

The Food Pantries for the Capital District Basic Needs Resource Guide



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Hotline and Service Referral List

AIDS Counseling and Testing	
<i>For Referrals</i>	(800) 541-2437
<i>For Counseling</i>	(800) 872-2777
Al-Anon <i>for Friends and Families of Alcoholics</i>	(518) 292-0577
Alcoholics Anonymous	(518) 463-0906
Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (NYS Council)	(800) 553-5790
Cancer Services (NYS)	(866) 442-2262
Child Abuse (Prevention)	(518) 447-7177
Child Abuse Hotline (National)*	(800) 422-4453
Child Health Plus (NYS)	(800) 698-4543
Children and Family Services (NYS Office)	(800) 345-5437
Crime Victims Assistance	(518) 855-2263
Domestic Violence Assistance (Unity House)	(518) 273-8255
Domestic Violence Hotline (Equinox)*	(518) 432-7865
Domestic Violence Hotline (Wellspring)*	(518) 584-8188
Eldercare Locator	(800) 677-1116
The Food Pantries for the Capital District	(518) 458-1167
Human Trafficking Hotline (National)*	(888) 373-7888
Hunger Hotline (USDA National)	(866) 3-HUNGRY (866) 348-6479
Hunger Hotline (USDA National Español)	(877) 8-HAMBRE (877) 842-6273

*24 hour hotlines and referrals

LGBT Domestic Violence Hotline (In Our Own Voices)	(518) 432-4341
Meals on Wheels <i>Home Delivered Meals for Seniors</i>	(518) 363-4020
Medicaid	(518) 884-4148
Narcotics Anonymous	(888) 319-2606
Poison Control*	(800) 222-1222
Psychiatric Center (Capital District Psychiatric Center)	(518) 447-9611
Psychiatric Crisis - Mobile Unit	(800) 543-3720
Rape Crisis Hotline	(518) 447-7716
Social Security Administration	(866) 253-9183
Summer Food Program (USDA)	(518) 380-5583
Suicide Prevention Hotline (National) *	(800) 273-8255

This is not a comprehensive list,
for more information regarding
human service and support agencies please call:

United Way: Dial 211

For Emergencies: Dial 911

*24 hour hotlines and referrals

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

Schenectady Food Assistance

To find the pantry that serves your neighborhood call:
The Food Pantries for the Capital District - (518) 458-1167

For SNAP (Food Stamp) eligibility prescreening and application information:
NOEP (Nutrition Outreach and Education Program) - 518-374-2427 ext.210
SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) - 1-800-342-3009

Information about the Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC):
Schenectady Public Health - (518) 346-8818, 107 Nott Terrace

Information about Summer Meals:
Dial 211, or text "Food" to 877-877

Food 4 Schdy App:
Search "Food 4 Schdy" on the Google Play or Apple App Store

Schenectady Medical Assistance

Cancer Services of Schenectady	(518) 841-3726	Call for Locations
Ellis Family Health Center	(518) 382-2000	624 McClellan Street
Family & Child Service of Schenectady, Inc	(518) 393-1369	246 Union Street
Healthy Schenectady Families	(518) 386-2824	
Hometown Health Center	(518) 370-1441	1044 State Street
Planned Parenthood of Schenectady	(518) 374-5353	1040 State Street
Schenectady County Chapter, NYSARC, Inc	(518) 372-1160	214 State Street
Schenectady County Public Health Services	(518) 386-2180	107 Nott Terrace, Suite 306
Schenectady Damien Center (HIV/AIDS)	(518) 449-7119 ext. 108	615 Union Street

Schenectady Community Meals

BREAKFAST

Mon- Fri	7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Salvation Army Schenectady	222 Lafayette St. (518) 346-0222
Sun (except 1st Sun of the month)	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	First United Methodist Church	603 State St. (518) 374-4403
Last Sat of the month	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Emmanuel Friedens Church	218 Nott Terrace (518) 374-4114

LUNCH

Mon - Fri	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Salvation Army Schenectady	222 Lafayette St (518) 346-0222
Mon - Fri	3:00 PM	Bethesda House	834-836 State St (518) 374-7873
Sat, Sun	3:00 PM	City Mission	512 Smith St (518) 246-2275 ext. 0
Last Sun of the Month	1:30 -2:30 PM	Christ Church Episcopal	970 State St (518) 374-3064

DINNER

Mon - Fri	5:45 PM	City Mission	512 Smith St (518) 246-2275 ext. 0
Mon Tues Wed - Fri	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Quest	825 State St (518) 527-1784
Mon - Fri	5:30 PM -6:00 (Ages 6-18) <u>Oakwood Ave. Location</u> 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Boys and Girls Club Schenectady (5 Locations)	400 Craig St (518) 374-4714 E-37 Yates Village (518) 372-3583 118 Henry St (518) 372-3620 918 Stanley Street (518) 898-5703 880 Oakwood Avenue (518) 709-5015

Schenectady Community Resources

Legal Aid Society	(518) 462-6765	55 Colvin Avenue, Albany
Schenectady Community Action Program (SCAP) Resource Center	(518) 374-9181	913 Albany Street
Schenectady One Stop Center	(518) 344-2735	797 Broadway
Schenectady County Chapter, NYSARC, Inc.	(518) 372-1160	214 State Street
Schenectady Inner City Ministry	(518) 374-2683	930 Albany Street

Schenectady County Social Services

Schenectady County DSS	(518) 388-4644	797 Broadway
DSS Adult Protective Services - Schenectady	(518) 344-2830	797 Broadway

Schenectady Housing and Shelter Assistance

Schenectady Community Action Program, Inc. (SCAP)	(518) 374-9181	913 Albany Street
Bethesda House of Schenectady	(518) 374-7873	834 State Street
City Mission of Schenectady	(518) 372-9311	425 Hamilton Street
Veteran and Community Housing Coalition	(518) 885-0091	20 Prospect Street, Building 2, Suite 313, Ballston Spa

Schenectady Clothing and Furniture Assistance

Salvation Army Schenectady Corps Community Center	(518) 346-0222	222 Lafayette Street
Schenectady Community Action Program (SCAP)	(518) 374-9181	913 Albany Street
Home Furnishings Program, Inc.	(518) 346-2444	603 State Street

**Price points may vary - call ahead for availability and pricing*

The Food Pantries for the Capital District

Mission: To address hunger in the Capital District through our member food pantries. We support our members by providing funding, purchasing, collecting and delivering food. We provide a forum for networking, coordination of services, education and training.



Vision: A dynamic network of well-stocked food pantries nourishing our hungry neighbors in the Capital District.

ABOUT HUNGER IN THE CAPITAL DISTRICT

According to Feeding America, more than 2.67 million children and adults in New York are food insecure. Essentially, more than 13.5% of the population of NY do not have enough food to meet basic nutritional needs.

New York State and Capital District hunger statistics (2015)

New York State

12.6% of total population = 2,502,250 people are food insecure

19.4% of children = 819,460 infants and children are food insecure

Albany County

13.0% of total population = 40,070 people are food insecure

17.3% of children = 10,230 infants and children are food insecure

Rensselaer County

11.7% of total population = 18,720 people are food insecure

19.1% of children = 6,250 infants and children are food insecure

Saratoga County

8.8% of total population = 19,760 people are food insecure

15.6% of children = 7,520 infants and children are food insecure

Schenectady County

11.8% of total population = 18,210 people are food insecure

18.7% of children = 6,380 infants and children are food insecure

TRUTH AND MYTH OF THE SNAP (formerly called food stamps) PROGRAM

MYTH-SNAP provides enough food to the hungry

TRUTH-On average, 41.5% of the hungry in our 4 counties do not qualify for SNAP, according to Feeding America

TRUTH-benefits typically supply enough food for only 3 weeks of the month

TRUTH-Snap only provides approximately a \$4.67 per day food allowance, according to Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

TRUTH-Some people who are food insecure do not want to apply for SNAP—they just need short-term assistance or only visit a pantry to fill a gap in income

ABOUT THE FOOD PANTRIES—QUICK FACTS

- The Food Pantries is a coalition of more than 60 food pantries
- Our service area is Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady Counties
- The Food Pantries was founded in 1979.
- We collect food from food drives for free distribution to our member pantries
- The community can help by hosting Food and Fund Drives
- \$1 can help provide 6.25 pounds of food to the hungry
- All of the services we provide to our members are completely free for them to utilize



HOW THE FOOD PANTRIES HELPS FEED THE HUNGRY IN OUR COMMUNITIES

In 2016, we helped fund, collect and deliver enough food for more than 2.7 million meals and 274,754 pantry visits

Delivery Service—1,380 tons of food delivered to our member pantries

Food Drives—241,812 pounds of food collected

Infant Needs— 108,772 diapers and 1,721 cans of formula distributed

Food Funding—Money is put on account at the food bank for the food pantries to pay for food, and we purchase milk vouchers, grocery store gift certificates and produce gift certificates.

Information and Referrals— 1,511 people were referred to pantry services and additional programs.

WHO WE SERVE THROUGH OUR MEMBER PANTRIES (2016 Numbers and Statistics)

Approximately 47,088 people access food from our member food pantries each year. On average, an individual visits a pantry approximately 5 times each year. Some use a food pantry in the event of a crisis and some need food pantries to alleviate a chronic state of food insecurity.

100,252 pantry visits by infants and children (ages 0-17)

152,466 pantry visits by adults (ages 18-59)

22,036 pantry visits by senior citizens (ages 60+)

We are maintaining the highest service levels in our coalition's history