

WELLSTON UPDATE



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HAPPY NEW YEAR! THANKS FOR A GREAT 2025

As we reflect on 2025, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the contributors who make the Wellston Center's mission possible. Your generosity, time, and continued belief in our work have played a vital role in strengthening our community throughout the year.

Because of your support, the Wellston Center was able to serve and support hundreds of families in 2025 by providing essential resources, stability, and hope during times of need. One of the highlights of the year was our annual **Christmas Club**. The event was a great success through overwhelming community generosity which allowed about 240 families to experience an extra meaningful Christmas.

In November, reductions to SNAP benefits led to an increase in visits to our food pantry.

Many supporters stepped up during this time to help cover the additional need, allowing us to continue serving families without interruption and ensuring that no one was turned away.

We are **grateful for your commitment and trust**, and we look forward to continuing this work together in the year ahead. Thank you for being an essential part of the Wellston Center and for helping us make a meaningful difference in the lives of so many.



New Hours!

For 2026, St. Augustine Wellston Center is adjusting its weekly hours of operation. The Center is now open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from **8:00 AM to 12:00 PM (noon) every week.** *(See online calendar for specific closures.)* Both the Food Pantry and Thrift Store will share these operating hours.

Having the Food Pantry and Thrift Store operate on the same consistent schedule helps reduce confusion and makes it easier for families and volunteers to plan their visits. This simplified approach allows the Wellston Center to focus more time and energy on serving the community during open hours.

Visit **wellstoncenter.org** for specific closures or events that may alter hours of operation.

EVENTS COMING IN 2026

Looking ahead in 2026, we are excited to offer new and returning opportunities for our community to get involved with the Wellston Center. **For this spring season**, we are planning a Trivia Night fundraiser designed to bring supporters together for an evening of fun, friendly competition, and meaningful impact. Stay tuned for details in the coming months.

In the fall, plans are brewing for a gala-style fundraising event that will celebrate our mission while raising support for the work we do throughout the year. Stay tuned!

Alongside these new events, we remain committed to hosting our long-standing annual programs such as Christmas Club and Thanksgiving, which provide essential support and joy to families during the holiday season. We invite our supporters to stay connected, participate, and help make 2026 another impactful year for the Wellston community.

We have updated contact information and our calendar for 2026.

Please see our website for information!

Mailing Address:

**PO Box 11693
Saint Louis, MO 63105**



PARTNER SPOTLIGHTS

The organizations featured on this page have provided meaningful support that strengthens St. Augustine Wellston Center's services.

Archdiocese of St. Louis

We are grateful for the continued support of the **Archdiocese of St. Louis** and their shared commitment to serving those in need. Their partnership helps strengthen our mission and ensures families in the Wellston community have access to vital resources and support throughout the year.

Community Impact Network

The Wellston Center extends great thanks to the **Community Impact Network** for their ongoing collaboration and dedication to community care. Their support plays a meaningful role in expanding our reach and helping us respond to the needs of local families.

Cambridge Air Solutions

We would like to thank **Cambridge Air Solutions** for their continued partnership and support of the Wellston Center. Their involvement helps strengthen our operations and allows us to better serve our community in a welcoming and reliable environment.

Duke Manufacturing

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to **Duke Manufacturing** for their generous support of the Wellston Center through recent infrastructure upgrades. Their contribution has strengthened our facility and helps ensure we can continue serving our community in a more efficient and welcoming environment.

TSI Global

We thank **TSI Global** for supporting the Wellston Center's food pantry expansion. Their contribution increased cold storage capacity, allowing us to distribute more fresh food to families in need while reducing overall project costs. Their continued support has made a meaningful impact on our ability to serve the community.



Email wellstoncenter@gmail.com to learn how your organization can support our efforts.

Our goal is simple: Eliminate food insecurity

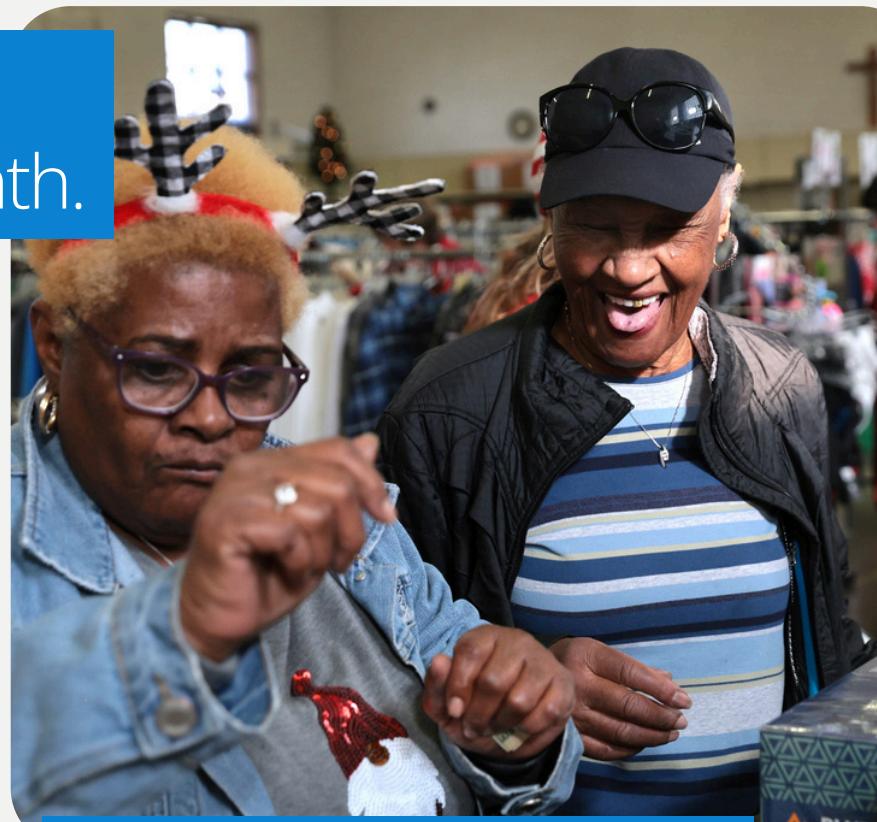
Serving the **63133, 63120, 63121, and 63112** ZIP Codes.

One week of food,
per person, each month.

We Provide

Each person in a family receives a weeks worth of food.

Guests receive non-perishable and shelf-stable goods, along with frozen meat, cheese, eggs, milk, cured meats, bread, produce, and some household cleaners like detergent.



About

We serve an area with some of the highest rates of food insecurity in Missouri.

The US Census estimates around 25% of residents in our ZIP Codes of service are food insecure.

Local organizations estimate the rate may be closer to 33%.

10,000 homes are food insecure; our goal is to reach as many of these families as possible.

Support Our Work

Food prices are increasing and we are serving more families each month.

The need has only grown in the aftermath of the tornado. Please consider supporting our mission!

**To connect with us please email:
wellstoncenter@gmail.com**

**We are located at:
1705 Kienlen Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63133**

Please reach out to us if you are interested in volunteering!

A NOTE FROM ANDREW



As we move into 2026, we are excited about the updated hours of operation that will help us serve our community more effectively. We are always grateful for those who give their time, and we encourage anyone interested in volunteering this year to reach out and get involved.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Wellston Center throughout 2025, and as we look ahead, we hope to build even greater support in the year to come as we continue this important work together

Andrew Diemer

Executive Director

Looking Back & Forging Ahead

Over
\$150,000
Raised to combat
Food
Insecurity

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO
HELPED, VOLUNTEERED,
DONATED IN 2025!**

What It Takes to Feed over 100 Families a Week



Volunteers gathering hundreds of pounds of food from local groceries



Sourcing health and fresh food from nationwide distributors



Donors like you!



A Thrift Store Open Four Days a Week



50 Regular Volunteers