**Hours of Operation**

Individuals may come to the Food Pantry twice each month. A photo ID is requested on your first visit only. The Pantry is open to residents of Melrose and the surrounding communities.

**Every Friday**

10:00 - 11:30 am

*Closed on or near some national holidays

**3rd Friday of the Month**

5:00 - 6:00 pm

*Closed in July & August

**Donations**

Please call 781-662.8226 to arrange a drop-off time.

**Community Dinner**

3rd Friday of the month, 6:00pm

Each month there is a free dinner in the Fellowship Hall of Faith Church (200 Franklin St., Melrose, MA). The dinner is open to anyone in the community, regardless of need. Come enjoy a great time of food and conversation! If you are interested in volunteering, please call Faith Church.

**Drop-off Locations**

In addition to Faith Church there are several food donation drop-off locations conveniently placed throughout Melrose. Unexpired non-perishable items left at the following locations will be delivered directly to A Servant’s Heart Food Pantry:

- Northern Bank & Trust (Franklin St)
- Melrose City Hall (Main St.)
- Milano Senior Center (W. Foster St.)
- St. Mary’s Parish* (Myrtle St.)
  *After the weekend services

**Contributing Organizations**

In addition to individual assistance, the Food Pantry relies heavily on the support and donations of many civic organizations, including:

- Churches
- Small businesses & Offices
- Public & Private schools
- Childcare centers
- Senior Centers & Veterans groups
- Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts
- Sports Clubs

Please contact us if you would like more information about how your organization can help.

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A Servant’s Heart
FOOD PANTRY

About the Pantry

The Servant’s Heart Food Pantry was born out of a desire to serve and assist struggling families in the city of Melrose and the surrounding communities. In 1996 the first food was distributed from a broken down three-shelf bookcase in the basement of the church to just 5 families.

Over time word spread and the number of families who frequented the food pantry grew. Ten years later there were nearly 70 families receiving food each month. What began with a few volunteers and a bookcase of food has now grown to countless hours of volunteer assistance and many more shelves of food. Today the pantry supplies food regularly to over 150 families.

We rely solely on food and financial donations to meet the needs of those in the greater Melrose community, and we’re staffed completely by volunteers. In 2002 St. Mary’s Church partnered with Faith Church in this endeavor and has consistently supported with volunteers and food on a weekly basis.

The name, “A Servant’s Heart” accurately depicts the attitude of service embodied by the donors, volunteers, and coordinators. The desire to serve needy families stems from a desire to share and show God’s love as it has been shown to us.

At a Glance...
- Started in 1996
- Over 150 families served regularly
- Monthly Community Dinners
- Over 70 holiday baskets distributed

How to Donate

Donations of unexpired non-perishable food items are always welcome. Regular needs consist of canned soups and stews, vegetables, pasta and sauce, macaroni and cheese, cereal, tuna, peanut butter/jelly, and snacks. We also accept paper goods and hygiene items. Donations can be dropped off most weekdays, but we would prefer if you call to arrange a drop-off time.

We also welcome creative giving opportunities organized by individuals or local organizations. Please call if you have interest in supporting the food pantry in this way.

How to Volunteer

Occasionally there is a need for one-time volunteer assistance for special events and food drives. If you are interested in being contacted about potential volunteer opportunities, please call 781-662-8226.

...meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the Melrose Community