

Mission Statement

“Engaging and Empowering Families and Community with Love, Compassion, Faith and Support.”

What is the Sharing Place?

The Sharing Place is a material assistance program, The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) participant, and Gleaners Food Bank Pantry Partner providing free food and clothing to families in need in Lawrence Township. Located inside the Lawrence Township Community and Education Center, the Sharing Place is staffed by volunteers recruited from the community and local churches.

The Sharing Place Food Pantry is a program of the Foundation for Lutheran Child and Family Services, a 501(c)3 charitable organization.



Who We Serve

The Sharing Place serves individuals of all ages in the following Marion County ZIP codes:

46216 46218 46219 46220 46226
46235 46236 46250 46256

Clients are eligible to receive food once a month and are eligible for an additional visit on the second Saturday of each month. Food assistance services do not require a referral, but do require proof of residence at each visit, such as a piece of mail or current government issued ID.

How You Can Help

The Sharing Place accepts monetary donations and gifts-in-kind. Cash donations are used to purchase food through local partnerships and to cover day-to-day operating costs involved in keeping the food pantry open to the community. The Sharing Place purchases food at cost from Gleaner's Food Bank, which sources food and coordinates delivery to Pantry Partners in Central Indiana.

The Sharing Place also accepts donations of pantry staples, like canned food and dry goods, and even fresh food from many of our friends' gardens!

In addition to fresh food and pantry staples, The Sharing Place accepts donations of lightly-used clothes, shoes and coats for children from infancy to 18 years of age.

Volunteer at the Sharing Place

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Sharing Place! Volunteers are always needed to stock shelves, shop with clients, and pick up food from area grocery stores and food banks. If you have a heart to help hungry Hoosiers, please contact Phil May to learn more about volunteering opportunities at the Sharing Place. Send him an email at: sharingplace@lutheranfamily.org

Additional Outreach Programs

Ready, Set, Learn! is a back-to-school program which provides two school uniforms to children from low-income households referred by their social worker.

The Schneider National Carriers Thanks-Give-Away: Each Thanksgiving, Schneider National Carriers purchases non-perishable, traditional Thanksgiving food, and uses our Chapel and network of social workers to give food to families in need.

The Christmas Store is a Christmas assistance program by referral during which individuals are given the opportunity to “shop” for Christmas gifts for their families.

The Emergency Diaper Dispensary (TEDD) provides diapers to families in need. Diapers are distributed by referral only and must be picked up by the referring social worker.

Operating Hours

Monday
10:00am-3:00pm

Tuesday
4:00pm-8:00pm

Thursday
10:00am-3:00pm

2nd Saturday of Each Month
10:00am-1:00pm

Volunteer shifts begin a half hour before open



Sharing Place Shopping List

These items are always needed!

- Canned Fruit/Vegetables
- Canned Fish/Meat
- Pasta/Sauce
- Rice and Beans
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Toothpaste/Brushes
- Feminine Hygiene
- Laundry Detergent
- Toilet Paper
- Diapers (size NB-6)

Donations may be dropped off at the Sharing Place during the hours of operation listed on this brochure. The Sharing Place is located at:

The Lawrence Education and Community Center (Door 5)
6501 Sunnyside Road
Lawrence, IN 46236

After hours donations may be dropped off at the LCFS Campus at 1525 N. Ritter Avenue.

Other Lutheran Child and Family Services Programs

Lutherwood - A Secure, residential treatment facility for boy and girls aged 6 to 18 years, who are of traumatic events and require a secure, 24/7 treatment setting. Lutherwood features an on-site school for residents accredited by Indianapolis Public Schools, a gym and a courtyard for recreational activities.

IMPACT - Secure, residential therapeutic treatment for teen female survivors of sex trafficking.

Emergency Shelter Care - A 24/7 safe haven for up to 16 boys and girls aged 13-18 who require temporary shelter from abusive or unsafe home situations.

Trinity House - a non-secure group home for boys aged 16-21 learning independent living skills and completing highschool or a GED.

Community Based Services - A referral based counseling service for families in their homes and on-site for domestic violence, substance abuse and parenting skills counseling.

SEED (Spiritual Engagement, Education & Development) - An open and inclusive spiritual growth program for residents and staff of LCFS of any faith or tradition.

The Sharing Place is in partnership with and supported by:



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