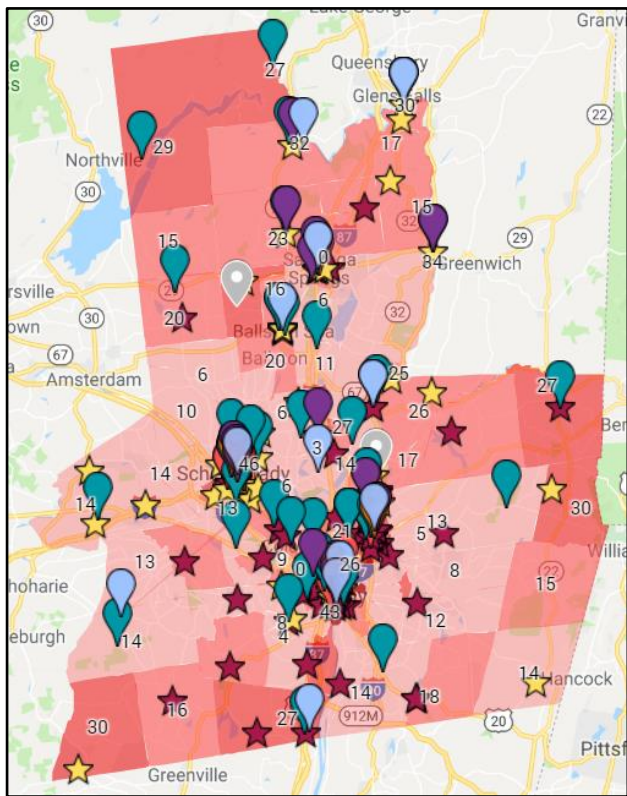


Community Food Assistance Network

Capital Region: Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady Counties

An initiative of The Food Pantries for the Capital District

The Community Food Assistance Network (CFAN) is a unified effort between The Food Pantries for the Capital District, member pantries, and basic needs services. The goal of CFAN is to establish a streamlined referral network that connects people to services. We achieve this by serving as an entry point for referral services and by directing food assistance equitably and efficiently to our community. The CFAN referral system functions to improve the client experience, quality of life, and assist with food security. CFAN also facilitates information sharing, coordinates collective impact activities between stakeholders, and provides a cohesive forum for resource sharing, tools, and support to reduce food insecurity in the Capital District and with partners statewide.



Community Food Assistance Network Members:

- Are filling the hunger gap and believe that no one in the Capital District should go hungry
- To the extent that resources allow, Agree to participate in service coordination efforts to support those struggling with food insecurity
- Are supported in coordination efforts by TFP and CFAN members
- Work to promote long-term food stability for clients using the referral system
- Work to reduce food insecurity stigma

The Food Pantries for the Capital District:

- Works to identify where the greatest needs are
- Directs resources equitably and efficiently according to information provided by member pantries and associated entities
- Facilitates information sharing and impact activities

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NETWORK MEMBERS

<p>Albany Albany Community Action Partnership-Cohoes Outreach 2. Altamont Community Food Pantry 3. Arbor Hill Community Center 4. Bethlehem Food Pantry 5. Blessed Sacrament Parish 6. Cathedral Social Services 7. Christ Our Light 8. First Church in Albany 9. FOCUS Interfaith Food Pantry 10. Guilderland Food Pantry 11. The Help Center at Capital Church 12. Hilltowns Community Resource Center 13. Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Pantry 14. Israel AME Church 15. Mater Christi Food Pantry 16. New Horizons Christian Church 17. New Scotland Community Food Pantry 18. Onesquethaw Reformed Church 19. Sacred Heart Outreach 20. Salvation Army Food Pantry-Albany 21. Salvation Army Food Pantry-Cohoes 22. St. Ambrose 23. St. Clare’s Food Pantry 24. St. James Food Pantry 25. St. John’s/St. Ann’s Center 26. St. Mary’s Outreach 27. St. Vincent’s Food Pantry 28. “The Pantry” @ St. Patrick’s 29. Sister Maureen Joyce Food Pantry</p>	<p>30. Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region 31. Trinity United Methodist Church 32. United Church of Cohoes 33. Venture Churches</p> <p>Rensselaer 34. The Anchor 35. Brunswick Cares Community Food Pantry 36. Commission on Economic Opportunity 37. Consens-U 38. Doors of Hope 39. Faith and Love Fellowship 40. The Gathering Place (New Hope for Life) 41. Hope 7 Food Pantry 42. Hoosick Area Church Association 43. Mt. Ida Community Food Pantry 44. Nassau Resource Center 45. Pittstown Area Food Pantry 46. Roarke Center Food Pantry 47. St. Joseph’s Food Pantry 48. The Salvation Army Troy 49. Troy Larger Parish 50. Unity House of Troy 51. YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc.</p> <p>Saratoga 52. Franklin Community Center 53. Grace Church-Faith’s Pantry 54. Greater Galway Community Services Association 55. Harvest Church (Raven’s House) 56. Karyl’s Kupboard CAPTAIN Youth & Family Services</p>	<p>57. Living Hope United Methodist Church 58. Mechanicville Area Community Services Center 59. St. Clement’s Outreach 60. St. Mary’s/St. Vincent de Paul Society 61. Salvation Army Food Pantry-Saratoga 62. Saratoga EOC 63. Upper Room Thrift Shop and Food Pantry 63. Wilton Food Pantry</p> <p>Schenectady 64. The Bridge Food Pantry 65. Salvation Army Food Pantry-Schenectady 66. Bethesda House-Schenectady* 67. Bethesda House-PS Wright Food Pantry*</p> <p>Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Albany Damien Center - Fidelis Care - FOCUS Interfaith - Healthy Families New York - Catholic Charities of the Diocese Albany - Grassroots Givers - Hunger Action Network - Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY Rensselaer County Department of Health - Regional Food Bank of Northeastern NY - The Sage Colleges (Nutrition Science Department) <p>*Associate Members</p>
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About The Food Pantries for the Capital District



Our Mission

The Food Pantries for the Capital District is a coalition of food pantries, working together, in a spirit of cooperation, to do together what no one of us could do alone. Our mission is to serve hungry people in the Capital District through member food pantries. We support our pantries by purchasing, collecting and delivering food. We provide a forum for networking, coordination of services, education and training.

Our activities shall include, but not be limited to:

1. To support the functioning of, and services provided by, member food pantries;
2. To engage in food procurement activities designed to supplement and enhance the efforts of the member pantries;
3. To provide documentation of hunger and nutritional problems in the Capital District;
4. To support the efforts of other emergency food providers and hunger organizations;
5. To encourage emergency food providers in the Capital District to work cooperatively with each other, serve recipients, governmental agencies and other organizations involved with hunger-related issues, or who serve those in need in other ways;
6. To increase awareness of, access to, and participation in food and nutrition programs and self-help projects;
7. To foster networking among local service providers;
8. To provide information and technical assistance for self-help projects which may alleviate the need for emergency food;
9. To foster community awareness of hunger.

Our Vision

A hunger free Capital Region

Our Values

- To feed the hungry
- To treat all people with respect
- To raise awareness and to advocate for the poor
- To support our members
- To collect data constantly and currently
- To recognize needs in our community and respond
- To empower
- To work in the spirit of collaboration
- To network among our members

We are a voice for the local hungry.



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Greetings,

Last year approximately 57,000 people visited food pantries in our coalition for assistance, but did you know that more than 89,000 people are food insecure in the Capital Region? This leaves a significant gap in services.

Will you join us to fill the gap? As an organization working to help community members in need, will you take referrals as a part of our **Community Food Assistance Network (CFAN)**? Community Food Assistance Network (CFAN) is a unified effort between The Food Pantries for the Capital District, member pantries, and other providers.

How does it work? Our team at The Food Pantries receives calls from individuals, case workers, and community advocates seeking referrals for food assistance. In 2018 we provided information and referral services to more than 1,100 individuals. However, we know that people who receive food pantry assistance often need additional support. CFAN provides an opportunity to connect individuals and families with more resources at one point of contact.

There are three components to CFAN:

1. **The Food Pantries** team screens and makes referrals.
2. **CFAN members** accept referrals for additional food/nutrition related support and can make referrals to The Food Pantries.
3. **CFAN partners** are not direct providers of food/nutrition support, but accept referrals for other basic needs, access, and support, and can make referrals to The Food Pantries.

Will you join us? We've reached out to you today hoping that you will join us as a **CFAN member or partner**. If you are interested in joining us or to learn more, please contact me at Alexis@thefoodpantries.org or (518) 458-1167 extension 115. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Alexis Goldsmith
Engagement and Referral Specialist

Encl. Flyer and Application

About The Food Pantries: Working together to feed the hungry in our community, The Food Pantries for the Capital District is a coalition of more than 60 food pantries located in Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady Counties. Annually, The Food Pantries helps fund, collect, and deliver 3.2 million pounds of food for our member pantries, which helps provide food to 57,000 people for approximately 3.2 million meals. We also support our member pantries by providing service coordination, education and training, opportunities for networking, and infant needs and holiday meals programs. Established in 1979, The Food Pantries for the Capital District is a 501 (c) (3). For more information on our programs, or how you can help, please visit www.thefoodpantries.org.