

BUILDING UP PANTRIES, SUPPORTING FAMILIES

Investing in health, dignity, and long-term change in our local food systems



More than

30,000 PANTRY VISITS

take place every month in Greenville. That's equivalent to the entire population of the City of Simpsonville turning to food pantries for support every 30 days.

WHY PANTRIES MATTER MORE THAN EVER

In Greenville County, food insecurity is not an occasional crisis—for 67,000 residents, it's a persistent reality. As our region grows, rising housing costs, limited public transportation, and stagnant wages are stretching household budgets to the breaking point.

Many families now depend on food pantries not just in emergencies, but as a regular part of how they feed their families on an ongoing basis.

To truly meet the needs, pantries need more than food. They need strategies that improve the way they serve people, not just what they offer. That means having updated guidelines, strong partnerships and training, and resources like refrigerators, shelving, signage, and space design. These system-level changes make healthy food easier to access and help ensure that support is consistent, dignified, and built to last.

REDESIGNING THE PANTRY, STRENGTHENING THE SYSTEM

In 2024, LiveWell Greenville's Food Security Coalition launched the Healthy Food Pantry Initiative—a strategy to move beyond emergency food aid toward health-promoting, sustainable systems of support.

Over a six-month training program, LiveWell Greenville engaged with nine local pantries to cover best practices, such as client-choice models, nutrition labeling, and culturally relevant donations. They also explored strategies like “nudging and bundling”—grouping fresh ingredients with simple, healthy recipes to encourage better food choices.

With support from the Hathaway Family Foundation, LiveWell Greenville was able to provide participating pantries with technical assistance and funding to bring these ideas to life—investing in cold storage, shelving, signage, and other infrastructure upgrades. **The result is more than updated equipment; it's a reimagined experience of care, built around dignity, choice, and long-term health.**

We are deeply grateful to the Hathaway Family Foundation for investing in what lasts and for believing in the power of systems change to strengthen families and nurture our community.



Each of the following pantries received incentive funding and technical assistance to implement healthy food access strategies. Investments included cold storage (freezers and refrigerators), shelving, signage, and other infrastructure supplies to support long-term systems change.

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