

## **The Shepherd's Pantry**

Windham, NH

The Shepherd's Pantry is a joint outreach of Windham Presbyterian Church and St. Matthew's Catholic Parish of Windham. A host of volunteers fill the cabinets in the WPC kitchen each week with food from the New Hampshire Food Bank, community donations and weekly donations from local merchants. The pantry is open Monday mornings from 9:30-11 and provides food and personal hygiene items. New families should be Windham residents. In 2013 the pantry averaged over 100 family units each week.



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### **History:**

The Pantry originated through the efforts of Laura Marcille and Sue Kling in 1991. About 2005 the pantry established its own 501c3 status. The aim has always been to provide food to families who need it with no strings attached. There are no requirements to be met, other than living in the southern New Hampshire region and having a need for food.

At various times the pantry volunteers have also offered free winter coats, used clothing, Christmas toys for children, Easter baskets, conversation and prayer, blood pressure checks, flu shots, and activities for children who are waiting with their parents. In recent years it has been limited to food only.

### **Support:**

WPC provides volunteers for the pantry and also makes its facility available every Monday morning, year round, covering costs such as heat and custodial services. The Shepherd's Pantry is very well supported by the local community and has not had any unmet financial needs in recent years.