

- Yes, I would like to help the Thing 1•2•3 Foundation support the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry's new Community Food Pantry to more effectively address hunger needs in our community.



Contribution Amount: \$ _____

- Credit Card:
The easiest way to donate using a credit card is to visit the EYFP website at www.EYFP.org and click on the How to Donate tab. This site will provide instructions on how a donation can be made with a credit card via PayPal. Please be sure to reference the Thing 1•2•3 Community Challenge Grant.

- Cash or Check
Make checks payable to Elmhurst Yorkfield Food Pantry, reference Thing 1•2•3 Community Challenge Grant.

- Please send me information about volunteering opportunities at the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry.

Name: _____
 Organization: _____
 Address: _____

 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Please enclose with your contribution & mail to:

Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry
 Attn: Capital Campaign
 1083 S. York Road
 Elmhurst, IL 60126



EYFP is a registered 501(c)3 not for profit community based organization. Thank you for your support in the fight against hunger.



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Community Challenge Grant Benefitting
 The Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry
www.thing123.org

Thing 1•2•3 Foundation's Community Challenge Grant

To Benefit the
 Elmhurst Yorkfield
 Food Pantry

**YOU DO KNOW
 SOMEONE
 WHO IS
 HUNGRY!**



HUNGER IS RIGHT HERE

We all know someone who is hungry right now, but we probably do not know who they are. Hunger is as silent epidemic, affecting 1 in 6 people in our area. Food pantries such as the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry help families, including children in our community bridge the meal gap and avoid having to go without nutritious food due to their limited resources. And this need is growing significantly.

EYFP HAS BEEN HELPING HUNGRY NEIGHBORS FOR OVER 30 YEARS

Since 1983, the Elmhurst Yorkfield Food Pantry (EYFP) has been providing food to help the hungry in our community. Originally starting as a ecumenical mission, the EYFP has evolved into a community based, not-for-profit organization with a increased reach help more families across the eight communities it serves: Addison, Bensenville, Berkley, Elmhurst, Hillside, Lombard, and Oak Brook.

- In 2013, the Pantry provided food to almost 3,900 familes who visited the pantry once a month. This was an increase of 38% from the year before, and 15% of these families had never visited the pantry before.
- In this period the EYFP distributed over 290,000 pounds of food to these families
- An average of almost 100 volunteers per month donated 7,000 hours to help their neighbors.

The Pantry continues to be a valuable community anchor for both people in need, and their neighbors who genuinely want to make a difference in these peoples' lives. For more information, please see their website at EYFP.org

HOWEVER, THE EYFP'S CURRENT FACILITY CANNOT MEET THE GROWING NEEDS OF YOUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS

The Pantry's ability to assist the growing numbr of hungry neighbors is severely limited while the number of people in poverty continues to rise. While it has access to more food, the EYFP has reached its capacity at its current facility. This presents a roadblock to helping more hungry people.

The current facility, located in the basement of a cottage on York Road, lacks adequate space for food storage, volunteer and client access, no disability access, and offers limited capability to provide help with the dignity our neighbors

NEW EYFP COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

The EYFP has developed plans for a new facility to accommodate the needs of hungry people in our community for years to come. With increased storage, more dock space, and improved volunteer areas, this efficiently-designed facility will increase the ability to serve its clients, with dignity and safety. This 2,500 squre foot facility would replace the current 700 square foot cottage basement in relatively the same location. With ADA access, an indoor client waiting room, increased space for food storage, as well as indoor unloading and sorting space, the new EYFP Community Food Pantry will be a place that meets the needs of the growing numbers of hungry neighbors for years to come.



THING 1•2•3 FOUNDATION

Since 1999, the Thing 1•2•3 Foundation has focused on meeting the needs of children in our community. Based in Elmhurst, its mission is to provide support and resources to organizations improving the lives of children and their families by working with strong service providers on the front lines of these efforts. The EYFP as a key partner is helping the support the nutritional needs of in our local communities.

COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT

The Thing 1•2•3 Foundation is committed to helping eliminate hunger in our community. The Community Challenge Grant, benefitting the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry, matches donations made by businesses, and community/social organizations supporting EYFP's new Community Food Pantry.

Thing 1•2•3 Foundation will match \$1.00 for every \$2.00 donated by these groups to this project. The Foundation's goal is to donate \$100,000.00 in matching funds through this grant.

PLEASE GET INVOLVED AND HELP

Hungry people in our community need your support to make this project possible, Your help will make a difference in the lives of hungry neighbors. Please join the Thing 1•2•3 Foundation in helping the EYFP meet the needs of hungry people in our community.

Please visit the EYFP online at www.EYFP.org and like them on Facebook under Elmhurst/Yorkfield Food Pantry.

