



Gleaners Food Program Opportunities for Nonprofits

Gleaners' Mission is feeding hungry people and nourishing our communities. Gleaners collects, purchases and distributes food and other related consumer products received by Gleaners, to member agencies to be served or distributed to individuals who are needy, ill or children.

Nonprofit organizations seeking food program opportunities with Gleaners can pursue the options below, which include membership as a Gleaners Agency, the Mobile Pantry Program and Purchase Program.

Gleaners Member Agency

More than 300 soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, disaster relief agencies and other nonprofit organizations rely on food from Gleaners to meet their clients' needs. Our partner agencies can count on Gleaners as a reliable source of a range of food products, including dry food like pasta and cereal, canned foods, frozen meat, fresh produce - even household products like paper towels, cleaning supplies and body care products.

Gleaners distributes more than two-thirds of the food to our partner agencies at no charge. For some food, our partner agencies contribute a shared maintenance fee of .18 cents per pound, which helps cover the costs of handling. Gleaners also works with our partners to ensure they meet health standards for storing and handling the food received, and to help them learn and apply appropriate, cost-effective methods for safe food service handling and distribution.



Benefits include...

- Access to food and non-food items, sourced by Gleaners Community Food Bank (includes purchased, shared-cost donated and USDA products)
- Receive free fresh produce with every paid order
- Eligible to participate in agency networking opportunities, nutrition education programming, agency trainings, food drives, etc.
- Assistance from Gleaners staff in selecting the grocery items from our shopping list that you wish to make available to your clients
- Access to nutrition education, training, resources and healthy recipes

Requirements include...

- 501c3 non-profit status
- Physical pantry space that meets food storage guidelines
- Reliable food distributions
- Minimum of 7 paid orders per year
- At least one active member of food distribution team with a current food handlers certification
- Payment of annual \$75 membership fee
- Site visits conducted by Gleaners staff
- History of service distributing food to the community
- If opting-in for USDA food program, further requirements include but are not limited to...
 - Annual Civil Rights training, use of USDA sign-in sheet, etc.

Mobile Pantry Program

Gleaners Community Food Bank and its partner agencies are providing food to neighborhoods by the truckload allowing our partners to target areas of greatest need.

The mobile pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers food directly to agencies to hold a one-day, large-scale food distribution for people in need. Each mobile pantry is coordinated with a local community organization, such as a place of worship, a senior center, or a help center. Gleaners delivers the food to the partner agency, and their volunteers work to set it up like a farmers market. People in need may pre-register to attend or just show up and each person/family receives a parcel of food, typically including perishable, nonperishable food items, and fresh produce.



Benefits include...

- Providing a one-time or ongoing mobile pantry distribution at a location of your choice (per the approval of Gleaners)
- Assistance from Gleaners staff in selecting the grocery items from our shopping list that you wish to make available to your clients (minimum cost/weight can be discussed when speaking with Gleaners program representative)

Requirements include...

- 501c3 non-profit status
- Cover letter asking for support, detailing the need, population to be served, approximate number to be served, your budget and plans for distribution including date, times, venue, etc.)
- At least one active member of food distribution team with a current food handlers certification

Purchase Program

The Purchase Program is beneficial to nonprofit agencies wishing to make a one-time or infrequent purchase of food from Gleaners.

Benefits include...

- Ability to purchase Gleaners “Co-Agency” shopping list items

Requirements include...

- 501c3 non-profit status
- Cover letter asking for support, detailing the need, population to be served, approximate number to be served, your budget and plans for distribution including date, times, venue, etc.)
- At least one active member of food distribution team with a current food handlers certification
- If planning on storing food for any length of time, physical pantry space that meets food storage guidelines



Interested in any one of these opportunities? Contact a member of our Agency Relations Team.

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