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## JANUARY 2024 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Happy 2024! As we head into a new year, we at Delaware Township are reflecting on our accomplishments from 2023 and working on how we can even greater serve our community in this new year! We wish you a fantastic start to 2024 and all the months that follow!



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Pantry* 2023

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**EDGAR R. PIERCE ‘PARTNER IN SERVICE’ AWARD**

On Wednesday, November 29th, 2023, former Delaware Township board member Edgar R. Pierce passed away. Ed served in the United States Air Force for 21 years. He served as Delaware Township board member for 20 years. He was a friend to Delaware Township and will be dearly missed. Friends and family of Ed Pierce generously made donations to Delaware Township food pantry in lieu of flowers to serve in Ed’s memory.

Read Ed’s obituary [here](#).

At Delaware Township’s 200th Birthday Celebration, the Edgar R. Pierce ‘Partner in Service’ award was introduced. This award will be given to extraordinary partners of Delaware Township. On December 12th, 2023, Fritz Kreutzinger and Janet Walker received a ‘Partner in Service’ award. The plaque will be displayed in Delaware Township Government Center’s Kirkendall Room.



Edgar R. Pierce ‘Partner in Service’ Plaque, to be displayed In Delaware Township’s Kirkendall Room.



Ed Pierce’s wife, Dorothy Pierce; Board President, Rick Fain; Board Member, Marilyn Schenkel; Delaware Township Trustee, Debbie Driskell



Ed Pierce  
December 5, 1937 –  
November 29, 2023

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP 200TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION PHOTOS



Fritz Kreutzinger receives the Edgar R. Pierce 'Partner in Service' award from Delaware Township Trustee, Debbie Driskell



Janet Walker receives the Edgar R. Pierce 'Partner in Service' award from Delaware Township Director of Client Services, Beth Myers



GB Davis as Santa at Delaware Township's 200th Birthday Celebration



A Delaware Township volunteer and a guest working on a festive craft



DELAWARE TOWNSHIP 200TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION  
PHOTOS





**2024**

**MOST NEEDED ITEMS**

- Detergent, Shampoo, Bar Soap
- Applesauce, Crackers
- Mixed Veggies, Potatoes, Carrots,
- Beef Stew, Sloppy Joe Sauce
- Chicken/Beef Broth
- Boxed Potatoes
- Jello Mix, Pudding Mix
- Pasta Sauce
- Salad Dressing, Ketchup
- Oats, Instant Oat Packets
- Granola Bars
- Pancake Mix, Syrup
- Oil, Sugar, Flour

**WANT TO DONATE?**

Our office accepts donations Monday- Friday, 9am - 3pm.

Donations may be left in the Delaware Township Trustee's Office lobby, or vestibule if after hours. There are carts available upon request to transport donations from your car. If you prefer, call and we will bring your donation in for you! Feel free to contact the Trustee's Office for more information.

See regularly updated food pantry needs on our website, Facebook, and Twitter pages.

*Help us combat food insecurity!*

**DECEMBER 2023  
FOOD PANTRY NUMBERS**

The Delaware Township Trustee's Office Food Pantry is a donation based food pantry that serves residents of HSE School District (Delaware, Fall Creek, Wayne township).

In December 2023, the Delaware Township Food Pantry served over 337 individuals more than 4,497 pounds of food!

**Donate using our  
Amazon Wishlist!**



**INTERESTED IN HOLDING A FOOD DRIVE FOR OUR PANTRY?**

Call or email us for more information. We would love to partner with you!



*Thank you*  
To Our December Donors

JANET WALKER  
THE GARETT COMPANIES  
HARVEST FOOD BANK  
CATHY FRENCH  
ADVANCED TURF SOLUTIONS  
JEFF GARVEY  
NEW BRITTON ELEMENTARY  
EARLY BIRDS OF HOOSIERLAND  
REFERRAL RESOURCE PARTNERS  
DONALD & CINDY LAHR  
FISHERS RUNNING CLUB  
MUDSOCK QUILTERS GUILD  
HOLY FAMILY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
PRIMROSE FISHERS STATION  
FRITZ KREUTZINGER  
AMANDA HARTSELL  
NEIL & LAURIE OGLE  
WALT & DORENA BRIDEGROOM  
SHEILA HUNTER  
RALPH & EILEEN PETTY  
BILL & ROXANNE KEHL  
JEFFREY SCOTT PIGMAN  
REGENCY WINDSOR MANAGEMENT  
RIVERSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS  
TAYLOR PEARL  
JENNIFER MARRS  
OTHERS FIRST  
CHLOE A SOHM  
KIM WARGIN  
RIVERSIDE JUNIOR HIGH  
NEW BRITTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
HOLY SPIRIT AT GEIST  
RUTH DICKINSON



## SENIOR WISH TREE

Delaware Township Trustee's Office collected items for seniors who do not have family or may not receive any Christmas gifts. The Trustee's Office delivered the gifts on 12/20 to make these seniors holiday season a little bit brighter!

Thank you to all of those who donated using our Amazon Wishlist. Your generosity is appreciated! If you missed out on donating for this year's Senior Wish Tree, look for our call for donations again next year for local seniors.

# Delaware Township Food Pantry's 2023 Recap

2023 was Delaware Township Food Pantry's first full year of having an online click & collect system available for clients. Clients can choose the items they'd like to receive and their date & time for pick up on our website. This change was put in place to offer clients more convenience and to help the pantry keep up with increased usage. Paper order forms are still available for those that do not have access to the internet. We are excited for another busy year of serving those in our community!

## **AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED IN 2023:**

**71,095 lbs.**, which is **12,870** more than in 2022!

## **DONATIONS**

**42,852 lbs of donations received**, which is **1,610 less** than in 2022.

**612 donors**, which is **78 more donors** than in 2022!



UPCOMING MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION DATES

For more dates, go to: [gsnlive.org](https://gsnlive.org)



**Fishers**

**Date:** Friday, January 19th

**Time:** 4:00PM - 6:00PM

**Location:** Genesis Church Inc, 1702 Pleasant St, Noblesville, IN 46060

To find other food pantries in your area: [communitycompass.app](https://communitycompass.app)



Use Community Compass to find free groceries, free meals, SNAP stores, WIC stores, and WIC clinics. Enter your address into the search bar and you can filter using several different parameters (distance from address, open days, documents required, category, and age).

The City of Fishers is hosting a community wide food drive to benefit local food pantries as part of their MLK Day of Service.

Food donations will be collected with a Pack the Snowplow event at all three Fishers Kroger stores from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Also on January 15, Billerica and Holland Parks will host donation collections along with a free drop-in Kindness Rock painting event from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. From January 8 through 15, stop by and donate at the Hamilton East Public Library, Fishers YMCA, City Services Building, and Fishers Parks Office.



Information from <https://www.thisisfishers.com/mlk-day/>

**DELAWARE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE, DEBBIE DRISKELL**



**How long have you been the Trustee?**

This is my 33rd year as Delaware Township Trustee and I get up each day excited to do my job.

**What is your role as Delaware Township Trustee?**

The role of the township trustee is to oversee the operations of the township, similarly to a CEO/CFO. The trustee governs with a 3-member board all of whom are elected to four-year terms by the citizens of Delaware Township. Some of my duties include: administering assistance to those in need of basic necessities such as shelter, utilities and food; preparing the annual budget for adoption by the board; keeping records and preparing for filing required reports to the State and related agencies; caring for 3 pioneer cemeteries; overseeing the properties of the township, including the township’s community center; and employing the team members who assist in carrying out the various tasks related to these duties.

**What is your proudest accomplishment during your time as Delaware Township Trustee?**

My proudest accomplishments have been the “No More Secrets Campaign” – a public education program around the issue of child sexual abuse; and being awarded by Governor Holcomb the Sagamore of the Wabash in 2023, for my work on behalf of township government.

**What do you wish people knew about township government?**

I wish more people understood what we do for our community and how effectively and efficiently we carry out our duties.

## HEART & SOUL MOBILE CLINIC

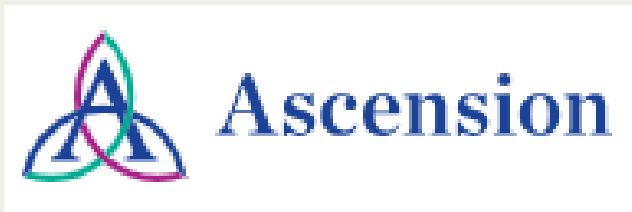
Heart and Soul Mobile Clinic will not be meeting at Delaware Township Community Center parking lot in January or February 2024. They will resume in March 2024. **Please check Heart & Soul’s website to find alternate locations for those months.**

## OTHER OPTIONS FOR MEDICAL CARE IN HAMILTON COUNTY

Trinity Free Clinic is available to residents of Hamilton County who are underinsured or uninsured. They provide medical, dental, and vision care. About 35% of Trinity Free Clinic’s patients live in Noblesville, 25% in Carmel, 20% in Westfield, 17% in Fishers, with the remaining spread across Hamilton County.



For more information go to their [website](#) or call 317-819-0772



“Ascension is committed to caring for all people regardless of their ability to pay, with special attention to those who are poor and vulnerable. Ascension St. Vincent’s also offers financial counseling and assistance to help address any financial concerns patients or families may have regarding their care.”

Find information on Ascension’s financial partnerships and resources [here](#).