



Dublin Food Pantry



Better Together.

Celebrating our 2022 Impact

Serving the Dublin community for 47 years.

Thank You, Dublin!

In 2022, we began laying the groundwork to end hunger in Dublin. Together, we provided more food than ever before, serving over 32,000 people. This is equivalent to nearly 60% of the students enrolled at The Ohio State University! We also saw a big increase in food donations with close to 600,000 pounds of food being donated by local groceries, Mid-Ohio Food Collective, and our incredible network of volunteers and supporters throughout the Dublin community - **Thank you!**



At our core, our work is about the people we serve. This past year taught us that Dublin truly is a community where **we provide the best quality of life and environment in which our residents and businesses can thrive.** This was evident by the outpouring of generosity from the community for our comprehensive capital campaign to build a new choice pantry off of Sawmill road.

As I look forward to the year ahead, I am grateful that together we are building a community of compassion to ensure **Everyone Eat Here in Dublin!**

Gratitude always,

Dinky

Denise (Dinky) Youngsteadt-Parrish
Executive Director

32,187

total families &
individuals served
in 2022

2,682

average
number of
individuals
served each
month

208%

increase in
clients served
since 2019

A Vital Community Resource

Since 1976, the Dublin Food Pantry has been serving the Dublin community by providing **food, hygiene products, and resources** to individuals and families experiencing food insecurity and hunger. We serve clients from **8 zip codes** within the City of Dublin and Dublin City School district:

- 43017
- 43016
- 43235
- 43026
- 43220
- 43015
- 43065
- 43064

2022 was a year of consistency and resiliency for the Pantry. Between the lasting effects of the pandemic, the increased price of living expenses, and economic uncertainty, the number of clients served continued to grow. In 2022, we served 5,743 unique households. This is a 25% increase from 2021 alone, and we know the need in our community continues to rise.

Hunger Crisis in our Community

In March of 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the effect on families, individuals, seniors, veterans, and students was staggering. Our community members were left paralyzed by fear of the unknown, and continue to be faced with incredibly difficult choices that every person dreads and hopes they never have to make: Food or medical bills? Food or rent? Food or electricity?

When circumstances were unpredictable, the Dublin Food Pantry was a constant, providing food, hygiene products, and hope to our neighbors in need.

We are honored to always be able to serve the Dublin community, especially in trying times.



Each week during our serving shifts, dozens of cars line up outside the Church parking lot and spill onto West Bridge Street. During one November evening shift, we set a new record of serving **95 families** in two hours.

In 2023, we broke this record yet again, serving an estimated 100+ families.

Hunger Myths & Realities

Myth: People are poor because they are too lazy to work.

Reality: Our shoppers seeking emergency food assistance from the Dublin Food Pantry are typically part of hard-working families, sometimes having 2-3 jobs, and still live at or below the federal poverty line.

Myth: I'll never need to go to a food pantry for food.

Reality: No one plans to be poor. Many people live paycheck to paycheck and are thrust into poverty by crises like the death of a wage earner, natural disaster, divorce, or medical emergencies. Families in crisis may choose to forgo food in order to pay other bills since food is often one of the few flexible expenses they have.

4,700

households in Dublin live on less than \$35,000 each year

78

different languages are spoken in Dublin City Schools, with students from 100+ countries

Feeding Our Future

Hunger in our Schools

A child's chance for a bright tomorrow starts with having enough food to eat today.

When children are hungry, they can't learn. They struggle to focus, retain information, and build friendships. Hungry students can't be the best version of themselves mentally and physically.

In 2022, nearly 1/3 of the clients we served were children.

At the Dublin Food Pantry, we are grateful to partner with Dublin City Schools to ensure every student in our community has access to healthy, fresh food, every day of the year.



2,500+

students in Dublin City Schools are receiving free/reduced lunch

12,271

children ages 0-17 were served at the Pantry in 2022

A Message from Dr. Marschhausen



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"We know that students can't learn when they are hungry. Our goal is for every student to have the food they need to be healthy, focus on learning, and thrive in our schools. Our partnership with the Dublin Food Pantry is critical in our collective effort to make certain all Dublin families have access to nutritious food choices. Hunger is a solvable problem and our community is better together when we collaborate to remove barriers and ensure all students are prepared for success."

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Dr. John Marschhausen
Superintendent
Dublin City Schools



7,311
hours volunteered
in 2022



\$219K
saved annually on
salaries thanks to
volunteers in 2022



599,804
total lbs of food
donated in 2022

It Takes Many Hands to Uplift Our Dublin Community

Our volunteers are the heart and soul of everything we do at the Pantry.

They are our frontline and hold many important roles with the utmost kindness, grace, and empathy. Since 2019, we have seen a 208% increase in clients served monthly at the Pantry. Because of the support and dedication of our **200+ incredible volunteers**, we continue to be flexible, adaptable, and creative to serve our community's growing needs in new ways.



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Why did I become a volunteer? Because the need for a food pantry in Dublin is there. Every single volunteer, staff member, and board member is making a tremendous impact in our community by helping to feed our neighbors in need.
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Rick Guzak
Volunteer & Board Member

Everyone eats here.

Our Comprehensive Campaign to End Hunger in Dublin

In June of 2022, we launched our first-ever fundraising campaign to purchase and renovate a new, larger, and more accessible facility located at **6608 Dublin Center Drive**.

We have been thrilled with the community's support so far. **Dublin truly is one of the most philanthropic communities**, and we are blessed to know and work with so many passionate leaders.

#feeddublin



\$3M

comprehensive campaign goal

Thank You to Our Key Community Partners To Date!



City of Dublin



Osteopathic Heritage Foundations



OhioHealth



igsenergy



mid-ohio food collective



Our new 7,750 sq. ft. pantry space will allow us to return to a **choice pantry**, allowing clients to choose the food items best for them, their families, and their cultural dietary needs. With 58+ parking spaces, walk-in coolers and freezer spaces, and a dedicated space for access to fresh produce weekly, we will be able to operate 4 to 5 days each week at convenient times for our neighbors.

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Dublin is our home. And it's important that companies like IGS Energy, who have prospered here in Dublin, do our part to ensure that everyone here can meet their basic needs in order to be successful. We owe it to this community.
IGS Energy
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Our new home off of Sawmill Road is anticipated to open in late summer of 2023. We can't wait to share this new space with the community and our neighbors in need.

A connected community is a nourished community.
Through this campaign, we are closer to closing the food gap in Dublin.

Truly Better Together

Fighting hunger in our community can be a daunting task... one that no organization can take on alone. We know it takes a village, and we are eternally grateful for the lasting support from our Dublin community members, families, businesses, schools, and fellow nonprofit partners.

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It's all about supporting local. I love giving back to the community who has supported my business for 11 years!

Jamie Mollwitz
Owner of Boho 72 ”



Working closely with our friends and community partners at **Dublin Bridges** and **One Dublin**, we come together to provide a continuum of wrap-around services to help our families and neighbors in need. Whether it's providing coats to students, helping a senior in need with their electricity bill, giving a child a bed to call their own, fresh produce, nonperishable food items, hygiene products, and everything in between -- our Dublin community is better when we can all join hands together to help one another.

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Dublin Bridges' partnership with the Dublin Food Pantry is such an important key to meeting the needs in our community. Food insecurity is the biggest obstacle that needs to be overcome before anything else. Hungry students can't learn. Hungry parents can't function well in their jobs. Hunger put senior citizens' health at risk.

Dublin Bridges' collaboration, along with One Dublin, helps to put all of the pieces together to meet the needs of our community. I'm proud to serve on the DFP board, especially during this exciting time of relocating the Pantry to serve even more community members facing food insecurity. We're so fortunate to be a part of such a caring and generous community.

Jill Kranstuber
Dublin Bridges ”



Thank you to our incredible community. Because of your unwavering support, advocacy, and leadership, we can ensure that every person in need has access to nutritious food.

Our students eat here. Our seniors eat here. Our veterans eat here. Our families eat here. Everyone eats here... and we couldn't do it without you.

A Transformational Year Ahead

2023 will truly be a transformational year for the Dublin Food Pantry. As we plan for another year of impact, we are grateful for the continued support of the community!



2023 Dublin Irish Festival
August 4-6th, join us for the 36th annual Irish Festival!



DCS Dodgeball Tournament
We're honored to be the beneficiary of the Dodgeball Tournament this year on May 12th!



The Dublin Market
Come see us at the Market this summer, thanks to our friends at Cardinal Health!



Bounty at Bridgepark
Stay tuned for more details about the Pantry's first annual fundraising event!

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