THE MOUNT KISCO INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY, Inc.
PO Box 834
Mount Kisco, New York 10549

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Did you know?
Nearly 1 in 5 residents of Westchester County is at risk of food insecurity.

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Please make checks payable to: “The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry.”

To donate on-line: www.mountkiscofoodpantry.org

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Yes, I want to make a tax-deductible contribution!

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Our New Look
You may have noticed that our newsletter, Facebook page, and website have a new look. A new logo. A new tagline—“Offering Choice, Offering Hope.” Our goal? To keep more folks in the loop. Our new tagline design is in a square format that lends itself to social media and smartphone display while continuing to reflect our mission and spirit. This allows us to leverage the power of traditional channels while enhancing our presence on digital platforms.

So please read, click, share, engage. We want to hear from you!

Our First-ever Hunger Awareness Campaign is a Big Success!

Did you see our yard signs popping up around Mount Kisco in early September? This was the just the beginning of our first-ever, month-long Hunger Awareness campaign.

Throughout September, local businesses and hundreds of Pantry friends came together to spread the word about the challenge of local hunger. Specialty cocktails and entrees at a number of local restaurants. Discounts, food drives, and fundraisers at local businesses, markets, and faith-based congregations. An information table at the Mount Kisco Sidewalk Sales Days. A “Miles for Meals” 5K race and a special pre-screening of the documentary “Wasted! The Story of Food Waste” co-hosted by the Food Bank for Westchester. Even a lemonade stand run by elementary schoolers intent on making a difference. There were so many ways to join in the learning and make a difference!

Check inside for the long list of partners and supporters who helped make this campaign such a big success.
President’s Letter

Hunger is here. I know this may come as a surprise. The U.S. poverty rate is the lowest since 2007. But, in Westchester, the poverty rate has stagnated since 2014. And things are especially challenging for seniors and children.

So, we are spreading the word. Like our recent Hunger Awareness campaign, our fall newsletter focuses on hunger here in Westchester. And, with broadened communication, we will spread the word faster and farther.

But, hunger is only half the story. Because we also have hope. Our community is dedicated to making a difference. And our pantry can be a lifeline, as the inspiring story of Shantae, a former client, illustrates.

Thank you for your help in the fight against local hunger.

Laura Desmarais, Board President

When Offering Choice Leads to Hope

Shantae’s Story

Shantae was born and raised in Mount Kisco blessed with a strong role model. Her mom, widowed young, worked three jobs to care for Shantae and her two sisters. Eventually, Shantae grew up, married, got a good job at a local pharmacy, and had two children of her own. With two incomes, they were able to make ends meet in her hometown.

But, in 2015, Shantae lost her job. They moved in with family, and her normally positive attitude was shaken. Then, she visited the Pantry. “Living paycheck to paycheck,” Shantae explains, “the Pantry and the weekly produce I could rely on helped me maximize my food budget.”

Her favorite? The tomatoes … and the weekly roll of toilet paper: “It seems like a little thing, but it’s not, when you’re limited in what you can buy.” Supplementing Pantry foods with items bought on sale at the market, Shantae felt proud that she could prepare nutritious family meals.

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Our September Hunger Awareness Campaign

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