

PRESCOTT AREA
FOOD PANTRY
2025

THE PRESCOTT AREA FOOD PANTRY IS A 501(C)3 NON-PROFIT.
WE ARE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION SITE, PROVIDING TEFAP USDA FOODS.

♥ NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS: THE PRESCOTT AREA FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOU

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At the **Prescott Area Food Pantry**, our mission is simple — to make sure no one in our community goes hungry. But right now, we need your help more than ever.

With the ongoing government shutdown and expected delays to FoodShare/SNAP benefits, we anticipate seeing **many more families** coming through our doors in the days and weeks ahead. These are our friends, coworkers, and neighbors — people who never expected to need help feeding their families.

The Growing Challenge

We all feel it, everything costs more these days. Since 2021, our operating expenses: utilities, insurance, building and grounds maintenance, and of course food, have increased by **62%**, while donations and grant income have stayed nearly the same with only a 4% increase on average. Grants are harder to secure, and when they are available, there's more competition than ever. We've already cut costs everywhere we can — even stopping garbage pickup and relying on volunteers to haul away trash and recycling.

Despite these efforts, we're now at a point where **some months may leave us unable to pay bills or purchase food** without additional community support. With no safety net or consistent monthly income, the future is very uncertain.



62%

increase in expenses
(average over 2022-2025)

4%

increase in donations/grants

BRIGHT SPOTS AND SETBACKS

This summer brought one shining success — our **first community garden**, made possible by a grant and the hard work of amazing volunteers. Together, we grew and harvested over **1,000 pounds of fresh vegetables** for our pantry guests — food we didn't have to buy, grown right here in Prescott! Unfortunately, that garden grant won't be renewed next year due to government cutbacks, but we're determined to improve our garden space and keep growing fresh produce with your help.

A few years ago, the City of Prescott received a grant to renovate our building and add a kitchen and dining space. The city managed every dollar of that grant, and funds could only be used for renovation — not daily operations. We were proud to open the kitchen and serve meals four days a week for a year, but it wasn't financially sustainable. While the space **can't be rented out or used by other groups yet due to grant restrictions**, we now use it for food pantry fundraising events and hope one day to serve daily meals again — **if we can find the funding and volunteer support** to make it possible.

Adding to our challenges, a recent power outage damaged our largest freezer and caused the **loss of 1,500 pounds of meat and frozen food** — much of it donated or funded through grants. We're working with insurance, but replacement is uncertain. For now, we can only give each household one pound of hamburger a month until supplies are replenished — not nearly enough for a family trying to make ends meet.

1000 LB

Produce harvested

1500 LB

Meat and foods lost in
freezer breakdown



HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Despite everything, we're serving more people than ever before — **twice as many people** in 2025 as we had in 2023, and we expect that number to rise by another 25-50% in November with the uncertainty of FoodShare/SNAP benefits.

Every dollar, every can, every act of kindness matters.
Here's how you can help:

- **Give what you can:** Every donation helps us buy food and pay essential bills.
- **Set up a monthly gift:** Even small recurring donations help us plan ahead and keep food on the shelves.
- **Volunteer your time:** Join our team of caring neighbors making a difference.
- **Sponsor a need:** Talk to your workplace, church, or club about sponsoring a pantry expense.

All donations are **tax-deductible**, and every dollar stays right here in our community.

Together, we've built something special in Prescott — a place where no one is forgotten, and everyone lends a hand when times get tough. Please help us keep that promise alive.

📘 **Give online or learn more** at <https://www.prescottfoodpantry.org/donate>.

📍 **Drop off donations** at 911 Pearl St. Prescott, WI. Tues and Thurs 1-4pm or Wed 10-1pm or at one of several donation boxes around town (library, Prescott schools, Ptacek's). Refer to our most needed items list on our website.

💛 **Sign up to volunteer** through our [online portal](#) or show up during open hours to learn how you can help.

#PrescottStrong #FoodPantry #NeighborsHelpingNeighbors #CommunityCare #EndHunger



98%

increase in people
seeking help since 2023