

*The*  
SECOND  
PLACE  
PANTRY

# DIGNITY & WORTH

of every person

2025 Annual Report



# Our Mission

The Second Place Pantry exists to help the Downtown Little Rock community experience greater food security and cultivates a dignifying space for neighbors through their power to choose.

# Our Vision

The Second Place Pantry envisions a thriving Downtown Little Rock community where every person has adequate access to food and opportunities.







# A word from Preston

Throughout his ministry, Jesus fed people as a way of proclaiming the Good News of the Reign of God. It's difficult for empty bellies to belong to full hearts, keen minds, and deep souls. This is the purpose behind The Second Place Food Pantry.

It is an effort to love our nighest neighbors, many of whom deal with food insecurity. It is an effort to address the prevailing hunger crisis in the state of Arkansas, especially in these days of benefit cuts. But above all, it is an expression of the Good News of Jesus, whose love tends the sick, welcomes the outcast, and feeds the hungry. We serve so many different kinds of food in our Food Pantry, but all of it, ALL of it, in a way, is bread and wine.



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Rev. Dr. Preston Clegg  
Pastor of Second Baptist Church Downtown

# A word from Kevin

The Second Place Pantry is not only a place where people get food, but it is a place where our neighbors are seen, valued, and called by name. The relational aspect of our service is so important as many people in our community are often looked down upon. This is why our client-choice model is so important. We want people to have access to dignifying services that affirms their full humanity- which includes the ability to choose. Thank you for being a part of our story.




A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin'.

Rev. Kevin Pranoto, LMSW  
Associate Pastor of Social Work at Second Baptist Church Downtown





# Grand Opening



On October 16, 2025, The Second Place Pantry opened its doors to our Downtown neighbors after months of listening sessions and community assessments. Downtown Little Rock is considered a food desert, and it was clear to us that a client-choice food pantry was needed to help senior adults and disabled downtown residents easily access food.

The Issue:

**1 out of 5**  
adults in Pulaski  
County are food  
insecure.



Serving the  
**72201**  
**72202**  
**72206**  
ZIP code areas





### How people help:

- Direct client service
- Stocking shelves
- Holiday food drives
- Collecting hygiene items
- Administrative projects

Learn more & get involved at:  
[2bclr.com/food-pantry](http://2bclr.com/food-pantry)



Providing fresh  
produce, fresh  
dairy, breads,  
frozen meats, and  
shelf-stable food.



people served:  
**693** households  
**1,160** individuals





# OUR

## Choice Food Pantry

The Second Place Pantry is one of the few client-choice pantries in the State of Arkansas that provides clients with the ability to choose their own groceries. Not only does this provide our clients with a dignifying experience, it also helps reduce food waste!

**1,160** people received food services

More than **80,000** pounds of food distributed, worth ~\$143,000

Provided over **96,000** meals to the community

## Community Groups

Many of the senior citizens around our neighborhood live in isolation and without much social support. This year, we offered interactive small groups for social game time, learning coping skills, nutrition education, and practicing mindfulness techniques.

**27** participants in 2025

Partnered with Food and Allergy Research Education & UAMS

Facilitated by social work students





# IMPACT

## Partner Referrals

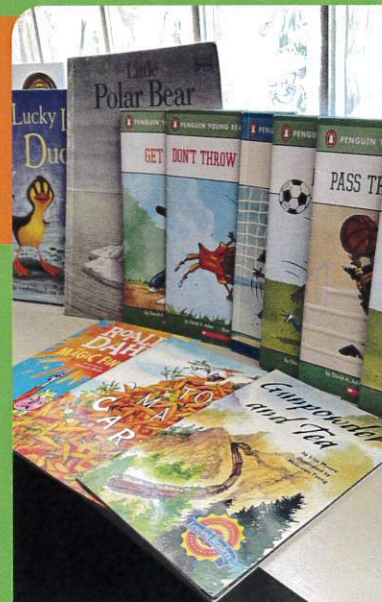
Many of our clients are in need of other resources in order to meet their basic needs, including affordable housing, clothes, and mental health services. We are happy to refer clients to the appropriate agencies to help meet their unique needs.

Resource directories are updated annually for accuracy  
Every person has the opportunity for access to information  
**More than 20** needs-specific directories are available for clients

## Free Library

Started by Abigail Hoisington, one of our former Master of Social Work interns, The Second Place Pantry offers clients with the opportunity to pick up a book for people of all ages. From picture books to adult novels, we offer everyone a chance to read.

Gently used books are donated by members of our community  
Various genres of books offered for people to keep and share







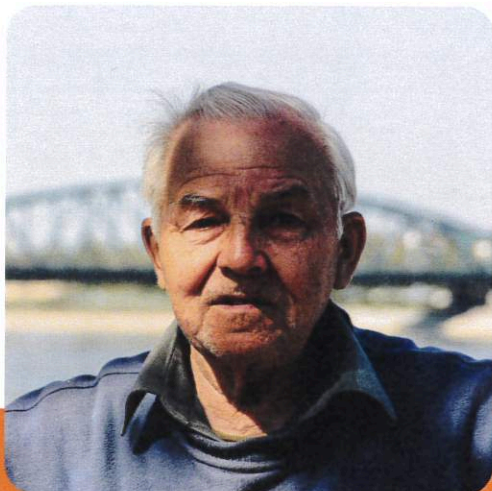


# ROBERT'S STORY

Robert found out about The Second Place Pantry during one of the outreach events at his apartment building. There he found out that a food pantry was going to open up right across the street from him. As a disabled man on a fixed income, Robert has found it difficult to make ends meet when it comes to paying the bills. Here is what he has to say about his experience at The Second Place Pantry:

"The Second Place Pantry has been a lifeline for me. It really has saved my life. I was really nervous when I first came to the food pantry, but everyone has been so nice and warm to me. I felt comfortable as soon as the person at the door greeted me. Everyone has smiles on their faces.

I've been to other food banks and pantries before and I am used to people just handing you something at the door. But it's very different here. There's a shopper who takes you around and asks you what you need. It's one of the more pleasurable and enjoyable experiences I've had at a place like this.



I am always glad when the pantry has chicken in the freezer. It's something easy to cook that I can eat. I also enjoy the variety of food that's here.

I've made a couple of friends at the food pantry which has been nice. This place means a lot to me."

\*The client's real name and picture have been changed to protect his identity.





# From our Volunteers

"I've been involved with food insecurity in Arkansas since 2010, mostly working with kids. But there is a population that is forgotten - seniors. In Arkansas, 17% of seniors are food insecure and at Second Place Pantry, 37% of our clients are seniors. They are vulnerable, often alone, and many have serious health issues. Second Place Pantry is an oasis for them - yes, they can get food, but they also get smiles, hugs, and hope. We begin every Wednesday with a reminder to see Jesus in every face we serve - it is truly my favorite day of the week!"

-Harriett Phillips

"The pantry is a very important and very tangible way of being who we are called to be. Each week I am blessed to be able to serve and fellowship with our neighbors. Each week I am inspired by the committed love of the others who serve there. Each week this ministry gives my life meaning. As we serve others, we serve God, discipleship is lived, and Christ becomes present."

-Bob Klutts

"The best thing about the food pantry is the people that you get to serve and it is a privilege to serve them. They are kind, considerate and funny. You get to know them and they are your friends. You can never have too many friends, can you?"

-Brenda Grandon

"It's all about being able to make a small difference in people's lives. To give something back to the community. I feel truly blessed for this opportunity."

-Stephen Grandon





# Volunteer Engagement

**55 volunteers**  
**2,743+ hours**

**Economic Impact**  
**\$95,456.17**



At The Second Place Pantry, volunteers help pick up food from the Arkansas Foodbank, sort food donations, conduct client intake assessments, help clients shop and more! During our first year, our volunteers worked hard to contribute over 2,700 hours of service!



We are grateful for the help of volunteer groups who engaged in our mission this year!

- Second Baptist Church Downtown
- 2BC Youth Group
- University of Arkansas Medical Sciences
- Mount St. Mary Academy
- eSTEM Public Charter School









# Volunteer of the Year

## Christine Harris

### Roles Served:

- Team Lead
- Stocking Volunteer
- Food Rescue Volunteer
- Welcome Desk
- Food Pantry Task Force Member

I am acquainted with food insecurity on a personal level. In 1964 I lost my father to cancer. I was 14 and the oldest child, and I was well aware of my mother's struggle to raise five children alone on a tiny elementary school teacher's salary and a pittance of VA benefits. She always managed to keep us fed, but I often saw the fear and anxiety in her eyes as she tried to make her meager funds stretch beyond their capacity.

My heart aches for those who share that struggle in today's world, and I was overjoyed to learn I might be able to help relieve the burdens of some of them in some small way. The Second Place Pantry does not merely dispense food for the body. Every Wednesday morning, we dispense, compassion, friendship, dignity, and love. As we repeat with our pastor every Sunday, we "do it as if it's the most important thing in the world – because it is."



**520 +  
hours served**





# 2025

## A Model Pantry

Many food pantries around Central Arkansas have come to visit The Second Place Pantry to learn about and replicate our model so that they too can provide dignifying and empowering services in their community. We are proud to be a best-practice pantry!

"We have sent many other pantry leaders to visit Second Place Pantry to experience their full choice food distribution, and each time they leave inspired and motivated to make the switch from a traditional box distribution to a choice model."

- Austin Sublett, Arkansas Foodbank

## \$20,000 Grant!

The Second Place Pantry was a recipient of the Pulaski County Hunger Initiative grant in the amount of \$20,000 to provide fresh produce and protein to our Downtown neighbors. This grant allows us to consistently provide fresh food to our community.

"The Second Place Pantry transforms the experience of receiving food assistance into one rooted in dignity and respect. Neighbors are able to shop for items that suit their families' needs and cultural preferences, just as they would in a store. This approach helps build trust, reduces waste, and ensures that each visitor feels seen and valued."

- Samantha Collins, Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance





# Stories

## LRSD Partnership

In Summer 2025, Second Place Pantry helped provide over 120 bags of food for Families in Transition at the Little Rock School District. Summers are a challenging time for families since school is the main source of food for children.

"Food insecurity is always a challenge for families in LRSD struggling to meet basic needs. The food bags provided by the Second Place Pantry were a tremendous help and were deeply appreciated by the families we serve."

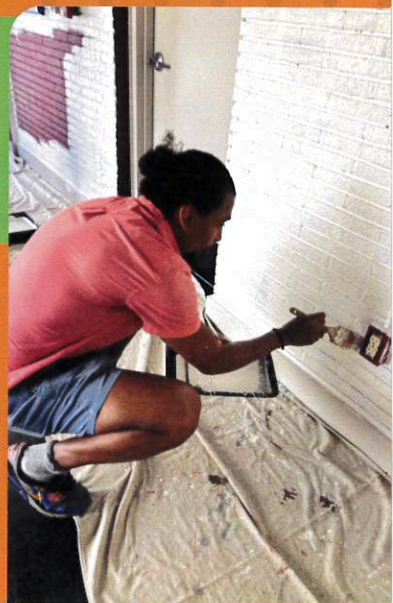
- Jana Hunter, Little Rock School District

## UAMS Day of Service

Medical students from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences donated time and energy at Second Place Pantry this summer. From refreshing the paint in our waiting room to helping deliver groceries to families, we are grateful for these students!

"It was really encouraging to see the residents of the medical school engaged in a community service project aimed at tackling food insecurity. Not only did the residents learn more about food insecurity in Little Rock, they helped us distribute food to families in transition and create a more welcoming waiting room through new paint."

-Kevin Pranoto, The Second Place Pantry











# Forthcoming Programs

## Food is Medicine

Our partnership with the Arkansas Foodbank will continue to deepen through the Food is Medicine program. We look forward to working with the Foodbank to discover new ways of partnering with local hospitals/clinics to further tackle food insecurity with lower-income populations.



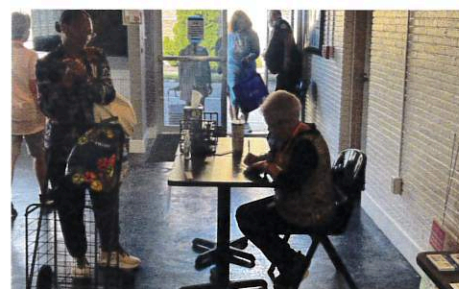
## Nutrition Pantry Program

The Second Place Pantry is dedicated to our community's health and will strengthen and expand our nutrition education offerings in 2026. Through nutrition classes, educational signage, and recipe cards, we hope to help lower the barriers to healthy eating.



## Trauma-Informed Practice

In 2026, our volunteers will receive continuing education on trauma-informed care aimed at providing culturally competent care for our community.







# Financials

FY 2025 Expenses

\$37,141.86

FY 2025 Revenue

\$88,634.58

FY 2026 Budget

\$65,985.77

\*The Second Place Pantry's fiscal year runs from October - September

In our first year of opening, we are proud to have raised over \$40,000 through the procurement of grants and personal donations. We are grateful for a successful fundraising year in FY 2025 that will help us make building modifications to become more ADA accessible. We strive to be good stewards of the resources given to us. Thank you for making this possible.

Over **90%** of our finances are invested directly into our client services.





# Our 2025 Partners

Our partners include corporations, churches, hospitals, neighborhood associations, foundations, and other nonprofits. We are grateful to have the support from financial partners and collaboration with program partners. They provide budget support, volunteers, and programmatic support to continue striving toward our vision of a thriving Downtown Little Rock.

## Financial Partners



THE  
**SECOND  
SERVING**  
Foundation



Arkansas  
**HUNGER**  
—relief—  
**ALLIANCE**

**UAMS**  
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS  
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Foundation**

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Foundation**

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COST PLUS SUPERMARKET



ARKANSAS  
**FOOD  
BANK**

## Program Partners

**POTLUCK**  
FOOD RESCUE FOR ARKANSAS

**Panera**  
BREAD

**FEEDING  
AMERICA**



Arkansas  
**HUNGER**  
—relief—  
**ALLIANCE**



ARKANSAS  
**FOOD  
BANK**



SECOND  
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DOWNTOWN  
Little Rock, Arkansas



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# 2026 Strategic Goals

- ★ The Second Place Pantry will achieve Gold-Certified Pantry status through Leah's Pantry, which indicates trauma-informed practices and nutritious food priorities.
- ★ The Second Place Pantry will increase its volunteer base by 20% in 2026 in order to meet the growing needs of the community and strengthen organizational partnerships.
- ★ The Second Place Pantry will increase its SNAP outreach by providing monthly opportunities for clients to receive assistance applying for government benefits.
- ★ The Second Place Pantry will recruit 16 new recurring donors at \$25/month to help raise \$5,000 annually.
- ★ The Second Place Pantry will provide quarterly nutrition education classes at the food pantry and in the community in collaboration with dietitians and other healthcare providers.



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Downtown Little Rock



We rely on donors like you to sustain our  
budget and services. To give now, please visit  
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