Pantry's event locations in addition to helping at the pantry sorting, packing, and distributing food and essentials. No wonder we think they are awesome!

From left: Gene Pavell, Soley Hernandez,  
Lisa Patt McDaniel, Eric Bosserman

