



Welcome!

ADOPT A STREET PANTRY INSTRUCTIONS & TIPS

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.

You have chosen the Charlotte Street Pantry which is adopted by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Asheville and will be filled by different groups and individuals in the faith community. To sign up as an Adopter, go to www.volunteersignup.org/TXRAE .

The Charlotte Street Pantry is located by the old Ingles parking lot (directly across from City Bakery). The pantry will be next to the sidewalk and just in front of the chain at the parking lot. You can pull right up to the pantry in the parking lot and easily fill it from your vehicle.

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 do not need to purchase items—take the opportunity to get others engaged whom you know—family, friends, co-workers, neighbors- in gathering supplies (many things people may have in their homes and would be happy to share). **In addition, there will be a bin of donations at UUCA (1 Edwin Street) outdoors on the back porch (next to the parking lot on Bond Street) for you to choose from and place in the Pantry.**

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.

We can't do this without you! Thank you for all 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.**

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 whom 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!

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