



## THE PANTRY POST

### Look What's Coming Up!



School is back in session, fall is here, and Pantry Partners, Inc. is back in full swing for the 2023-2024 School Year! Come visit our 2023 Open House on Friday, October 20th anytime between 11:00am to 7:00pm. Tour Pantry Partners, Inc., meet Team and Board Members, sign up to sponsor a teen for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Adopt a Senior programs. Learn more about our programs and volunteer opportunities!

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## Back to School

Through our Back to School Program, teens received new backpacks full of school supplies. Several of our teens also received new shoes and school clothes thanks to our generous sponsors. Special thanks to the YMCA and Metro Shoe Warehouse for their support of our programs.



The Back to School and the New Shoes Program serve as important reminders to our teens that they deserve to feel supported and confident in the classroom. These programs would not exist without the generosity of our community.



Both Norman High School and Norman North High School invited Pantry Partners to be a part of their Open Houses. We shared our mission and reminded teens we are here for them. Our goal is to support as many teens as possible and thanks to you we are making a difference!

# Service Days at the Pantry

In August and September, we were excited to host several groups while they completed their respective Service Days. The Norman Rotary Club packed new backpacks with school supplies for the second year in a row! For OU's Price College of Business Service Day, a group of students chose to volunteer their time putting together hygiene kits. We were also honored to have Vietnam and Korean War Veterans volunteer to prep our pantry for packing. These generous acts of service are inspiring and remind us how special the volunteers are in our community!



## Join Our Team

While monetary donations are essential to the daily operations of Pantry Partners, Inc., the backbone of our organization are the people volunteering their time.

Volunteering for a shift at Pantry Partners, Inc. is an amazing opportunity for you to make a difference in our Norman teen community! (Must be 18+)

If you would like to partner with us, consider joining our team! We have the following positions available:

- 🦋 Pantry Site Coordinator
- 🦋 Program Coordinator
- 🦋 Coordinator Assistant
- 🦋 Admin Assistant



*Please email [volunteer@pantrypartners.org](mailto:volunteer@pantrypartners.org) to get involved!*

# 'Feeding Hope' Fundraiser



From everyone at Pantry Partners, Inc. we want to extend our heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all who attended our "Feeding Hope" luncheon fundraiser event in April 2023. Your presence and participation helped to make our first fundraiser event a memorable and exciting experience!



It was an amazing event where attendees were able to learn about our various programs and gain insight from our special guest speakers. These impactful presentations were given by former Pantry Partners, Inc. teens who shared their personal stories of adversity and hardship throughout their high school experience and how Pantry Partners, Inc.'s support contributed to their success.



*We would also like to extend our gratitude to Melissa Rosko and Robbie Lamberson for their partnership and support.*



## New Emails!

To best serve our teens and communicate with our community, Pantry Partners, Inc. is changing over from our [pantrypartnersnorman@gmail.com](mailto:pantrypartnersnorman@gmail.com)  
*If you see an email from \_\_\_\_\_@pantrypartners.org, that's us!*

General Information - [info@pantrypartners.org](mailto:info@pantrypartners.org)

Want to Volunteer - [volunteer@pantrypartners.org](mailto:volunteer@pantrypartners.org)

Holding Food Drives/Events - [events@pantrypartners.org](mailto:events@pantrypartners.org)

Thanksgiving Sponsorship - [thanksgiving@pantrypartners.org](mailto:thanksgiving@pantrypartners.org)

Christmas Sponsorship - [christmas@pantrypartners.org](mailto:christmas@pantrypartners.org)

# September Impact

Each month team members and volunteers pack our food boxes full of teen-friendly, easy to prepare food items such as microwavable entrees, raviolis, ramen noodles, hearty soups, veggies, breakfast items, snacks and so much more!

With community support, we were also able to furnish apartments for several of our Independent Living teens.



September distribution stats:

- 90 teens served
- 5,500 food items
- 2,500+ lbs of food

*This was all made possible through our partnerships with local high school pantry coordinators, Regional Food Bank, and the community.*

## Community Partner & Team Member Spotlight



**Community Partner of the Month**

**Nikki Griggs**

*Birdie's Bakery*

Nikki has been treating our teens at The Beacon with her delicious cakes and cookies from Byrdie's Bakery. We are so thankful for her ongoing support as a local Norman business.

Check out Byrdie's  
318 E Main Street  
Norman, OK 73069



**Team Member of the Month**

**Jeanne Ozinga**

*Pantry Program Site*

*Co-Coordinator*

Jeanne has been working tirelessly at Pantry Partners, Inc. since 2021 She is a rockstar! Co-coordinating our pantry, volunteers, various groups doing service projects, and so much more!

Thank you Jeanne! We appreciate your leadership and dedication!

[SEE WHAT WE DO](#)

# Thanksgiving and Christmas Programs

These two programs are essential to our goal of ensuring teens feel valued.

## Thanksgiving

During the month of November we distribute food boxes filled with classic Thanksgiving ingredients, a 5lb bag of potatoes and a \$25 gift card to purchase a turkey. These extras ensure teens are able to experience a nice Thanksgiving family meal.



Reach out to [thanksgiving@pantrypartners.org](mailto:thanksgiving@pantrypartners.org) to sponsor a teen (and family).

## Christmas Program

The holidays are a stressful time for our most vulnerable teens. Many are often overlooked or their families are struggling financially during the holiday season. Through this program we find "gift wish" sponsors who anonymously adopt a teen and purchase items from their wish list. Our teens are thrilled to be thought of in such a special way and to receive gifts like their peers. This is one of our most popular programs with sponsors and the outpouring of support brings tremendous hope and joy to the lives of our struggling teens, especially during the holidays.



Reach out to [christmas@pantrypartners.org](mailto:christmas@pantrypartners.org) to sponsor a teen for the holidays

We are restocking the shelves for our  
November food distribution!

Donations Accepted  
Tuesday - Thursday  
1:00-4:00 p.m.  
517 W Gray, Norman

Or by appointment, text 405.833.3671

*Please no glass!*



[DOWNLOAD WISH LIST](#)

We accept food, hygiene, monetary and in-kind donations to support our many programs. If you would like to partner with us or volunteer, please email [volunteer@pantrypartners.org](mailto:volunteer@pantrypartners.org)  
*Volunteers must be 18+ years old.*



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We keep our doors open thanks to people like you!

**PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TODAY!**




405.833.3671  [info@pantrypartners.org](mailto:info@pantrypartners.org)

[WWW.PANTRYPARTNERS.ORG](http://WWW.PANTRYPARTNERS.ORG)





# Thanksgiving Wish List



**COFFEE (SMALL CAN)  
FRENCH FRIED ONIONS  
FRUIT COCKTAIL  
FRUIT PIE FILLING (CAN)  
GRAHAM CRACKER PIE CRUST  
GREEN BEANS (CAN)  
NON-DAIRY CREAMER (SMALL)  
PEANUT BUTTER  
PUMPKIN (CAN)  
ROLLED OATS  
SWEET POTATOES (CAN)  
SOUP (CAN)  
STUFFING (BOX)**



**\$25 WALMART GIFT CARDS**

**PANTRY PARTNERS, INC.**

**517 W GRAY ST  
NORMAN, OK**

**Drop off:**

**Tues - Thurs**

**1:00 - 4:00pm**

**Or by Appt text 405-833-3677**

