



TILLSONBURG COMMUNITY PANTRY

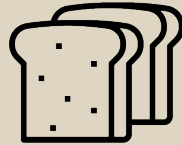
Cultivating Hope.
Sharing Food.
Building Community.

What is a Community Pantry?

Take what you need. Give what you can.



A free, shared
food space open
to everyone



A community
initiative providing
mutual aid



No registration,
appointments, or
barriers

Food Insecurity Affects our Community



1 in 4
households struggle to
access enough food

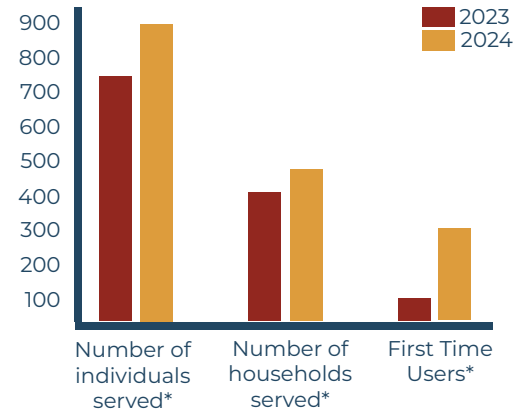


28%
of children live in
food-insecure homes



6.9%
face severe food
insecurity

35%
increase in
services given from
2023 to 2024*



<https://proof.utoronto.ca/2024/new-data-on-household-food-insecurity-in-2023/>

* data provided by the Tillsonburg Helping Hands Food Bank

Location & Build

Located at the
Station Arts Centre

Approximate size:
7ft x 3ft

Includes a
refrigerated section
and dry storage area

Equipped with
lighting



Designed to be accessible
and easy for all community
members to use

Operations

Available a couple of
days a week (initial
launch), secured nightly

Intake and storage
supported by Tillsonburg
Helping Hands Food Bank

Volunteer-led stocking,
cleaning, and maintenance

Donations sourced
through community and
local partners



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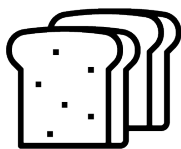
Frequently Asked Questions

Won't this overlap with other food insecurity programs?

No, this pantry is designed to **complement existing programs**. It is meant to fill gaps in our food programs such as:

No eligibility requirements

Access to food outside of existing service times



Are you worried about vandalism, loitering or other criminal activity?

Communities that are operating a pantry have not observed increased issues related to their pantries. We have had detailed discussions with London Community Fridge and have received similar feedback from other organizations we have contacted.

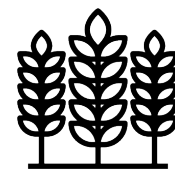
While there is some risk of overuse, the focus is on **helping those in need**. If someone is taking food, it is because they need it.

How many individuals will be supported?

Exact numbers are incredibly difficult to estimate due to privacy concerns.

Similar programs support hundreds of individuals in need.

The demand continues to grow.



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