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# **FEBRUARY 2024**

As Valentine's Day approaches, it feels like a good time to remind you all of how happy we at Delaware Township are to connect with you in person, by phone, or through our monthly newsletter! We love being a part of the Fishers community and would not be able to help as my people as we do without your continued donations and support.

If you want to share the love, consider donating to your local food pantry! Food insecurity affects more people than most would guess, even in Fishers!

#### **CONTACT US**

9090 E. 131st St. Fishers, IN 46038 Phone: (317) 842-8595





See a list of food pantries in Fishers and their needs

here

#### **DELAWARE TOWNSHIP TEAM SPOTLIGHT**



# How long have you worked at the trustee's office?

I have worked at the Trustee's Office since July 2019.

#### What is your role?

My role is Director of Client Services, overseeing food pantry and township assistance resources.

# What has changed the most in the 4 1/2 years that you'v'e been at the trustee's office?

The thing that has changed most since I started in 2019 is how we operate the food pantry. We now have the first online pantry in the county and possibly the state. This benefits our clients as they do not have to wait long periods of time to use the pantry, it provides a more dignified experience, and clients still have choice in what items they receive. In addition, it benefits our office. We were moving food items three times because of space issues. This new system allows us to take food items directly from the shelf and put them in the bag for the clients. We also can control the flow of how many people are coming at a time. This helps with staffing and allows us to better prepare how much perishable inventory we need.

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

I wish more people knew the connections that the Trustee's office makes with clients. We work to assist clients during crisis, but we also offer help to clients to get back on their feet. We give guidance on budgeting, finding resources and connecting them with organizations to help improve their well-being overall. While we deal with financial issues as an immediate fix, we are involved in seeking long-term solutions as well.

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# TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE

### What is Township Assistance?

The Township Trustee is able to assist residents who are unable to meet their basic necessities. This includes help with rent/mortgage, electric, food. It does not include phone, internet, or car payments.



### Who can apply?

Residents of Delaware Township (i.e addresses in Fishers or Noblesville that are north of 96th St, south of 146th St., west of Cumberland Rd. and east of the White River).

### How do I apply?

Call 317-842-8595 between 9-3 Monday - Friday to set an appointment.





#### When should I apply?

You should reach out to your Trustee's Office <u>as soon as you</u> <u>know</u> that you are not going to be able to pay your bill.

# What is involved in the application process?

You will need to attend an intake appointment and an assistance appointment. Typically both appointments are set within a week of your call for a request for assistance. After your second appointment a decision is made within 72 hours.



For more information, contact Delaware Township Trustee's Office



317-8274484



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## **Township Assistance FAQ continued**

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE

#### What information is needed

The Trustee will be looking at information that is connected to your circumstance in addition to your available resources. This means that the Trustee may ask for different things depending on your circumstance. The staff will let you know at the intake what is needed.



# Who must attend the appointment?

Anyone who lives in the household or is listed on the lease that is <u>18</u> or older.

# Why does the Trustee need so much information?

The Trustee is using taxpayer funds, a complete investigation is required by law.



# How long will the appointments take?

The intake appointment is about ½ hour. The Township Assistance appointment is usually 1 – 1½ hour. The Trustee makes a decision within 72 business hours.

### How are payments made?

The Trustee's office will pay the apartment complex or utility company directly via check.



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### **QUILTS OF VALOR FOUNDATION**

On Wednesday, Delaware Township Government Center's Kirkendall Room was alive with the sound of whirring sewing machines. Members of Mudsocks Quiltors Guild were hard at work crafting intricate quilts for active veterans as part of the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

Quilts of Valor is a nonprofit foundation that was started in 2003 by Catherine Robert; whose son was deployed in Iraq. The foundation bring healing to veterans by providing them a lovingly handmade quilt. The Hamilton County branch met in the Kirkendall Room for a sewing day.

Anyone can nominate someone for a Quilt of Valor. Nominees must be active veterans. The nomination process keeps nominees information classified and nominators are notified ahead of time to help arrange the best way for the veteran to receive their quilt.

Nominations are accepted at **QOVF.org/nominations-awards** 

Monetary donations, time, and materials donations all accepted and are appreciated! One Quilt of Valor can cost \$300 to make. Quilts of Valor also accepts quilt donations for those that want to sew individually. Volunteers are needed (even those who cannot sew) for pressing quilts, fundraising, making tops, and other tasks.

You can join a Quilts of Valor group in your area by going to their website or stop by Delaware Township Trustee's Office and leave your contact information.

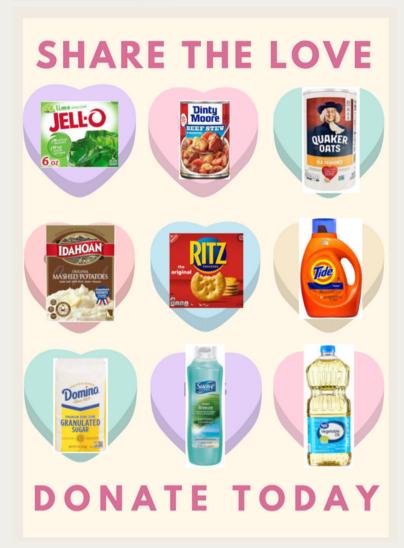


## **QUILTS OF VALOR FOUNDATION PHOTOS**









### JANUARY 2024 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 the first month of 2024, the Delaware Township Food Pantry served over 400 individuals more than 6,282 pounds of food!

#### **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!

### 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!



### **UPCOMING MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION DATES**

For more dates, go to: gsnlive.org

#### **Noblesville**

**FEB** 

Date: Friday, February 2nd, 2024

2nd Time: 4:00PM - 5:00PM

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

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#### **Noblesville**

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Date: Friday, February 16th, 2024

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Time: 4:00PM - 5:00PM

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

To find other food pantries in your area: <a href="mailto:compass.app">communitycompass.app</a>



IndyLug, Indiana Adult
Fans of Lego for held a
food drive show at
Delaware Township
Community Center on
January 27th, 2024.
They collected 174.5
pounds and a
monetary donation for
Delaware Township
food pantry!

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Heart and Soul Mobile Clinic will not be meeting at Delaware Township Community Center parking lot in <u>January or February 2024</u>. They will resume on March 18th, 2024. **Please check Heart & Soul's website to find alternate locations for those months**.