



The Neighborhood Table ■ P.O. Box 512 ■ Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495 ■ (715) 422-1980 ■ www.theneighborhoodtable.org

Our mission is to reduce hunger in our community, improve quality of life for our residents and create awareness of needs that exist in our community.

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Another mobile food pantry comes to Wisconsin Rapids October 26th

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. – The Neighborhood Table, a free community meal program, and the South Wood Emerging Pantry Shelf (SWEPS) have partnered for the eighth time since April of 2015 with Feeding America of Eastern Wisconsin to bring another mobile food pantry to Wisconsin Rapids. Each mobile pantry provides a total of about 12,000 meals for residents in the community. The event will take place in the south parking lot of the United Methodist Church, 441 Garfield Street, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Wednesday, October 26, 2016.

This mobile food pantry will be handled the same as the other pantries held this year: Participants are to:

- Preregister by selecting an available time slot at <http://www.theneighborhoodtable.org> or call 715-422-2050 weekdays between the hours of 8:30 am to 11:30 am.
- Show proof of south Wood County residency via a current driver's license or recent utility bill.
- Qualify for any of the various food assistance programs such as SNAP/Food Share/Quest, free and reduced lunches, WIC, etc.
- Participants are asked to bring sturdy containers for the food they will be given.
- On day of event, participants should come to the pantry **no earlier** than their confirmed time slot. This is to avoid traffic congestion that has occurred in the past.
- Those who come to the pantry without being preregistered will be turned away and asked to come back after 4 pm to get food if it is still available.

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We share not only a meal, but also an atmosphere of hospitality and mutual respect.

Details of this and future mobile food pantries are promoted on [The Neighborhood Table's Facebook page](#), www.theneighborhoodtable.org and the Facebook page of [SWEPS of Wisconsin Rapids](#). It should be noted this will be the last mobile pantry for this year. TNT and SWEPS are working to secure funding sources for pantries to be held 2017.

About The Neighborhood Table

The Neighborhood Table (TNT) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 charitable organization with the mission to reduce hunger, improve the quality of life and create an awareness of the needs that exist in the Wisconsin Rapids community and surrounding area. The organization was formed in late 2003 and has grown to serving approximately 20,000 meals annually on 75 meal dates. TNT meals are served every Thursday and the last two Tuesdays of each month. More than 115 different groups, businesses and clubs in the area sponsor TNT meals.

Core volunteers of The Neighborhood Table carry out the meal/soup kitchen program by offering a free meal to anyone in need. Meals are served from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the United Methodist Church of Wisconsin Rapids, 441 Garfield Street, Wisconsin Rapids. Take-out meals are available on Thursdays only by calling 715-422-1980. TNT's Board of Directors guides the organization's efforts through its Operations Manager. The program serves the communities of Wisconsin Rapids, Nekoosa, Port Edwards and surrounding areas in central Wisconsin. To learn more about TNT, available volunteer opportunities, or to make a donation, please visit www.theneighborhoodtable.org.

About the South Wood Emerging Pantry Shelf

The South Wood Emergency Pantry Shelf began in 1975 as a nonprofit organization to provide food to area residents in emergency situations. It has been generously supported by members of the community and the First Congregational Church, 311 – 2nd Street South, Wisconsin Rapids. The organization grew to serving approximately 4,000 people annually with volunteers provided by local churches.

In the fall of 2015, the SWEPS board approved the reorganization and move of SWEPS in order to better meet the need for food in the South Wood County area. Effective November 16, SWEPS became known as the South Wood Emerging Pantry Shelf and now operates at 331 – 12th Avenue South, Wisconsin Rapids. Routine days and times of operation are: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 12 noon to 4:00 pm, and Tuesdays from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Those interested in volunteering for SWEPS should send a request to swepsfoodpantry@solarus.net. Updates about SWEPS can be found on its Facebook page under SWEPS of Wisconsin Rapids.

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