

# *We need your help to provide life-giving, nutritional food to Oahu's communities!*

We're on a mission to provide nutritious food to the hungry in Hawaii. As Hawaii's innovative food pantry, we're helping more than 11,000 of the most vulnerable adults, keiki and kupuna put food on their table each month.

Since COVID-19, 48% of residents now struggle with food insecurity. That is why we need your help. We have a corps of trained volunteers who assist with processing orders, "shopping" for clients, and vehicle/cart loading at our facility—but we are growing and need more heroes to help us in our mission.

## **Who we are.**

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit distributing free food for over 20 years
- One of the largest free food distributors on Oahu with our newly owned 13,000 sq. ft. facility in Kalihi
- Only food distribution program to employ a "grocery-store style" setup—allowing qualifying individuals "shop" from assortment of food
- Only food pantry in Hawaii to serve clients with safe, online shopping and contactless walk/drive through pickup

## **What we need.**

- **Volunteers** comfortable assisting with food pickup
- **Organizations**—select one day/month you'd be willing to commit to organizing volunteers to serve at The Pantry
- **30 volunteers** per shift



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**A mission to address Oahu's hunger crisis by providing consistent and reliable access to nutritional food.**

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**Thanks to your help, thousands of Hawaii families won't go hungry.**

## What you will do:

**Shop for orders:** Orders come in 24/7—we need shoppers to walk around our warehouse and custom pack food.

**Run orders:** As cars pull up to the warehouse for pickup, we need runners to grab the pre-filled orders off our shelves, add in fresh produce (as necessary), and deliver them to the cars.

**Monitor traffic:** In an effort to be mindful of our surrounding residential community, help is needed to direct traffic as families begin lining up their cars for food pickup.

**Pack produce:** We need help creating produce bags for our clients, packing the different produce we purchase from local farmers into family-sized portions.

## Other ways you can help:

- **On Tuesday and Thursday mornings**, we're closed for pickup, but still fill orders. During COVID-19, this shift may be better suited to those who want to ensure they limit exposure to other individuals
- **Administrative support** such as responding to emails, making phone calls, registering new clients, filing, scanning, and inventory maintenance

## Safety in COVID-19:

The safety of our volunteers is our utmost priority. All staff are vaccinated and volunteers are temperature checked upon entry. We enforce the proper wearing of masks, and require volunteers to eat and drink outside. Gloves and masks are available on site. Training is provided on how to safely load client orders.

**Let's work together to be a reliable source of nutritional food for Oahu's communities.**

### To get involved as an organization

Contact Leona at [Volunteer@thepantry.org](mailto:Volunteer@thepantry.org).

### To volunteer as an individual

Simply register online at [thepantry.org/volunteer/](https://thepantry.org/volunteer/). We'll reach out to you to get you signed up for a shift.

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## SCHEDULE

### Food Distributions:

Primary volunteer days are every Wednesday and Friday.

### Wednesday and Friday

Morning shift:

9am-12:15pm

Afternoon shift:

12pm-2:30pm

### Shopping and Inventory (no clients onsite):

#### Tuesday and Thursday

9am-12pm

### Parking is available:

Details provided upon registration and sign up.

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