

Annual Report 2024



The Mission

Virginia Schrantz opened her heart to Fort Wayne's poor. Beginning in 1960, her home on South Hanna Street became known simply as "Miss Virginia's" to those she helped with food, clothing and shelter. She inspired greater community involvement from churches, schools and other organizations to help with her mission of serving all who were in need. Still operating from her little home, Miss Virginia's Food Pantry provides meat, eggs, fresh fruits and vegetables, breads, and canned goods to those who come to our door, regardless of race or creed. All assistance is provided with a spirit of giving in the example set by Virginia Schrantz, who taught that "Everyone – without exception – is our neighbor."



Accomplishments

Miss Virginia's Food Pantry 2024 Accomplishments

In 2024, Miss Virginia's significantly advanced its mission to combat food insecurity in Fort Wayne, including in its food deserts, prioritizing low and moderate income residents.

Key achievements include:

- Community Garden: Volunteers planted and grew guest-preferred vegetables in 24 container beds, supplementing the Balanced Nutritional Food Program (BNFP)
- Winter Coat Closet: Donated hats, coats, and gloves were collected and effort launched in winter 2024 to provide these to guests
- Health and Community Partnerships established: Biweekly HIV/Hepatitis C testing with Positive Resource Connection; monthly literature distribution with Allen County Public Library, and explored needle drop-off with Allen County Triad
- Partnered with several organizations on their food drives, which resulted in the pantry receiving 18,312 pounds of non-perishable food and personal hygiene items
- Addition of a second walk-in cooler for fresh produce
- Purchase of a new truck, principally funded by a grant from McMillen Foundation
- Completion of our new parking lot, with funds from many donors

Financial Summary

2024 Profit & Loss Summary

Revenues

Donations from Individuals	126,990
Donations from Businesses & Organizations	33,004
Grants	203,559
Investment Income	18,615
Total Revenues	382,168

Expenditures

Program Expenses	237,637
Administrative	21,485
Building, Equipment, & Grounds	20,933
Utilities	16,040
Total Expenditures	296,095

Net Revenue	86,073
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Programs Expense Ratio	80.3%
Purchased Food Expense	185,407

2024 Statement of Financial Position

Assets

Cash	180,702
Land & Building	183,870
Fixed Assets	348,456
Total Assets	713,028

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	2,335
Total Liabilities	2,335

Total Equity	710,693
Total Liabilities and Equity	713,028

Funding Acknowledgements

***The Balanced Nutritional Food Program is partially supported
by the following friends who each gave \$10,000 or more.***

*Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne
Cathy Fitzgerald Charitable Foundation
St. Mary Mother of God Heritage Fund
St. Joseph Community Health Foundation
Vincent and Lois Tippmann Charitable Trust
McMillen Foundation
Many others who wish to remain anonymous*

Miss Virginia's Food Pantry 2024 Operational Summary

Total visits individuals served:	54,512
Total Unique Guests served:	6,680
Total Household members benefitingserved:	20,600
Total pounds of food distributed:	730,000
Total pounds of food donated:	418,782
Total pounds of food purchased:	294,377
Average volunteers per week:	60



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