

Community Thank You's



The **2026 CANstruction** competition was held at Crossgates Mall in May. Teams of local architects, designers, engineers, and builders came together to create beautiful exhibits constructed entirely from cans. When the exhibits are de-CANstructed, the cans make their way to local pantry shelves.

This year's teams collected 86,575 cans of food which were donated to The Food Pantries for the Capital District. 980 pounds of those cans were donated directly to the Guilderland Food Pantry. Thank you to all who participated!



Too many tomatoes? Leftover zucchini? Cucumbers growing wild? Don't let your hard work go to waste; donate it!

We happily accept homegrown garden vegetables and fruit. Thank you for sharing your abundance with neighbors in need!

Visit us at www.guilderlandfoodpantry.com

Bring Us Your Empties!

In June, we collected 1,742 bottles / cans for a grand total of 57,346 collected since 2023.

Thank you!



[More details on the bottles & cans donation program.](#)

Donations (food and bottles/cans) can be dropped off at the pantry during regular hours (Mon - Sat, 9:30am - 11am) or left in the collection bin located outside the pantry.

What's Going On

The Guilderland Food Pantry's annual **Fall FUNdraiser** will be held at Christ The King Church on **Thursday, September 17**, 6:30p-8:30p. Join us for an evening of FUN, food, games, raffles, music and more!

DJ and Photo Booth by Overtime Events
Food Catered by Maisie's Events

Help us make **Summer Suppers** quick, easy and nutritious for our neighbors in need! During the month of July, we are seeking donations of **canned tuna, canned chicken, and pork & beans**.

During the month of July, the Guilderland Food Pantry will receive \$1 for every \$2.50 reusable Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag sold at **Guilderland Hannaford (5239 Western Turnpike)**. Help make a difference while you shop!

Join us at the **Gade Farm Summer Celebration, Saturday, July 18** from 11am - 3pm. There will be food trucks, live music, raffles, a pie eating contest, corn shucking contest, and a dunk tank. **Proceeds from the dunk tank will benefit our pantry.**

[Please consider supporting our Guilderland Food Pantry](#)



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Volunteer Spotlight Backpack Team



The **school backpack program** is a vital lifeline for children facing food insecurity in the Guilderland community. This massive effort is powered entirely by dedicated volunteers who shop, pack and deliver food weekly to the schools.

A heartfelt "Thank you!" to these devoted volunteers:

Nancy and Amanda (left photo)
Diane, Elise and Jane (right photo)
Not pictured: Meghan and Jackie

Director's Corner: A Note from Mac

What's the difference between a food bank and a food pantry?

Food banks act as a large-scale wholesale distributor on a regional or state-wide level. They focus distribution on local charities, food pantries, and shelters. They do not serve individuals.

Food pantries operate on a smaller scale and support a local community. Pantries interact and distribute food directly to individuals and families. Donations to food pantries stay local within the community. ***All donations to the Guilderland Food Pantry stay within our community!***