

Byron Food Pantry Summer Volunteers Needed!



Powerpack Program

Help us bridge the summer gap! We are looking for volunteers for our Summer Powerpack Pilot. This program provides with fresh fruit, veggies, and pantry staples throughout the 13-week summer break. Whether you enjoy shopping, packing bags, or delivering food to neighbors in need, we have a spot for you. Help us ensure no student goes hungry this summer!

1. Fresh Food Shopper/Receiving (1–2 People per week, adults - children can assist)

Frequency: Weekly on Mondays or Tuesdays

Requirements: Adults must have a background check on file with BPS.

Sign up for and attend orientation on June 2 at 6 pm or June 4 at 1 pm.

Responsibility: Pick up or receive delivery at CEC for fresh, cold and refrigerated items. (Sam's in Rochester, HyVee in Rochester or Kasson, Fareway or Kwik Trip in Byron). Food Pantry Coordinator puts in the weekly order(s) for pick up or delivery.

Tasks:

- Pick up fresh food items in order at store or be present at CEC for order delivery.
- Ensure all items are delivered to the pantry fridge/freezer.

2. Cold Pack Assemblers (4-8 People/shift; ages 11+)

Frequency: Weekly on Tuesdays at 2 pm; some weeks the start time is 3 pm

Tasks:

- Assemble the refrigerated and freezer items into smaller "cold sleeves" or bags.
- Mark bags with labels to ensure allergy/special requests are met.

3. Distribution Team (2 People per shift, adults or youth 12+ with parent/adult)

Volunteer Hours: Wed 8:45-11:15 am or Thu 11:45 am-2:15 pm

Shopping Hours: Wed 9-11 am or Thu 12-2 pm

Responsibility: Managing the hand-off to families/students

Requirements: Adults must have a background check on file with BPS.

Tasks:

- Verify participant and maintain confidentiality
- Retrieve the "Cold Packs" from the fridge/freezer at the moment of pickup.
- Have parents/participants sign the weekly pickup log.

4. Delivery Drivers (2–3 People, adults)

Frequency: Weekly (TBD - based on availability).

Responsibility: Providing home delivery for families with qualifying needs.

Requirements: Must have a background check on file with BPS. Must provide your own vehicle for delivery. Sign up for and attend orientation on May 26 at 6 pm or June 1 at 11 am.

Tasks:

- Load Powerpacks into coolers into your vehicles.
- Delivery powerpacks
- Complete delivery log

General Food Pantry Volunteers

Help Keep the Pantry Running Smoothly This Summer! While our students are out for break, the Food Pantry remains a vital resource for the community. We are looking for a dedicated team of "Behind-the-Scenes Heroes" to help us manage donations and maintain our beautiful pantry garden. If you love organizing, enjoy being outdoors, or simply want to give back to your neighbors, we have a spot for you!

Donation Sorting Team

4-8 people per shift

Adults or youth ages 9-11 with parent/adult, youth 12+ can volunteer without parent supervision

Our shelves stay organized and safe thanks to this detail-oriented team!

When: Shifts on Mondays at 10 am or Tuesdays at 2:30 pm

Responsibilities:

- Quality Control: Check all donated items for expiration dates and packaging integrity (no dents or open seals).
- Categorization: Sort food into designated categories (Canned Goods, Grains, Baking, etc.) according to pantry layout.
- Best for: Volunteers who enjoy organizing and can lift up to 20 lbs.

Garden Maintenance

Help us provide fresh, local produce by maintaining our pantry garden and processing community donations.

When: Flexible/Seasonal. Best during morning hours or early evenings to avoid midday heat.

Requirements: Sign up for and attend a volunteer orientation on June 10 at 7 pm or June 11 at 11:30 am.

Responsibilities:

- Garden Care: General weeding of the pantry garden beds.
- Pick ripe produce and bring into the CEC for the Food Pantry (check building hours for access to Food Pantry or Office).
- Produce Cleaning: Wash and prep vegetables left on the "Harvest Table" by local community donors to ensure they are ready for distribution.
- Maintenance: Keep garden pathways clear and assist with seasonal planting/mulching.
- Best for: Gardeners of all skill levels who enjoy being outdoors and working with fresh produce.

We ♥ our
Volunteers



The Byron Food Pantry is located at the:
Community Education Center
630 1st Ave NW, Byron
507-775-2336