

OUR MISSION

To activate people in being alert to the needs of others and to be proactive in encouraging faith, showing friendship and meeting tangible needs of neighbors, friends and strangers regardless of race, religion or ethnicity.

*"Ruby's is such a blessing to so many people. It spreads the message of hope and fills bellies. Thanks for heeding the call." **Christina***



COMMUNITY

Ruby's Pantry could not exist without the hard work of dedicated volunteers at each of the Pop-Up Pantry sites. These volunteers work to ensure that families have the broadest selection of foods and goods possible.

If you are interested in learning more about Ruby's Pantry and becoming a Pop-Up Pantry site or volunteering at a Pantry, please contact us.



RUBY'S PANTRY

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As hundreds of people gather in churches or other locations, they have one thing in common - they are gathering to get food at a Ruby's Pop-Up Pantry! With a helping hand, the people gather with a feeling of dignity and enjoy the friends they meet.

ABOUT US

Founded in 2003, Ruby's Pantry serves over 440,000 people each year and distributes over 16,000,000 pounds of food.

Currently there are 66 Pop-Up Pantry locations across Minnesota and Wisconsin. Each Ruby's Pop-Up Pantry location is hosted by a sponsoring church and run entirely by volunteers.

Ruby's Pantry, a 501 C3 non-profit, has a rich heritage as a community outreach program. Inspired by Ruby A. Flodin, she taught us that people are worth more than things.



Ruby A. Flodin
1911 - 2000

WHAT WE DO

Our program is simple. We are not government funded and a majority of our operating costs are derived directly from those who participate in the program. Each guest donates \$20 per food share. Of the \$20 donation, \$18 goes directly to Ruby's Pantry for operational costs like trucking, gas, warehouse and staff. The remaining \$2.00 per share remains in the local community to be used for benevolence and is administered by the local Sponsoring Church. It is often used for emergency help to local families including utilities, gas cards and personal care items.

Anyone who eats qualifies and there are no income or residency requirements.

FOOD SOURCES

More than 185 companies donate food and household products to Ruby's Pantry. The generous support by all of our food and produce donors makes it possible to reach more families than ever before. The variety of products donated is also instrumental in providing a balanced, nutritious offering for our guests.



DISTRIBUTION

Pop-Up Pantry's are held on various days throughout the week including some Saturdays. You will find Pop-Up Pantry's taking place in as many as 6 communities on a given day. Each site, can vary in participation, from 150 to 500 families and is held once each month.

Most Pantry sites have at least 50 volunteers to help with unloading trucks, setting up, passing out the food and getting the food loaded into participant vehicles. Each family leaves with an abundance of food.