



# Fort Wayne Pet Food Pantry, Inc.

## "Keeping Pets at Home with Their Families"

*We provide pet food at no cost to pet owners who are struggling financially and cannot afford to feed their pets.*

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### December 2017

#### 2017 Stats

This year we have served:

6,302 pet owners	13,620 pets	52,349 pounds of dry pet food
12,313 cans of pet food	1,249 pounds cat litter	1,067 volunteer hours

#### Donation Site Contest

There have been some significant shifts on the leader board this month! The pet store and pet business who collect the most dry pet food for July-December will receive a free lunch! Drop off a donation today at your favorite business to help feed them and local pets! Here are the standings so far:

#### Pet Stores:

PETCO - 1429 pounds  
 Pet Supplies Plus Coldwater - 884 pounds  
 Pet Supplies Plus Stelhorn - 827 pounds

#### Pet Businesses:

St. Joe Vet - 1,464 pounds - they've taken an amazing lead after a very successful food drive this month!  
 Dupont Vet - 446 pounds  
 Pink Poodle - 380 pounds  
 Pine Valley Vet - 254 pounds

#### Helping Pets of the Homeless- (submitted by John Lantz)

Each week I deliver dog food to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission. Chef Shawn Hanks distributes the food to those who are homeless with a canine companion. These companions are like family for those individuals who live on our streets. Chef Shawn works full time at the Rescue Mission kitchen to prepare hot meals for those in need. He has been part of the Rescue Mission for almost 4 years. He always greets me with a big smile and says "Thank You Brother" when I leave. We are so grateful for Chef Shawn's help getting dog food to those who desperately need it. Shawn and his wife are big animal lovers - They have 4 dogs.

#### Interested in joining one of our committees?

**Fundraising Committee** - We are building a Fundraising Team for 2018. This committee will handle grant applications as well as exploring other opportunities for funding our remarkable growth! Our next meeting is Wed. Jan. 31 at 5:30pm. Whether you have experience or not - contact Board President John Lantz at - [jlantz72@hotmail.com](mailto:jlantz72@hotmail.com)

**Marketing Committee** - Our objective is to get FW Pet Food Pantry more well-known in our community in an effort to attract more volunteers and more donors. Developing marketing campaigns, TV/radio spots, a speaker's bureau, newsletters, and event flyers are just some of the items we will work on. Creative ideas are welcome! Meetings are in the evening on the 4th Thursday of the month. Our next meeting is Thurs Jan 25 at 6:30pm. If you are interested in seeing if the Marketing Committee is the place for you, please contact Randi at 609-7501.

**Event Committee** - is gearing up for their first meeting! If you have a background in event planning or are interested in planning events for FW Pet Food Pantry, please contact Ashley at [info@fwpetfoodpantry.com](mailto:info@fwpetfoodpantry.com). We would love to have you on our team! Our next meeting is Mon. Jan. 22 at 6:30pm.

**Volunteer Spotlight - Celeste Langmeyer** (submitted by John Lantz)

Last month I had the pleasure of working our booth at the NE IN Kennel Club Dog Show with Celeste Langmeyer and her social worker Christina Nelson. Celeste is part of the Easter Seals Arc program for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

“She’s sweet and thoughtful, has a great memory, and is always determined to see things carried out,” says Christina. Celeste has volunteered many times over the past several years at our Saturday distributions. She also works at Easter Seals Arc. It’s always a fun time to work with Celeste. If you tease her, She’ll tease you right back!

Thank you, Celeste, for all you do to help keep pets at home with their families!

**Wish List – CANNED DOG FOOD IS OUR GREATEST NEED**

**You can donate pet food from home and have it shipped to us using our Amazon Wish List at this link**  
<http://smile.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/3AKQIT2H417W6>

**Or Items can be placed in our donation bins at the following local businesses:**

- H.O.P.E. for Animals Clinic - 1333 Maycrest off Lake Ave.
- Pet Supplies Plus - Coldwater Rd by JoAnn Fabrics
- Pet Supplies Plus - Stellhorn Rd. by Target
- PETCO - across from Glenbrook
- Pine Valley Vet - Coldwater Rd
- The Pink Poodle - Covington Plaza
- Flying Colors Canine Academy - 5200 Industrial Rd.
- A Bark Above - N. Clinton in Washington Square
- St. Joe Center Vet - St. Joe Ctr Rd & Maplecrest Rd.
- Dupont Veterinary Clinic - 11605 Coldwater Rd
- New Haven Pet Hospital - Hwy 930 across from Hall's
- Willow Creek Crossing Apartments – Lower Huntington Rd
- The Dog House Grooming Salon & Spa - 429 Seminary St. in Roanoke

**Thank You for Your Support this month!**

- Indigo Lace Collective and Flying Colors Canine Academy for coordinating a Christmas photo shoot fundraiser!
- Both Pet Supplies Plus locations for hosting our Angel Tree pet food drive
- Valbruna Steel
- Community Harvest
- St. Joe Center Veterinary Hospital

**Our Angel Trees are up at Pet Supplies Plus stores!**

Thanks so much to Pet Supplies Plus on Stellhorn and Coldwater for hosting our Angel Tree Pet Food Drive again this year! When you are out doing your holiday shopping, please consider purchasing a pet item to be placed under our tree. Be an Angel and help a local pet in need! Trees will be up through January 3.

**Pet food distributions at H.O.P.E. for Animals Clinic**

On the following Saturdays from 11:00am-noon at 1333 Maycrest Dr.  
December 30                                      January 13, 27                                      February 10, 24

Thanks so much to John Lantz, Randi Ginder, and Ashley Spranger for their contributions to this month's newsletter! I look forward to including more submissions from our volunteers and board in future issues. I think it will provide you with greater insight into our organization and our team's passion for keeping pets at home with their families!

On behalf of everyone at Fort Wayne Pet Food Pantry, Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,  
*Pam Tracy*  
Founder/Director

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*Please remember Fort Wayne Pet Food Pantry in your estate planning.*