

## Woodstock Pantry ENews Brief

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### JOIN US TO BUILD OUR NEW PANTRY!

You all contribute your time, talents (and sweat!) to the Woodstock Pantry. Together, we are fighting food insecurity in our community! Moreover, we have worked very hard all year to develop the Woodstock Pantry into a strong program. We have come far from our humble beginnings as a pop-up response to the pandemic. We are now in the final stage of transforming the Woodstock Pantry into a sustainable food source for our community, i.e., building a permanent structure from which to operate.

Last year, All Saints parishioners, Woodstock Pantry volunteers and community members gave over \$20,000 to launch our campaign to build a permanent structure, an amazing accomplishment and an expression of incredible generosity! Then, we were awarded four different grants. And it looked as though our project was fully funded.

We chose a building design incorporating shipping containers as it was the cheapest option. However, we have learned through the permitting process that it will cost as much as the wood structure we preferred. So, we recently pivoted to a wood structure. And we are launching a fundraising campaign to raise the remainder of the capital.

You can help us transform the Woodstock Pantry into a sustainable, reliable food source for our neighbors! Please consider:

1. contributing on our [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) page, or with this QR code
2. sharing this request with your colleagues, friends and family as well as community organizations and businesses (add to your social media, send emails, make calls).



Also, the Community Engagement Committee will be posting signs and posters. If you have, or know of, a good location (business or home) for a yard sign or poster, please let us know.

### HOLIDAY PLANNING

We will host our second **Community Share** on November 25 to provide food, clothing and hygiene items to our unhoused neighbors. Cultivate Initiatives and Reed College are joining us! We have enough volunteers for the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**We also need volunteers for Friday, 24, 9-11, to fill 50-75 Ready-to-Eat bags. Please sign up if you can help!**

### PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL STRIKE

Teachers are striking. We are serving families.

### SIGN UP FOR NOVEMBER SHIFTS

Remember to sign up for the weekend by Thursday so we can plan. Also, if you can't come, please take your name off the sign-up sheet and contact me right away!

Otherwise, people think the shift is full and don't sign up. Thanks!

### [WP SIGN UP SHEET NOVEMBER](#)

**Celebrate...**

**It Takes a Community, And We Are It!**