About The Pantry Appeal

Anglicare's Pantry Appeal is an annual appeal, which runs over the winter period throughout May and June.

Through the Pantry Appeal, Anglicare seeks donations of non-perishable food, essential living items and funds. The Pantry Appeal collections donations via volunteer-driven collections stalls at shopping centres and through partnerships with local schools, businesses, churches and community groups.



Why Does Anglicare Need To Collect Food?

In Australia...

More than

2.5 million

people live below the poverty line. That's 13% of Australians.. Nearly
18%
of children in Austra

of children in Australia live below the poverty line. Victims of domestic violence

are most at risk of homelessness and poverty.
Especially women + children.

In our community..

200

people come to Anglicare for emergency food and other assistance EVERY WEEK. 7,154

individuals and families recieved emergency relief assistance from Anglicare in the past year. 42,570

items, incluing food and toiletries, were donated to the 2016 Pantry Appeal

(Source: The Australian Council of Social Services)





What Should We Donate?

Throughout the Pantry Appeal we collect non-perishable food such as tinned foods, cereal, school snacks and long life milk. We are also collecting toiletries (including toothbrushes, soap, feminine hygiene products) and baby needs (including nappies, baby formula). A full list of suggested items has been included in the Dropbox link.



Where Do Our Donations Go?

The collected items go to one of two sorting facilities - St John's Care in Reid or the Anglicare facility at Holt Community Hub.

A team of volunteers sorts the donations at St John's Care in Reid and once sorted, many donations are distributed directly from St John's Care to those in need. The donations collected during the Pantry Appeal stock the pantry at St John's Care for nearly the whole year! Put simply, we couldn't help people in need without the generous donations received during Pantry Appeal.

Donations taken to Holt Community Hub are distributed to other services such as St Benedicts in Queanbeyan, Club 12/25 in Braddon and CYFSP (Child, Youth and Family Services Program) in Woden.

Anglicare also has a number of emergency food relief pantries in regional centres across NSW. When the pantry at any of those centres becomes critically low, we are able to use Pantry Appeal donations to meet the urgent need.

