The WSU Friendship Food Pantry provides emergency food and referrals to students in times of need, helping them to stay in school and meet their educational goals.

**WE VALUE**

Community
A Holistic Approach to Student Education
Inclusion
Privacy & Confidentiality
Student Centeredness
Volunteers
The WSU Friendship Food Pantry is a student-centered service operated completely by volunteers. The initial Food Pantry budget was a gift from the Office of the President. Since that time, 4 years ago, the Food Pantry has been sustained completely by donors, sponsors and volunteers.

Food insecurity among college students, particularly among those students with families is an ever growing population. On February 14, 2014, Fox News published an article entitled, “Is food insecurity on the rise among college students?” by Julie Tortora (http://www.foxnews.com/health/2014/02/14/is-food-insecurity-on-rise-among-college-students/). In the article, Ms. Tortora writes, “Gaining the ‘freshman 15’ may no longer be the biggest nutritional issue facing some college students.”

A study recently published by the Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior, surveyed 354 students at Western Oregon University and found that 59 percent felt that they did not have enough access to affordable, healthy foods – a condition known as food insecurity. As defined within the study, food insecurity is “the limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods, and limited or uncertain ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways.” Tortora goes on to say, “Researchers suspect the high cost of college attendance – along with the recent rise in low-income and first generation students attending college – is partially to blame because students may have less money to put towards quality food.

The WSU Friendship Food Pantry hosts events throughout the year that assist us in supporting Food Pantry initiatives. Please visit our website at http://www.wright.edu/academicaffairs/servicelearning/foodpantry/ to learn more about us and if you are inspired to do so, click on the DONATE NOW button to make a donation to support our efforts!

On behalf of the WSU Friendship Food Pantry we thank you. Please enjoy the 2014 annual report information that follows this message.

Simone G. Polk, J.D., MPA, B.A.
Assistant Vice President for Student Services
Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
In the fall of 2009, a group involved in coordinating student service-learning and community engagement activities at Wright State University discovered that a number of faculty and staff members were encountering students in need of food. A campus survey revealed that 48 percent of students polled experienced food insecurity while attending WSU. Food insecurity among students at WSU is the result of several factors.

Students attending college away from home may have access to social services in their home communities, but may have limited access in Greene County, where the University is located. Many WSU students must balance family, work and school. Some students have recently become underemployed or unemployed. These difficulties have become increasingly problematic for college students during our present economic conditions, especially for students with families. This discovery led Cathy Sayer, former Director of Service-Learning and Civic Engagement to write a Host Site application to secure an AmeriCorps*VISTA employee. Rebecca Fensler, an Ohio Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTA employee, served as the Food Pantry’s first coordinator from 2011 through 2012.

Beginning in May 2012, administration for the WSU Friendship Food Pantry transitioned to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

The Friendship Food Pantry came a long way in its efforts to serve Wright State students under the leadership of Felix E. Torres, Graduate Assistant in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, who served as the Pantry’s second coordinator from 2012 to 2014. Under Felix’s leadership, the Pantry was the recipient of the President’s Award for Excellence – Outstanding Collaborative Unit. This was quite an accomplishment and evidence of the collaborative spirit that will continue to support the Pantry’s success for many years to come.
Hello, my name is Carine Verlin and I moved from France to the United States 14 years ago. Not only is English my second language, but I am a non-traditional student and the mother of five children. I am definitely not the typical student, and I believe my diverse life experiences and personal story are great strengths that can also inspire and motivate other students in their personal and academic development. After pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from WSU, I am now enrolled as a graduate student in the Student Affairs in Higher Education Program. I always wanted to help people, and I chose this program because I love the student population as much as I enjoy the campus life.

During 2014 while working as the Food Pantry Coordinator, I felt right away that it was the perfect graduate assistantship for me. I really enjoy every aspect of my position. Not only it is great to work in an inclusive environment where diversity, caring, empathy, and a sense of belonging are encouraged, taught and developed, but I feel very connected to students, volunteers, donors, collaborators, colleagues, and every person that I am working with. I feel blessed and at the same time humbled to serve the needs of Wright State students!

My first tasks at the WSU Friendship Food Pantry:

- Communicating my new position, the Pantry’s open hours and any other helpful information prior to the first day of classes to keep students informed.
- Collaborating with the Dayton Foodbank to receive training, sign contracts and acquire knowledge on how to utilize and maintain compliance with the Foodbank directives.
- Compliance by weighing every food donation received and maintaining records for the Dayton FoodBank.
- Revising the Pantry’s brochures, website, bulletin board, and handouts.
- Providing new volunteer training and orientation to ensure client-centered service.
- Creating monthly schedules for new volunteers.

Carine Verlin, Graduate Student, SAHE
Friendship Food Pantry Coordinator 2014-2016

“Meal Swipe” donations at the Hangar
Ohio Feed: The FFP in collaboration with We Serve U, participated in Feed Ohio (a statewide initiative to fill our local pantries) for two weeks during the month of September. The FFP received 367 items for a total weight of 297.7 Lbs.

Rowdy 500: Biggest event for fall semester. This event was a collaborative initiative supported by the WSU Alumni Association, CSAC, Dayton Clinical Oncology Program, Department of Community Health, Friendship Food Pantry, Raider Athletics, USAC, We Serve U, and the Wright State Women’s Softball Team. The goal of this event was to raise 500 non-perishable food items for the Pantry during Homecoming week. The goal was met and surpassed, raising 2,101 food items for a total weight of 1,083 pounds of food and $64.81 in cash. Great success! The event will be repeated next year.

WSU’s Health & Benefits Fair: During WSU’s Health & Benefits Fair, attendees who brought a donation for the Friendship Food pantry received an extra door prize raffle entry. This event raised $35, and approximately 200 items for a total weight of 124 lbs.

The National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week: The WSU Friendship Food Pantry in collaboration with Chartwells organized two Fundraising Events during the National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week. First: A collection bin was located at the Honor’s Residence Community “C-Store”, for students who wanted to donate non-perishable food items directly to the Friendship Food Pantry. The FFP received 50 food items. Second: Students, faculty and staff could donate a “meal swipe” from their Wright1 Card at the Union Market or at the Hangar. For each donated “meal swipe,” a pound of food was donated to Homefull and the Dayton Foodbank. This event raised 1,000 pounds of food.

Student Housing Haunted Trail: Residence Life & Housing staff collected two food items as the entry fee for students that wanted to go through the scary haunted trail. The event raised 1,092 items for a total of 924 lbs. Great success! This event will be repeated next year.

Thanksgiving Baskets: The goal was to provide a holiday meal to WSU students who are supporting their own families over the break. In collaboration with Chartwells, seven Wright State families received a Thanksgiving Basket, which included several items of their choice such as a turkey, yams, corn, green beans, rolls, salad dressing, and a pie.

Giving Tuesday: During this event organized by the Student Philanthropy Council and Student Alumni Association, the FFP received $140.75.

CaTS Food Drive: During the month of December, CaTS staff organized a Food Drive. They collected 104 items for a total weight of 118 lbs.
Looking forward to Spring and Summer 2015

- Food Drive with “Simply One” during the months of February and March.
- Collaboration with the Panhellenic Council at the annual “Canstruction” event during Greek Week.
- Valentine’s Day: The American Marketing Association Wright State University (AMAWSU) hosted a Food Drive.
- The Department of Leadership Studies hosted a Food Drive.
- A collaboration with the WSU Softball Team and the Girl Scouts.
- Collaboration with UCIE to host a Food Drive to collect International food items.

Food Drive with “Simply One” during the months of February and March.

Changed our “Client Intake Form” to an online document with the support and assistance of CaTS.

Improved the “Client Survey” by using Qualtrics; a WSU Web-based survey software.

Created the Pantry’s Facebook page to improve our communication and outreach efforts.

Expanded our community support for the Friendship Food Pantry through Kroger Plus Card Community Rewards Program. This will allow members of the community who frequently shop at local Kroger stores to donate a portion of their spending at Kroger to the WSU Friendship Food Pantry.

Improvements for the 2014-2015 Academic Year

- Expanded and improved our volunteerism efforts through the addition of a VOLUNTEER NOW Button on our website. Anyone interested in volunteering can now just click the button and complete the volunteer interest form, and the Pantry’s coordinator receives an email notification of the submission.
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“At this difficult time where I don’t have a job, the food pantry is really helpful.”

“Great staff! Great thing to have on campus.”

“The Food pantry is an awesome, friendly environment.”

“I really enjoy coming here, staff is great.”

“I came for the first time, and was pleasantly surprised by the selection and service provided for my children and I.”

“Having no money, and no job means no food. The pantry has helped me survive.”

“This pantry offers me more than most I have been to and the service was very friendly and helpful.”

“The staff at the FFP is always polite; helpful. Helped with bagging food items.”

“It has gotten me through difficult times.”

“The FFP helps to meet the monthly needs while not having a job.”

“It is nice to know I am not the only one struggling.”

“It has helped me that I do not have to worry about food as much as I did before. Also, it helped me financially to get other things I need.”

“The people at the FFP were a lot of help and I really appreciate them doing this for the community.”
### STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- **6309** Total meals served.
- **702** Total number of people served by the Food Pantry.

### STUDENT VISITS

- Total number of visits: **427**
- Number of students who used the Pantry at least once: **255**

### ENROLLMENT

- **88%** of students are full-time, while **12%** are part-time.

### GENDER

- **54%** male
- **46%** female

### AGE

- Average age: **25 years old**

### RESIDENCY

- **77%** of students are commuters
- **23%** lived on campus

### STATUS

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*No demographics available for 92 students.*
## REASON FOR FOOD NEED (in %)

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## ETHNICITY *

- 35% are Foreign, Non-Resident Alien
- 31% are Black or African-American
- 24% are White
- 6% are American Indian or Alaskan Native
- 1% are Hispanic
- 1% are Two or more races
- 1% are Unknown

* The ethnicity of the dependents of clients is not included in this calculation

## EMPLOYMENT

- 35% of students are employed
- 65% of students are unemployed
- 14% are employed off campus
- 21% are employed on campus

## CITIZENSHIP

- 35% are International students
- 65% are Domestic students
STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

24% have dependents
76% do not have dependents

HOW STUDENTS HEARD ABOUT THE PANTRY: (in %)

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FINANCIAL SOURCES (in %)

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What do our volunteers have to say about the pantry?

"I'm a newer volunteer to the Friendship Food Pantry. My experience has been positive so far. The selections are always fresh and changing, and it's a very welcoming environment for everyone involved.”

Emahlea Jackson

"I've really loved working at the food pantry this year. It's such an easy and impactful way to help fellow Wright State students. It’s so great to help clients load up on all the diverse and quality food the pantry provides.”

Deborah Rocheleau

“The Friendship Food Pantry is about helping students! I enjoy working with the other amazing volunteers and for such a wonderful cause.”

Kym S.

“I truly enjoyed seeing the food pantry grow in the past 2-3 years and witnessing the increase in people we have helped with their food needs. I love creating changes and volunteering for Wright State’s Friendship Food Pantry!”

Taylor Watkins

"It is a feel good experience and gives me immense pleasure to be a part of it among a handful of very kind and friendly people. Also, it gave me wonderful opportunity to be involved in the wright state community.”

Kiran Jayarama

“I would just like to say that I love volunteering for the Friendship Food Pantry, most definitely my favorite volunteering place so far! I look forward for another year of volunteering with Food Pantry, if not, definitely more! Thank you for everything that you do for the Food Pantry Carine.”

Jasmine Jacobs

“Working in the Friendship Food Pantry as a volunteer has been a very meaningful experience. Although I'd certainly been aware of food scarcity and food insecurity before my work in the pantry, I never realized how close to home it could hit. The realization that there are hungry students at Wright State—students working hard to get an education—was revelatory. We don't necessarily think of college students having these types of challenges. But this is reality—students with families, students who have lost jobs or had unexpected circumstances throw their lives into a whirlwind, students who are truly struggling. FFP is making a difference in a lot of lives—not just because of the emergency food services, but because we offer resources and ideas for helping these students through tough times and give them the info they need to seek additional help. I've also really enjoyed getting to know other volunteers. It has been a great chance to meet people I might not have otherwise met.”

Melissa Rubins
VOLUNTEER DEMOGRAPHICS

56* Total Food Pantry volunteers

* There were 15 documented volunteers for which we do not have demographic information.

CITIZENSHIP

7 volunteers are International
34 are Domestic

GENDER

29% male
71% female

ENROLLMENT

33 volunteers are full-time students.
5 are part-time students.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Total number of volunteer hours worked 522

AFFILIATION

37*

* There is one volunteer included in these statistics who is both a part-time student and staff member.

Student  Staff  Faculty

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Thank you to our donors for making a difference in the lives of our students! The WSU Friendship Food Pantry would not be possible without your generous support!

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