



**LAKEVIEW
PANTRY**

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It's been quite a year. Take a look back at the highlights of 2020 with us!

1 Lakeview Pantry turned 50!



2 We responded to a global pandemic.

We immediately modified our food distribution model to pre-packaged boxes of groceries without skipping a beat, serving more than 150,000 individuals this year.

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We opened a temporary location at Wrigley Field.

Thanks to the Cubs and the Ricketts family, this location accommodated more clients while allowing our staff and volunteers the space to safely distance.

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...And once baseball returned, we moved to another temporary space in Avondale.



Starting in November, this location also served as a food distribution site one day a week, with drive-up and walk-up options available.

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The Online Market expanded for more days at more pickup sites.

Plus, we started piloting offsite pickups in North Lawndale, Uptown and Andersonville to reach more of our neighbors. Thanks to the Thierer Family Foundation, this program has allowed us to continue our traditional client choice model during the pandemic and is serving 600% more individuals per week.

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Our first ever virtual fall fundraiser was a success.



Not only did we exceed our fundraising goal of \$250,000, the virtual event—broadcast from Wrigley Field—went off without a hitch!

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More than 2,500 new volunteers joined our crew!

Volunteers at Lakeview Pantry do the work of approximately 59 full-time staff members. We pivoted to virtual volunteer orientations in March.

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The Lakeview Pantry team grew even bigger.



We hired 12 temporary staff to assist with the increase in demand at the height of the pandemic, in addition to 14 new hires and 8 interns throughout the year.

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We partnered with 52 community groups to host pop-up pantries throughout Chicago.

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The Feed It Forward program helped address restaurant layoffs and hunger.



In partnership with Cubs Charities, the Lavin Family Foundation's "Feed It Forward" program invested \$145,000 into five Chicago restaurants and delivered 14,000 meals to our neighbors who needed it most via seven nonprofit organizations.





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We added a commercial box truck to our fleet.

With our new box truck (and driver!), we can transport 4x more food than any of our vans.

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The Fresh Market at La Casa Norte expanded.

In addition to providing monthly groceries three days a week, this location in Humboldt Park now offers a weekly fresh produce pickup option.

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We increased our emergency grants program.

These one-time financial grants were doubled to serve those affected by COVID-19.

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Elected officials supported us by volunteering.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot, First Lady Amy Eshleman, Senator Dick Durbin, Congressman Mike Quigley, State Senator Sara Feigenholtz, State Representative Margaret Croke and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle visited us to volunteer and cheer us on.

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We hired our first ever full-time therapist at our Sheridan Market.

Our team pivoted to telehealth to provide safe, socially distant mental health and social services.

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We're expanding our mental health counseling program with the City of Chicago's support.

Through this grant, we will have therapy offices with licensed clinicians at our Avondale and La Casa Norte locations to provide free services to individuals.

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Our Home Delivery program hit record numbers.

Bringing food to seniors and those who could not otherwise access our services, our Home Delivery program continues to set new records, making more than 7,600 deliveries this year.

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Hunger continued to make headlines.

Lakeview Pantry lent our voice to the unprecedented hunger crisis our community is facing in many different media outlets, including CNN, The Guardian, Chicago Tribune and more.



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We spread seasonal cheer with our annual holiday toy drive.

Contributions to the Vincent Babiarz Memorial Toy Drive helped us bring holiday cheer to our neighbors.

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You supported and inspired us.

Thank you to our donors, volunteers and community members who helped make all this possible! We couldn't fight hunger and feed hope without you.

