

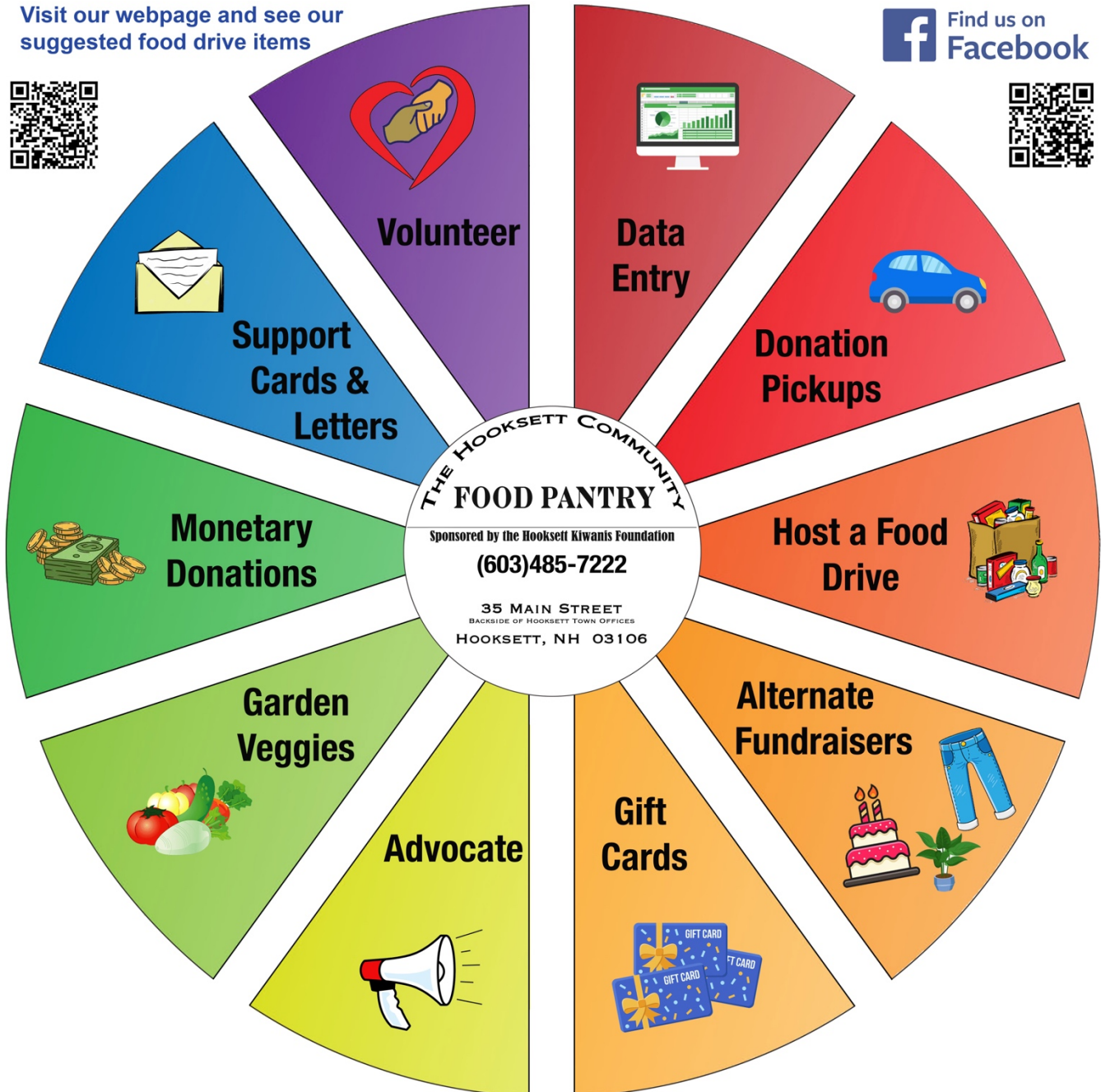
HOW Can I HELP/WHAT Can I DO To Get INVOLVED With The HCFP?

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suggested food drive items



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All support to the HCFP helps to continue the mission to help those of the Hooksett community who are food insecure by providing food items- thereby enhancing the quality of life in our community.

In March 2008, The Hooksett Community Food Pantry (HCFP) commenced with commitment of the Congregational Church and its parishioners, Holy Rosary Church and its parishioners, Hooksett Boy & Girl Scouts, and several community volunteers. Over that first year, clients using the services of the HCFP increased significantly which led to outgrowing of the available space. Effective October 1, 2009, the Hooksett Kiwanis Foundation, took sponsorship of the HCFP as a long-term community service project. The HCFP was relocated from the Congregational Church basement to a dedicated space at the Hooksett Town Office building as part of an Eagle Scout project. The pantry continues to be organized and operated by community volunteers. The HCFP is a 501(c)3 community project of the Hooksett Kiwanis Foundation

VOLUNTEER

Help sort and date check food at community food drives.

Sign up for 3 training shifts and then fulfill regular pantry shifts where you'll receive donations, sort foods, stock shelves, pack orders, setup appointments, and distribute foods.

VOLUNTEER +

Volunteers also help with donation and food order pickup, monthly reporting, special projects, and the HCFP operations committee.

ALTERNATIVE SUPPORT

We have seen many unique ways to support the HCFP including:

- Dress down day donations
- Birthday food collection vs gifts
- Foods/monies in lieu of flowers
- Drive by food drives
- Hooksett Scouting monthly meeting food collections
- Growing / Selling plants
- Yard sales/craft sales donations
- Event Admission
- Bake Sales
- Cram A Cruiser

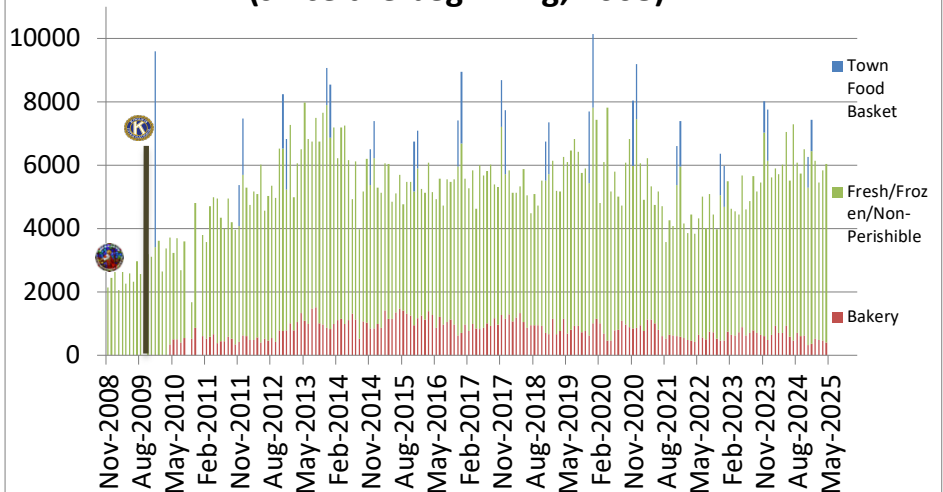
Since 2008, the HCFP has distributed over 1 Million food items. In 2024, HCFP distributed over 84,188 food items to our Hooksett neighbors with the community's support and our many dedicated volunteers. The 2024 year found us giving approximately 3,129 hours and recording 1,770 appointments, hosting an average of 81 adults and 41 children. We additionally provided over 100 Hooksett families with food baskets in November and again in December. The Hooksett Food Pantry service distribution increased 25% over 2022 and 7% over 2023, trends that are similar nationwide.

ADVOCATE

Word of Mouth is the best tool to connect community members with food needs to the HCFP. We so often hear, "I didn't know Hooksett had a food pantry" despite numerous articles, a Facebook page, being generously hosted at the Town Hall Building, and food collection bins located at the Hooksett Library, Shaw's Supermarket, Market Basket, Hannaford, Holy Rosary Church, Hooksett Congregational Church, and the Town Hall lobby.

*Treating everyone
with compassion
and
confidentiality,
assuring all clients
are regarded with
the utmost care
and respect
possible.*

Monthly Food Distributed by HCFP (since the beginning, 2008)



FOOD DRIVES

There are 2 National Food drives that support the HCFP; US Postal Carrier Stamp Out Hunger in May, and Scouting For Food in November.

Other food drives occasionally occur at Hooksett Schools, at local clubs and organizations, within businesses, and in community neighborhoods.

The HCFP accepts non-perishable foods, fresh and frozen foods by appointment, gift cards for local grocery stores, and cash/checks to make food purchases and to pay operating expenses.

The HCFP cannot accept medications, drugs of any kind, or alcohol. The pantry has paths to pass along baby supplies, toiletries, pet foods, and large commercial size non-perishable items.

GARDEN VEGGIES

The HCFP can accept and distribute your surplus garden produce. Drop it off at the food pantry during volunteer hours.

MESSAGES OF HOPE

The HCFP accepts cards and notes of support to be shared with those needing encouragement.