

Sheboygan County Food Bank Announces Immediate Need For a 24' x 12' x 9' Freezer



On any given day, 11,000 of our neighbors in Sheboygan County struggle with hunger. We distribute about 66,000 pounds of food each month to our 14 pantries within our emergency food network, as well as other organizations that serve people who need emergency food. Our partner agencies then put food into the hands of our neighbors who need it most. Every pound of food we deliver is absolutely free. There is no charge for food, delivery or partner agency network membership.

We are dedicated to directly addressing the food needs of each of our hungry neighbors, every day and provide healthy and nutritious food to make sure that about 3,000 families a month don't go hungry.



Above is an example of a 24' x 12' x 9' freezer that we are seeking.

As we expand our network and the demand to serve our community continues to grow, we are announcing the need to acquire a 24' x 12' x 9' freezer with a pallet-sized door. With this type of freezer, we will be able to store more fresh and healthy foods for our partners. The total cost, including installation, is about \$35,000. Our friends at the Hunger Ball of Sheboygan County have graciously stepped forward and are willing to match donations (up to \$10,000).

More specifically, the freezer will allow us to:

1. Receive more food from corporate donors. We have established and continue to establish strong relationships with local corporate food donors. Corporate food donors will be inclined to donate more perishable products if they know we have a larger freezer for the food to be safely stored.
2. Store and distribute fresh meat, which is a highly requested item from pantries and essential protein source for clients – especially children. With a consistent and significantly larger inventory of meat, we will be able to allocate and offer meat to each of our partner pantries – something we have never been able to do before. We will also be able to purchase meat at bulk prices.
3. Expand our fresh and healthy food offerings that fall under MyPlate guidelines (i.e., vegetables, protein, grains, dairy, fruits). We will specifically be able to accept, store, and distribute more fresh products such as frozen vegetables, sausages, pizzas, breads, cheeses, and juice concentrates.
4. Target public health problems determined by extensive research in Sheboygan County through the Healthy Sheboygan County 2020 initiative. We will specifically address two goals noted in Sheboygan's Community Health Improvement Plan for 2018-2020: (1) create a culture of healthy eating and (2) increase access of healthy foods, thus addressing food security.

We hope that you will consider donating for this critical piece of equipment that will positively impact our community. We very much appreciate your consideration.

For more information, please contact Patrick Boyle, Executive Director, Sheboygan County Food Bank at patrick@sheboygancountyfoodbank.com or 920.453.0169. Please make checks out to Sheboygan County Food Bank, 3115 N. 21st St. Suite 1 Sheboygan, WI 53083

Please note: Any funds raised beyond our goal of \$35,000 will be used to help fill the freezer with healthy food that will be distributed to our partner agencies.