

# Your Support Keeps Our Doors Open

The Ossining Food Pantry is operated by volunteers. We have no paid staff whatsoever. 200 volunteers help guide the organization, stock the Pantry, pack groceries, and distribute the food.

Since we pack bags of food on Wednesday evenings and distribute food on Thursday evenings and Friday mornings, we often need volunteers at those times. There are opportunities to help as well at other times during the week that are more flexible.

We depend on the community for all our funding. Numerous local organizations contribute to the Pantry, including houses of worship, service and civic organizations, school groups, scouts, and local businesses. These supporters conduct food drives, provide money, and donate in-kind services. Fresh produce comes from Maryknoll's Pachamama Farm and the Pantry's Ossining Farmers' Market program. Residents and local businesses answer the Food Pantry's fundraising appeals and participate in our annual Celebration fundraising event. While most of our income comes from grassroots support, we do receive some grants from corporations, matching gift programs, and foundations.

All donations are devoted to our mission to feed the hungry in our community. Since we are all volunteers, our overhead expenses are very small. You can rest assured that your donation to the Food Pantry will go into the grocery bags we distribute to the hungry each week.

## Ossining Food Pantry Board & Committee Chairs

As of July 2011

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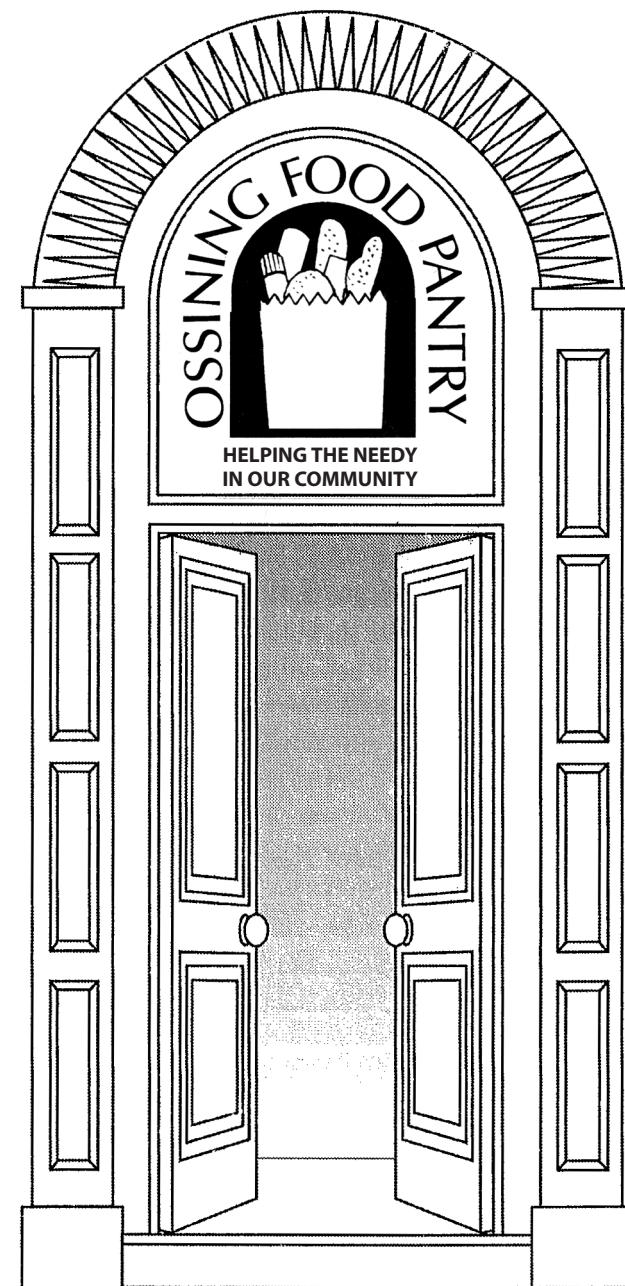
Yvonne Bert	Irene Kogelmann
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*Thursday Night Distribution\**: Chris Cafarelli & Martin B. Engelhardt, Jr.  
*Trinity Church Representative*: Arlene Lazaro  
*Wednesday Night Packing\**: Martha Yergeau  
*Volunteer Coordinator*: Irene Kogelmann

*Clergy Advisor*: The Rev. Canon Charles Pridemore

\* designates members of Executive Committee



The Ossining Food Pantry provides bags of groceries free-of-charge to needy residents of the greater Ossining community.

## How the Food Pantry Works

The Pantry distributes bags of groceries on Thursday evenings 6:30 to 8:00 pm and Friday mornings 10 am to 12:00 noon from the parish hall of Trinity Episcopal Church in downtown Ossining. For those physically unable to come to the Pantry, a Home Delivery Program distributes groceries every two weeks. We deliver food to local day care providers with our Agency Delivery service. And, if clients are desperate and cannot wait until regular distribution times, an emergency delivery can be arranged.

To qualify for the program, clients must be Ossining or Briarcliff residents, meet Pantry financial guidelines, and be referred by a local social service agency, physician, or clergy. Volunteers interview clients when they first arrive, as well as annually, to confirm residency, household size, and continuing need.

Clients receive groceries containing a nutritious mix of nonperishable foods to feed their families for four days. Clients may come two times each month or three times on a five-Friday month.

Much of our food is donated. To supplement donations, we purchase food from the Food Bank for Westchester and ShopRite Supermarket. On Wednesday evenings volunteers pre pack groceries into bags at Trinity for varying household sizes. These are then distributed on Thursday and Friday. An inventory is taken of any remaining bags. The entire process of ordering, packing, and distributing groceries starts again the following Wednesday.

## A Brief History

The community-supported Ossining Food Pantry was conceived at Trinity Church, where it has operated since August 1988. Seed money came through the Episcopal Diocese of New York, and Crotonville's former Grace Church Fund, which stipulated that monies be used for a cooperative program involving the area's four Episcopal churches. These churches joined hands and a grant of \$9,000 started the Pantry.

Times changed, needs grew and more houses of worship joined in the effort, along with local businesses, organizations and school groups. What began as an Episcopal Church effort became a community wide undertaking; the Ossining Food Pantry.

We are a member of the Westchester Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless and of the Food Bank for Westchester. We are a charitable 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit "public" corporation, registered with the New York State Board of Charities.

The day the Pantry opened in 1988 we served one client. Today we pack and distribute food to approximately 200 households each week.

## How You Can Help

We welcome food donations, financial contributions, and volunteers. Please contact us to let us know how you wish to help:

(914) 762-5510 English  
(914) 762-5857 Español

[www.ossiningfoodpantry.org](http://www.ossiningfoodpantry.org)

Ossining Food Pantry  
P.O. Box 869  
Ossining, NY 10562

## Who Comes to the Food Pantry?

The face of hunger is ever changing. Our clients can include single people, couples, parents with children, senior citizens struggling to get by on Social Security, the newly unemployed, or under-employed, individuals returning to society after incarceration, veterans, the sick who cannot work and the well who cannot make ends meet under current circumstances. They can be men, women or children, young or old, new to Ossining or Briarcliff or long-time residents. But all are hungry.

Please call to inquire about our services:  
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## Hours and Location of Food Distribution

Thursday evening  
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Friday morning  
10:00 am – 12:00 Noon

Operating out of the Parish Hall of Trinity Episcopal Church (with the "red door") at 7 South Highland Avenue in downtown Ossining, NY

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Helping Neighbors**