

JULY 2026

578

Member families served

80%

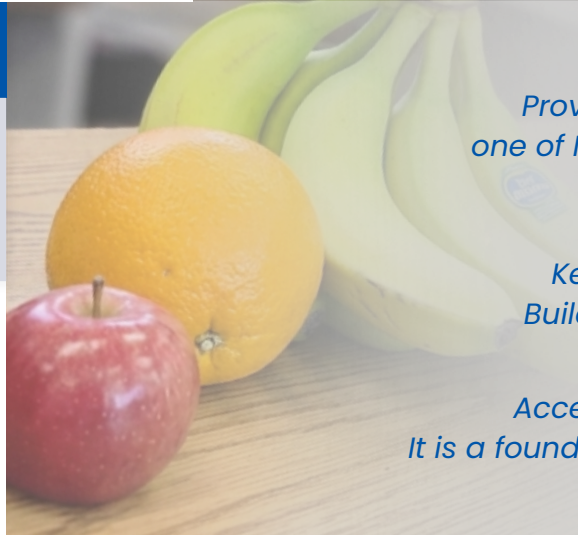
Returning
families

20%

New
families

747

Children
served



WHAT WE DO

Provide 5-7 days of food to members in one of Missouri's most food-insecure areas

HOW WE DO IT

*Purchasing our own food
Keeping reliable and consistent hours
Building relationships with our members*

WHY WE DO IT

*Access to healthy food is not a privilege.
It is a foundation of human dignity and stability.*

STORIES FROM THE COMMUNITY



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: *Ann Lucas*

When Ann retired, she could have spent more time gardening, traveling, or relaxing with family. Instead, she chooses to spend part of her week at the Wellston Center, welcoming shoppers and lending a hand in the Thrift Store.

Over the past three years, Ann has become a familiar face to volunteers and members alike. In recognition of her dedication, the Wellston Center recently presented her with a gift card to Laughing Bear Bakery. The moment was less about the gift itself and more about recognizing the difference she makes through her faithful service.



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT:

Annual Catholic Appeal

Special shoutout to the ACA for their continued direct support of the Wellston Center's mission.

Learn about how they support the Wellston Center on page 2.



UPCOMING EVENT:

Fashion a Future without Hunger

Thursday, November 5th, 6:00 to 10:00 PM

Join us for an elegant evening featuring both a live and silent auction, open bar, and hors d'oeuvres. All proceeds from this ticketed event directly support the Wellston Center.

fashionafuture.givesmart.com



Thank You Annual Catholic Appeal!

At the Wellston Center, feeding people is about more than putting food on a table. It is about recognizing the dignity of every person who walks through our doors. We often think about our work in terms of both charity and justice. Charity means providing food because people need it. Justice goes a step further. It means believing that everyone deserves the chance to sit down with their family and share a meal. That belief shapes not only what we provide, but how we provide it.

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) helps make that work possible. Its support allows the Wellston Center to serve a part of Missouri with some of the highest concentrations of food insecurity, while also supporting the way we choose to address that need. Our goal is not simply to move people through the pantry as quickly as possible. We put care into offering a menu with healthy variety and consistency, recognizing that food insecurity often comes with the challenge of stretching limited household resources. Giving Members choices and dependable access to food is one way we work to honor their dignity.

The ACA has also stood beside the Wellston Center during especially difficult moments. About two years ago, it provided emergency funding at a time when the organization greatly needed support. That kind of stewardship has helped the Center continue serving the community while staying true to its mission. We are grateful for a partner that supports not only where we serve, but also the values that guide how we serve.

A Home Full of Hospitality

When Jeanna Kuhlmann saw a need for baby and feminine products at the Wellston Center, she stepped up to help fill it. She began reaching out to local retailers she knows, looking for better deals and ways to keep these essential items stocked for the people who need them.

Then the donations started showing up at her own front door. Diapers have already been delivered to Jeanna's house, which is beginning to look a little like a small diaper bank. By opening her home, using her connections, and giving her time to organize these efforts, Jeanna is showing what hospitality can look like in action and how one volunteer can help make the Wellston Center more welcoming and prepared to serve.



Thank You to the Martha's!

The Wellston Center is grateful to the St. Martha Giving Circle for a generous \$15,000 grant in support of our mission. By bringing women together to pool their resources and support organizations across the Archdiocese of St. Louis, the Marthas show the impact that community and generosity can have. We are beyond thankful to be among the organizations they have chosen to support.

