

# Portage Food Pantry

## October 2025

### ***Volunteers Needed***

We served 742 adults and 187 children = 297 households for the month of August  
We know our numbers will increase as the year continues.

With some of our volunteers leaving soon for the winter, we are in need of more servers. If you know anyone who can give us at least 2 hours a month please direct them to our website and register. <https://portagefoodpantry.org>

At the top of the page click on: Volunteer

Please if you can, find your own replacement if you need to cancel your scheduled time working. Amy's doing a great job but needs your help. Just let her know who's taking your place if there's time. Thank You

### ***Refresher Meeting***

We will be holding refresher meetings to regroup and will hold 3 sessions for you to attend. Not mandatory but will benefit you with the changes that will be happening inside the pantry. New TEFAP forms, new store layout, holiday preparedness.

- Tuesday October 7 9:30 am
- Thursday October 9 9:30 am
- Monday October 13 5:30 pm
- All meetings will be held at the Food Pantry, you do not need to register.
- ALL volunteers are welcome to attend. This is especially important for servers and stockers.

### ***Reminders***

No 3rd visit for the month, direct the client to another pantry if needed.  
A list of other pantries is located on the check-in counter.

Use the pantry phone to call for the taxi, it's a simple redial. Call the cab then give the voucher. This has been working well, it's saving us money that can be used for food and other items plus controls misuse.

Did you get your Civil Rights training completed? Let Karen or Mari know and the link will be sent to you. Only half of us have completed this task.

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### **Senior Stock Box**

We have an opportunity to receive a once a month program called Senior Stock Box, it is free to us, supplied from TEFAP.

The box contains some of the items that we have in the pantry, some we do not. 2 cans fruit, 2 beans, 2 small rice bags, 1 cereal, 1 sleeve of a Velveta style cheese etc. The box weighs about 15 lbs and is available to seniors 60+ only. This is a bonus to seniors as they can still come in and get their twice monthly visit.

We're looking for a volunteer or two to start the program if we want to take advantage of this deal. The box is ready for pick up the 3rd Wed of every month and needs to be picked up at the TEFAP office in the Dells, straight up HWY 16.

Description of the position includes:

Registering clients - we will advertise the program

Picking up the boxes

Distributing the boxes at the pantry on days other than regular pantry hours.

Set time would be established. Other pantries stated it takes about an hour or less to get the boxes out the door.

If you're interested and would like more information please contact:

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