

MOBILE PANTRY PROGRAM



Low-income families are often faced with the difficulty of gaining access to resources in their counties. For this reason, Gleaners' *Mobile Pantry Program* was created. Designed as food pantry on wheels, the *Mobile Pantry Program* works to fulfill the needs of families and individuals that fall outside the reach of other agencies in the area.

In order to serve as many Hoosiers as possible, the Mobile Pantry vehicles must be equipped to hold large amounts of food. Each time a truck leaves, it carries an average of **7,500 pounds of food**. But how can one truck hold that much? The trucks are specifically designed with ten bays, both dry and refrigerated to accommodate for frozen meats, dairy, and produce. The *Mobile Pantry Program* is designed to allow individuals the opportunity to select nutritious foods to fit their dietary and personal needs.

7,500 pounds is a lot of food, but what does that number really mean? Well, one meal equates to 1.2 pounds of food. Therefore, each Mobile Pantry Vehicle carries about **6,200 meals**. The *Mobile Pantry Program* gives individuals and families a short reprieve from the constant worry of finding their next meal.

Gleaners Food Bank is able to send over 300 Mobile Pantries out into communities in need annually, with over 48,000 instances of service to households.

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