the COMMUNITY MARKET at St. Peter's by-the-Sea

With Your Support,
Serving Our Neighbors in Need

Who Do We Serve?

More than 300 people have turned to the Community Market in the past year to shop for themselves or their households, which on average include 2-3 individuals. Each Friday, the Community Market serves approximately 60 guests, providing essential food assistance for them and their households.

The need for food assistance is real and growing in Narragansett and surrounding towns. Many of our guests are seniors or disabled; we also serve the working poor – families on very limited incomes. Over the past year we have begun serving the URI student population; food insecurity among foreign graduate students is a particularly unmet problem.

In the 52 weekly markets held each year, food assistance is provided to serve approximately 120 people each week; over the course of a year, that requires food to meet more than 6000 requests from our guests.

How Do We Do It?

The Community Market is extraordinarily cost-effective, with volunteers managing operations and running the weekly markets. Additional administrative work is provided by church staff at no cost to the Community Market. The church also donates space to store our food and serve our guests. The annual value of donated services and space exceeds $60,000.

We rely on generous donations from individuals, businesses, and foundations to fund food purchases. We also receive food donations from our community, most notably from the annual food drive of two local Boy Scout troops and from our relationship with the Rhode Island Community Food Bank.

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How Your Contribution Matters

With so many expenses being addressed through donations, the Community Market maximizes the impact of every dollar donated to support our work. With just $50,000 in cash contributions each year, we provide our weekly guests with a wide variety of non-perishable foods, meat, eggs, dairy, bread, and fresh fruits and vegetables, plus personal care and paper goods.



By consistently improving upon efficiencies and seeking high quality foods at discount prices, the Community Market serves our guests for a cost of approximately $25 for an average of 3 bags of groceries per week, which is about 1/3 of the retail price for those same groceries.

What Can You Give?

If you're unsure what to give, your donation of:

$25 will allow a guest to shop for their weekly household needs

$100 will provide a guest with groceries for their household for a month

$1,250 will support one guest for a year

$2,500 will support a household of two people for a year

Your gift, in any amount, is greatly appreciated and will be put directly to work to help feed our neighbors in need.

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