

Hear ye, hear ye, our food pantry ministry at Andrews Chapel UMC in Jonesboro is now offering a quarterly newsletter. We hope to bring you news about our pantry and news that informs of resources available in Clayton County, GA to help those needing food assistance. Along the way, we aim to highlight our neighbors as well as our wonderful volunteer staff. The S.H.A.R.E. stands for Stopping Hunger and Restoring Everyone. It is our hope that our neighbors feel the love and compassion our volunteers offer to them in each and every interaction. It is our pleasure to serve you as we align with our church's motto for 2024 which is "There Is Joy in Service"! We are here to serve you so let us know how we fall short of that goal.

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FOR WE ARE GOD'S
workmanship,
CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS
to do good works,
WHICH GOD PREPARED IN
advance for us to do

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Eph 2:10

We Our Volunteers



Our volunteers are primarily retirees who are in various stages of retirement, from one year to + twenty years. It is a dedicated group of women and men who show up several times a month to do the following: 1) serve as drivers who go to our two partners as well as retail grocery stores to secure food for distribution, 2) unload the food truck and stock our shelves, 3) prepare the boxes and bags that are given out during the month, 4) secure intake information including signatures for returning and new neighbors, 5) distribute food onsite via a vehicle drive through model, 6) order food, and 7) submit monthly reports to our agency partners. In addition to the above, at various times during the year our volunteers have to attend required, mandatory training at our partner agencies. A lot of time and effort goes on behind the scenes to offer you quality food items and a variety of foods aimed at providing nutrition across various age groups as well as routinely providing the comfort of snack foods to round out our food offerings.

We take our commitment to service very seriously as well as doing everything in our control to live up to the S.H.A.R.E. name.

On several occasions our members have moved beyond handing out food supplies and have donated household items (including living room/dining room/bedroom furniture, bedding & linens, electronics, etc.). Besides donating household items, our volunteers have been available to assist our neighbors in moving from one physical address to another. You may have seen our Food Pantry truck loading and unloading furniture in your neighborhood. Volunteers have gifted rolling shopping carts, out of their own personal funds, to neighbors who walk to the pantry.



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Our Partners:



We enjoy a longstanding relationship with the Atlanta Community Food Bank, which is headquartered in East Point, GA. Through our agency partnership with them, we are allowed to purchase food for pennies on the dollar. They service all of the metro Atlanta counties. In addition to offering food to its agency partners, they offer various free training courses to ensure that there is uniformity and conformity across all of the food pantries within their network. They provide free equipment to local pantries for neighbor intake and monthly reporting as well as providing equipment through grants for trucks, cold storage, dry goods storage, carts, and wagons.

They are open seven days a week except for approved holidays. They are currently seeking volunteers to assist in sorting the thousands of pounds of donated food from food manufacturers so that it can be inventoried in their system and made available to pantries like ours through an online order management system.



Sign up today at

[https://www.acfb.org/volunteer/!](https://www.acfb.org/volunteer/)



**WE ANSWERED THE CALL TO
VOLUNTEER LAST FALL**



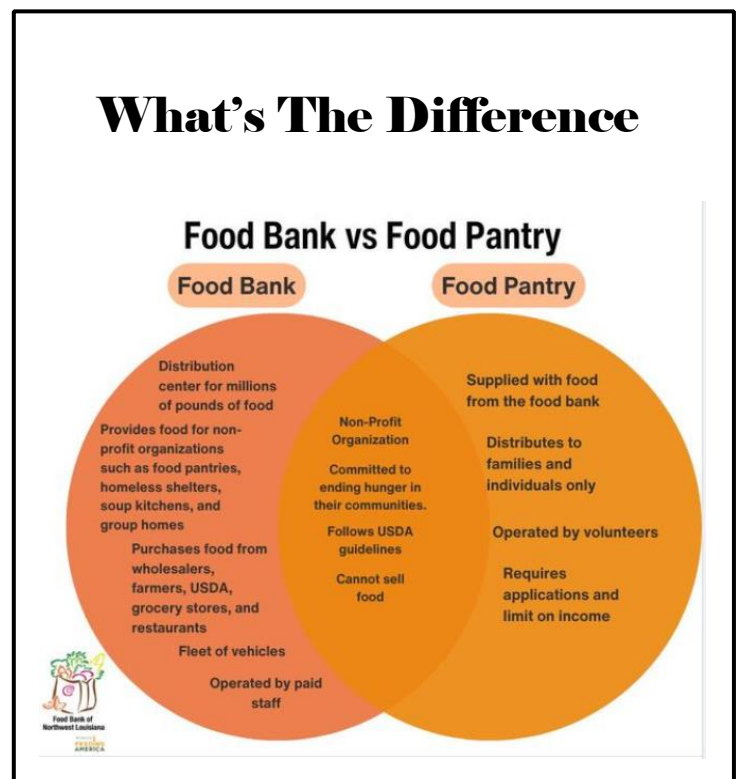
Midwest Food Bank is located in Peachtree City, GA. Through our partnership with them we are able to pick up food supplies once a month free of charge. They supply a lot of the beverages, cereal, and snack food items that we are able to offer to our neighbors. Midwest Food Bank Peachtree City serves numerous partner agencies in 50+ counties across the southeast. Midwest's reach extends beyond the United States to include providing food supplies to our neighbors in Haiti and Kenya. Because of their large network, they are often involved in providing food support to communities impacted by natural disasters. We are currently in year three of our agency partner relationship with Midwest.



To volunteer at Midwest, please register each volunteer online at:

<https://www.midwestfoodbank.org/locations/peachtree-city-ga>

What's The Difference



Neighbor Spotlight:



Meet Ms. Wilma Dorsey who is a longtime resident of Clayton County, Georgia and a frequent visitor of our food pantry here at Andrews Chapel UMC.

Ms. Dorsey is normally one of the first neighbors in line on our food distribution days. She states that she likes the food offerings that we provide in our pre-packaged boxes as it is always something that she can and does use.

She considers the pantry volunteers as an extension of her family and several of our volunteers have been available to assist her with needs outside of the pantry.

It is always a joy to see Ms. Dorsey's smiling face every time she visits us each month.



- **Fully automated intake system with Atlanta Community Food Bank. We ask for your patience as we move towards an electronic check-in process.**
- **More pop-up distribution dates to be communicated prior to pop-up date.**
- **October sign-up for new fiscal year.**
- **Volunteer appreciation luncheon.**
- **Calendar changes in November and December due to holiday. Please refer to your calendar as it has the correct holiday dates.**

