

AUGUST 2026

634 

Member families served

80%

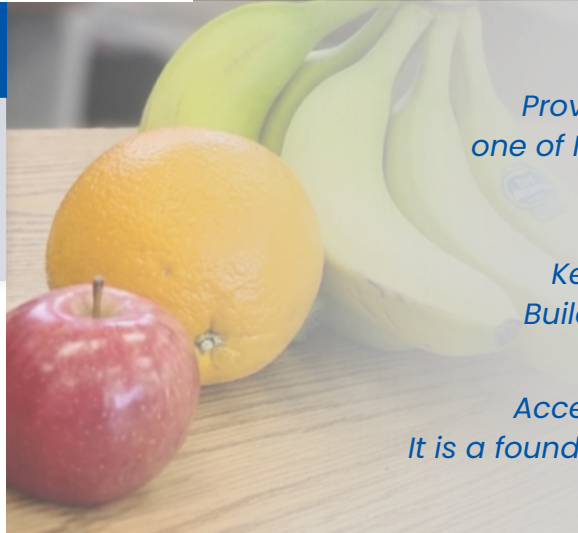
Returning
families

20%

New
families

819

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



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: St. Joseph – Manchester

For over a decade, St. Joseph Parish in Manchester has faithfully collected donations for the Wellston Center, sending a steady supply of everyday necessities our Member families can use. Once a month, every "Giving Sunday," parishioners contribute nonperishable foods, canned goods, diapers, toilet paper, toothpaste and other household essentials.

It is the kind of support that can be easy to take for granted because it has become so dependable. But at the Wellston Center, that consistency matters. These regular donations help keep our shelves stocked and allow us to provide families with necessities that extend well beyond the food pantry. We are deeply grateful to the parishioners of St. Joseph Manchester for making the Wellston Center part of their tradition of giving. After so many years of faithful support, a simple "thank you" hardly seems enough, but it is one we are always happy to say.

UPCOMING EVENT:

Fashion a Future Without Hunger

Thursday, November 5th

Join us for an elegant evening featuring both live and silent auctions, open bar, hors d'oeuvres, and fund-a-need. Guests are encouraged to wear cocktail attire. Come support the Center whilst having a fun evening! The event runs from 6:00 to 10:00 PM.

[*Click to learn more.*](#)

Help Stock the Wellston Center!

Each category below links to its own list with different options for that specific need. Simply click a category, choose an item, and help support the member families we serve.

- [Cereal](#)
- [Feminine Hygiene](#)
- [Incontinence](#)
- [Diapers](#)



Backpack Program

For many families, getting ready for the first day of school means checking off a long list of supplies. At the Wellston Center, Roseanne Burgoon and Ellen Gooden help make sure local students can walk into class with everything they need.

Roseanne, one of the Center's key volunteers, works alongside Ellen to prepare fully equipped backpacks for students in the community. This year, together they prepared an incredible 700 backpacks, each carefully packed to meet the specific supply requirements of the school district that student attends. From notebooks and folders to pencils and other classroom essentials, the goal is simple: make sure every student is prepared from day one.

Preparing 700 backpacks takes plenty of planning, organization, and care behind the scenes, and Roseanne and Ellen make it happen. Their work helps take one expense off a family's plate while giving students the confidence of arriving at school ready to learn. We are grateful for the time and dedication they give to making the backpack program possible.

Our Lady of Lourdes – Clayton

This summer, students from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish brought an incredible spirit of service to the Wellston Center. They spent time working alongside our volunteers, helping with the everyday work that keeps the Center moving and gaining a firsthand look at what it means to serve a community with care and compassion. Seeing young people willingly give part of their summer to help others was especially meaningful, and their enthusiasm was a reflection of the strong culture of service Our Lady of Lourdes continues to foster.

That spirit of generosity is part of a much larger relationship between Our Lady of Lourdes and the Wellston Center. The parish is also the home of some of our most dedicated and longest-serving volunteers, and each Christmas, its food drive helps provide holiday meals for our Member families. We are deeply grateful for a partnership that has stood the test of time and continues to bring new generations into the joy and responsibility of serving others.



St. Peter – Kirkwood

St. Peter Parish in Kirkwood continues to be a wonderful partner in the Wellston Center's mission. Throughout the school year, students visit the Center at least once a month for service field trips, giving them the opportunity to work alongside our volunteers and see firsthand the impact that service can have on a community.

That commitment extends beyond their visits, with St. Peter also supporting the Center through occasional donation drives that help stock our shelves and meet the needs of our Member families. We are grateful for a parish community that continues to give its time and resources while helping young people discover the value of serving others.

The Wellston Center is excited to host students from both OLOL and STP this school year and form them in service.

