



## **ADOPT A STREET PANTRY INSTRUCTIONS & TIPS**

Welcome!

We are so grateful for your help in our Adopt a Street Pantry project! You have joined hundreds in our community from preschoolers to schoolchildren, families to elders, businesses and workplaces to faith communities and neighborhood/civic groups in making this amazing project of sharing and neighbor-ing possible. You all are on the frontlines of making sure our friends on the streets and neighbors living in poverty have access to necessities in the midst of the pandemic. The Street Pantries are located throughout Buncombe County and provide easy 24/7 access to supplies near where people live, gather, or camp.

Pantries are kept filled daily by our Adopters team, our Staff and Street Medic team, and by “Random fillers.”

Here is a list of supplies that are helpful to fill the pantries. Feel free to pick from the list (a la carte) and rotate items that you put in the pantries. You do not need to supply every item on the list every time you fill the pantry. Also you may but do not have to purchase items—take the opportunity to get others engaged who you know—family, friends, co-workers, neighbors in gathering supplies (many things people may have in their homes and would be happy to share). Please reach out to us at [belovedasheville@gmail.com](mailto:belovedasheville@gmail.com) if you have any questions or need any support.

## **PANTRY SUPPLY LIST**

Non-perishable food (pop tops ideal, meals, fruit, applesauce, protein bars, etc)

Bottled water Water and Reuseable water bottles

Hand Sanitizer

First aid supplies

Toiletries esp. Deodorant

Sunscreen & Bug Spray (Spring, Summer, Fall)

Razors and shaving cream

Flashlights

Feminine hygiene products

Backpacks (gently used are fine)

Brown tarps

Blankets (gently used are fine)

Socks

Chapstick

Rain ponchos & collapsible umbrellas (great for the rain and the hot sun)

AA Batteries

Baby wipes

Sterno

Vitamin C drops

Kleenex

Gatorade single packets

## **SEASONAL ITEMS: (Add)**

Hot hands

Emergency Blankets

Gloves (gently used are fine)

Hats (gently used are fine)

Also appreciated:

Cards especially from kids

Journals and pens

Fanny packs and wallets

Nail clippers and mini sewing kits

Can openers

Pantries are chosen to be easy to access for friends on the streets and also for you to be able to load from your vehicle. There are easy parking options close to each pantry. For ease of filling, we recommend putting items into a rubbermaid bin or box that you can take from your car and bring with you right up to the pantry. We like them to look like a shelf at the store neatly organized which evokes dignity. We do not place clothes in the pantries as they tend to get spread out making the pantries untidy. We place items only in the pantries. We try to "tidy" up the pantries when we are there picking up trash and organizing anything already in the pantry. We started the pantry project a year ago and the pantries have been well received. Many of our friends have told us the pantry literally saved their lives during the pandemic and through the winter. Tidying around the pantries makes them more viable for being utilized in our community long-term. Also, please contact us, if you see that one of that pantries has been damaged.

We can't do this without you! Thank you for all of your help and support! Feel free to reach out to us if you have questions or need assistance in any way at [belovedasheville@gmail.com](mailto:belovedasheville@gmail.com).

We hope this project is deeply meaningful to you bringing you closer into proximity with those who struggle. It may be a place where you encounter people who you do not know and a way to start up a conversation, share a smile, make a connection.

So grateful for your help and support!

***BeLoved Asheville Team***



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