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## Fort Wayne Pet Food Pantry

### Scoops News



*December 2020*

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FW Pet food Pantry Community,

#### WE MADE IT!

We made it through 10 months of an ongoing pandemic, economic crisis, an uncertain future and an increased demand for our services, and we did it because of the support from volunteers, donors and incredible community support! Please give yourselves a round of applause, because WE are cheering for YOU!

Although our hard work and dedication is not over, we were able to provide pet food to almost double the families we served in 2019!

Fort Wayne Pet food Pantry had a humbling Giving Tuesday reception in the beginning of December, raising over \$10,000 for our mission!

We had a blast doing Holiday Pet Portraits with [Bambi Guthrie Photography](#)! We also were very humbled by the generosity of [Flying Colors Canine Academy](#), [Indiana Auto Auction](#) and Pet Supplies Plus locations in Fort Wayne, for their donation drives on our behalf! [Public Service Credit Union](#) made a festive donation on our behalf, thanks to an email campaign from our Board of Directors! We were fortunate to be chosen for a contribution from the Artemis Mills Foundation by a nomination by Katie Hartford, paid by The Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne. A generous contribution from The Trust of Jack Ewing graced our desk, as well. The work our volunteers are doing is being noticed in our community, and we are beside

ourselves with humbled smiles. We love our volunteers and the work they do keeps pets, in Fort Wayne and the surrounding areas, safe and at home with the families that love them. We are deeply thankful to our new friend, Luke Funk, and his family for adopting us and offering their kindness to our pet clients.

This year, in 2021, we are focused on continuing the positive impact we are making, strengthening our community relationships and bonds and looking forward to meeting the new challenges and needs we see with our neighbors we are serving. Officially we are adding 125 distribution opportunities to our schedule, and we are incredibly happy about helping more pets in the coming months!



We have lots of updates throughout our newsletter for more ways to stay involved and to help us keep pets at homes with their families!

[LIKE](#) our Facebook page for real-time updates.

Because of YOUR support, we have been able to help as many families as we can, and we are so deeply grateful for all of your kindness and generosity. We are a volunteer operated organization, funded by the generosity of our community. Your

support means the world to us.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our mission,

Rochele Watson  
Executive Director

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## 2020 Stats:

5,365 families served  
17,682 pets fed

76,517 pounds dry food  
19,223 cans of food

2,372 volunteer hours  
5,515 pounds cat litter



## Gratitude and Thanks!

### THANK YOU

A HUGE "Thank You" to all the donors that donated in 2020!

You ALL saved thousands of pets by keeping them fed and saved and at home!



We are still struggling to keep up with a financially strained pet owner population, if you

can find a way to help a bit, or need more information, [CLICK our Link Tree!](#)

### Thank You for Your Support!

- Kelli Southern- State Farm Agent
- Rich's Auto Center
- Fort Wayne Pit Bull Coalition
- Walmart at Chapel Ridge
- Pet Supplies Plus
- Animal Care & Control
- New Haven Pet Hospital
- Waynedale News
- Pet Wants Fort Wayne
- Kroger
- Pink Poodle
- Fort4Fitness
- Luke Funk Wealth Management



## Emergency Hours

We will be at our home at 2502 Church Street, EVERY TUESDAY 4:30-5:30

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### Volunteer!

Volunteer for our [Monday Night Bagging Events](#)

Volunteer for [Saturday Morning Distributions](#)

Masks are required, no volunteer groups larger than 3 people.

**So many ways to help keep pets at home!**

[LINK TREE- one stop info and donation links](#)

**PayPal** - Set up a recurring monthly donation for any amount. <https://www.fwpetfoodpantry.com/>

Shop on **smile.amazon.com** and Amazon will donate a % of your sales back to us! You can buy stuff for yourself, or from our Wish List and have it shipped to us. Click [HERE](#) for our **Wish List**.



### ADDED!

We know you love [Chewy](#) and we're proud to announce we now have their site included as a donation stop! Click the blue CHEWY to donate!

**Kroger Community Rewards®** makes donating easy... all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! Enroll here [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards) and link your card to FW Pet Food Pantry #AB345 under your Account Settings.

**Woof Trax** - Don't just take your dog for a walk... Take your Walk for a Dog! Download the Woof Trax app, and support Fort Wayne Pet Food Pantry every time you walk your dog.

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**EVENT DATES and**

**Other Fundraisers:**

Our next event is  
an early spring online auction  
**DETAILS COMING SOON!**

[TinCaps Fundraiser](#)

Choose Fort Wayne Pet Food Pantry as your charity to support!

**Fort4Fitness**

We are optimistic and SO looking forward to our events this year!

Typically, Fort4Fitness registration for the Spring Cycle and the Fall Festival opens January 1. Because the Fort Wayne TinCaps' 2021 schedule has not yet been finalized, we will be waiting until March 1st to open registration. Keep checking social media and our website for updates!

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## Wish List

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 you can drop off food donations at these locations:

Miss Emily's Pet Salon -301 Airport North Office Park

Pet Supplies Plus - all locations

Pine Valley Vet - Coldwater Rd

Pink Poodle - Covington Plaza

St. Joe Vet - Maplecrest & St. Joe Center Rd.

Flying Colors Canine Academy - 5200 Industrial Rd.

Dupont Veterinary Clinic - 11605 Coldwater Rd.

New Haven Pet Hospital - 227 State Road 930 West

Zach's Pet Services - 3335 E 850 N in Roanoke

Aboite Animal Hospital - Illinois Rd.

Waynedale Grooming Salon - Lower Huntington Rd.

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## Pet Food Distributions

FIRST and THIRD Saturdays of every month from 10am to Noon  
Every Tuesday from 4:30-5:30.

[EVENT CALENDAR](#)

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On behalf of everyone at Fort Wayne Pet Food Pantry, Thank you for helping to keep pets at home with their families!

Sincerely,  
*Rochele Watson*  
Executive Director

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