



Making Hunger History

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Glen Ellyn Restaurants Offer Convenient “Featured Family Feasts” in February

Donations for the Food Pantry will be collected at Each “Feast” Location

The Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce announces “**Glen Ellyn’s Featured Family Feasts**,” a restaurant meal program that will offer a calendar of complete dinners from local restaurants that will feed a family of 4-6. Each day of February will feature a different meal from a Glen Ellyn restaurant. The goal is to offer a convenient option for area families, expose residents to expanded dining options as well as create new business for local restaurants. A calendar will be published by the Chamber and is available at glenellynchamber.com/featuredfamilyfeast. While picking up their feasts, residents can drop off much needed cans of food which will be donated to the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry.

Restaurants in downtown Glen Ellyn as well as the Roosevelt Road corridor will be included in the program. Many offer delivery and curbside pickup. “Glen Ellyn has such a wide variety of restaurants and we’d love to help local families discover new favorites,” said Dawn Smith, Glen Ellyn resident and Executive Director of the Chamber. “Plus, this gives a boost of business to our restaurants that have been hard hit by the pandemic with the added benefit of giving back to those facing hunger.”

“We are thrilled to once again partner with the Chamber of Commerce,” said Laura Glaza, Executive Director of the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry and also a resident. “We see this as a true win-win for the community with the chance to enjoy a dinner from a local restaurant and help our neighbors.”

The Glen Ellyn Chamber has been very active recently to help sustain a thriving Glen Ellyn. Scarecrow Rows in October featured over 100 scarecrows lining the sidewalks of downtown. The first annual “Letters to Santa” brought families downtown for the new tradition of mailing a letter to Santa, with local organizations providing support to answer all letters personally. In February, the downtown will be festooned with custom heart shaped wreaths, individually decorated by local organizations and families.

The Glen Ellyn Food Pantry is in the home stretch of a capital campaign to transform its new home located at 55 N. Park Blvd., next to Faith Lutheran Church, with ground-breaking slated for the spring and move-in in the fall. The Pantry provided food to 800 new clients in 2020 because the pandemic

created increased need in the community. "Area residents have been so generous," says Glaza, adding, "Through formal food drives and individual donations of food, area residents have been so generous," Glaza said. The Pantry website and Facebook pages post an updated list of most needed items each week, and the website also has information about hosting food drives.

About the Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce

The Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce is a service and action organization, composed of members who invest in the economic, civic and cultural well-being of the community. Members help support the work of the Chamber, based on their resources, abilities and interests, with a broad scope of opportunities to serve. The Chamber is a not for profit organization 501(c) 6 that is wholly funded by membership dues and events. glenellynchamber.com

About the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry

The Glen Ellyn Food Pantry is an ecumenical endeavor of 14 Glen Ellyn churches that collaborate to "make hunger history" in central DuPage County, Ill. In 2020, the Pantry served thousands of neighbors more than 760,000 pounds of food. Communities serve include Addison, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Glen Ellyn, Glendale Heights, Lisle, Lombard, Warrenville, West Chicago, Wheaton and Winfield. The Glen Ellyn Food Pantry was founded in 1979 and is a registered 501(c)(3) organization, 100 percent privately funded through grants and donations. For more information visit www.GlenEllynFoodPantry.org or call 630-469-8668.

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