



Agency Partners

What is an Agency Partner (food pantry)?

Our agency partners, or food pantries, are non-profit, charitable organizations that work with us to combat hunger in central and southeast Indiana. Protein, produce, dairy and shelf stable goods allow pantries to provide meal-making items for families struggling with food insecurity.

One barrier to receiving help is often time or transportation. Hungry Hoosiers are working multiple jobs in order to make ends meet. Our agency partners are open to the public with a wide variety of operating hours at easily accessible locations. Clients shop for groceries as they would at the store, with minimum requirements to receive food.

Gleaners has approximately 210 agency partners throughout its 21-county service area. They are open more than once per month to offer shoppers a chance to come more often if needed. Gleaners' agency partners are serving their local communities with access to fresh produce and shelf-stable pantry items, putting a focus on nutrition.

Why are Agency Partners needed?

Approximately 80% of the 33 million pounds of food Gleaners moves each year is distributed through traditional agency partners in Gleaners' 21-county service area.

The logistics of distributing food to 100+ small sites with little impact is prohibitive to efficiency. To improve efficiency, many agency partners in outer counties pick up donations from local retail stores, which helps keep Gleaners' transportation costs lower and keep local pounds in rural counties.

Agency Partners are able to share best practices with each other and offer support as they serve their neighbors in need within their counties. Many of Gleaners' agency partners are involved in local coalitions to assist with hunger relief and other types of community assistance in their county.

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