

WELLSTON UPDATE



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THANKSGIVING

CHRISTMAS
CLUB

NOVEMBER — 2025



Photos from our recent Food as Art Fundraiser. See page 6 to read about the event.

CENTER'S ADDRESS TO SNAP UNCERTAINTY



Starting in November, millions are set to lose government assistance for food, leaving many, especially those in our very own community, unsure where to find their next meal.

Because of this, the Wellston Center will be allowing families to pick up food at the pantry now twice a month.

Our Efforts

Many of the families we serve will be affected by the loss of food stamps.

In Missouri, over 650,000 people received government assistance for food, and many of those live in the zipcodes we serve.

While traditionally, families could only visit the Wellston Center's food pantry once a month, **families are encouraged to come twice this November.**

Help Needed

Doubling the amount of visits at the food pantry means that the Wellston Center is looking more than ever for community support.

The Wellston Center is collecting additional food items to support more families, as SNAP benefits have ceased. Please consider donating or volunteering to help us serve an increasing number of families in this critical time.

Urgently Needed Items:

- Canned foods of all kinds, especially canned chicken and tuna
- Fresh milk and eggs
- Fresh/frozen meat products

Email us at: **wellstoncenter@gmail.com**

Volunteers needed on:

Tuesday & Wednesday from 7:30 -10:00 a.m. or Fridays from 9:00 - noon

Please SCAN
to DONATE



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DROP-OFF TIMES:

- **Tues & Wed: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM**
- **Fridays: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**Please deliver all donations to:
1705 Kienlen Ave. St. Louis, MO 63133**



NOVEMBER EVENTS

Thanksgiving

This November holiday is about gratitude and community care.

For the Tuesday before Thanksgiving from 7:30 - 10:00 a.m., the Wellston Center will be handing out Thanksgiving Meal Boxes to those who qualify. This will not count as a normal monthly visit.

Meal box will include: turkey, eggs, milk, stuffing, and other Thanksgiving meal items.

Thrift Store

The weather is finally chilly — make sure to have a coat!

In one of its best deals of the year, the thrift store has winter coats for \$1.

We have updated contact information and our calendar for 2025.

Please see our website for information!

Please note that our PO Box has changed:

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

Christmas Store

In less than 1.5 months, Christmas comes to the Wellston Center!

For two joyful days, the Christmas Club offers a holiday-store-experience of brand-new, unopened gifts of toys, clothing, and household items, able to be purchased at an affordable cost. Please help the Wellston Center usher in the holiday spirit of giving and community.

Donate:

- Household Favorites
- Toys & Family Fun
- Warm & Wearable (All Ages)
- Linens & Comfort
- Gifts & Personal Care
- Holiday Extras

Drop off:

Bring donations to the Wellston Center at 1705 Kienlen Ave, St. Louis, MO 63133.

Volunteer:

- Help set up the CLUB on Dec. 9-12 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Work the store on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm or Sunday, Dec. 14 from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Please SCAN to see our VOLUNTEERING opportunities:



We need your help:

32nd Annual Christmas Club

*A program helping families
celebrate the holidays*

Join the St. Augustine
Wellston Center by
volunteering or donating
items for the store.

For more
information:



Email wellstoncenter@gmail.com with questions



Food as Art

Last week, the Wellston Center hosted its largest fundraiser in its program history, raising a record amount of money.

In night full of art, music, and well-crafted food, the event — Food as Art — will be most remembered for the outpouring of generosity and support for the mission of the organization. **The event raised over \$150,000 and over 200 people came to support the event.** That amount of money raised and attendance proves that the Wellston's Center work is sincerely valued by the community.

Thank you to all who attended the Food as Art benefit and contributed to helping the center continue.



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



Thank you to Giddo Simon Ministries for their generosity in providing produce for the Wellston Center food pantry. Their continued support helps ensure that families in our community have access to fresh food each week. We're grateful for their partnership and dedication to serving those in need.

We're always in need of helping hands to continue serving our community, especially as recent SNAP cuts have increased demand at our pantry. If you're able to volunteer or donate, your support can make a real difference for families in need.

Andrew Piemer

Executive Director

Looking Back & Forging Ahead

Over

\$150,000

Raised to
combat
Food
Insecurity

**THANK YOU TO ALL
WHO ATTENDED
FOOD AS ART!**

What It Takes to Feed over 80 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