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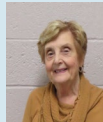
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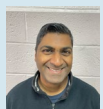
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OUR MISSION

To provide emergency food assistance to the people of Plainfield who find themselves in need.

ANNUAL DONOR RECOGNITION

We concluded 2025 in good financial shape, thanks to the many generous donations received from our friends in and around the Plainfield Area. We even have donor friends from out-of-state!

We always run the risk of missing someone as we compile our lists from direct donations to our PO box as well as those we receive through PayPal. If we did miss your name, please accept our apology and let us know so we can add you to the next newsletter. (See donors on the following pages.)

Speaking of PayPal, we are especially grateful to all of the donors who also covered the PayPal fee. Doing this helps assure that the full value of your donation is used for its intended purpose, feeding the hungry in Plainfield.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all of our generous donors. Your contributions have made a significant difference, and your commitment inspires us every day.

Patty Bixel and the Board of Star Fish Food Pantry

WE ARE PLATINUM!!


We work hard to be good stewards of your donations, whether they are foodstuff or your hard-earned money. Our overhead costs are minimal and are solely used to fund our operating expenses. We have no paid employees but rely on volunteer service. We are rated 4 Stars on Charity Navigator and Platinum level of transparency on Candid, a leading nonprofit information service. You can trust us to use your donations wisely.



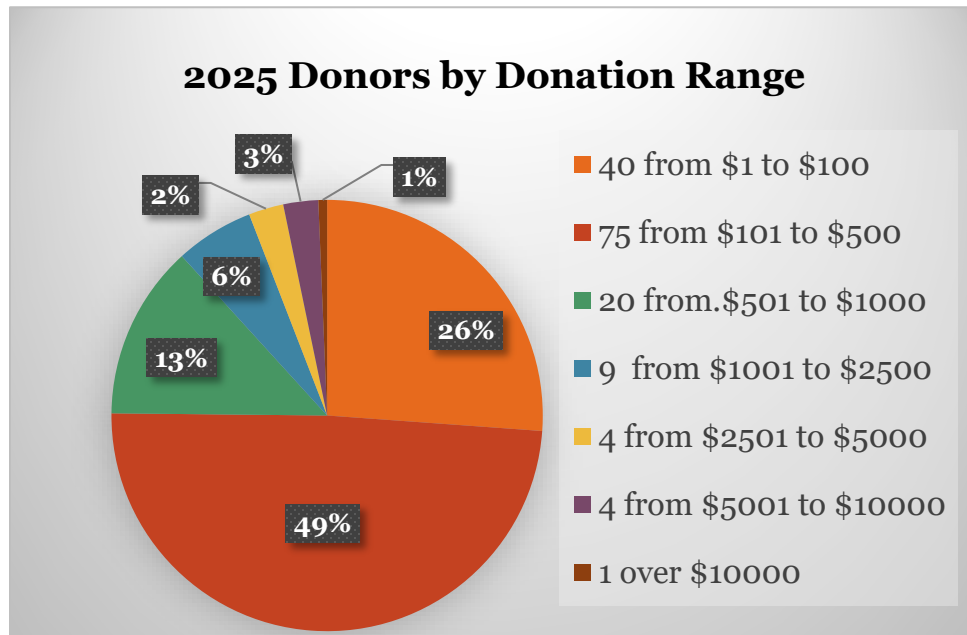
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MORE 2026 DONOR INFORMATION



Our donations from 2025 were slightly below last year's donations. We enjoyed the financial support of 153 friends, mostly single donations. Of the 153 donors, five gave regular monthly donations. We also enjoyed several grants.



ICE and CBP

We are exercising caution at the possible presence of government agents in Plainfield. We will do all that we can to discretely provide food for our families in need.

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Visit our website and click on the Contact or Donate menu item, and then click on the “Donate” button as shown below.



Use the QR code to donate

A “SOUPER BOWL” PROJECT

The good people at Wilson Memorial Church in Watchung held their own “Souper Bowl” to coincide with that football extravaganza.

Donations came in as support for the team that the congregants thought would win the football game.

All of the soup came to our Pantry – a great way to generate donations!



HERE ARE A FEW OTHER RECENT DONATIONS



Our very good friend Eddie Preciado of the North Plainfield iHop Restaurant on Route 22 donated another box of 30 dozen eggs. He also brought along a box of food donated by iHop customers and a \$2,000.00 check!! WOW!! Thank you, Eddie, and your customers, too



The good people at St. Agnes Church in Clark collected for our Pantry. Many bags of food were delivered recently, helping stock the shelves. Isn't it wonderful that friends in other nearby communities recognize the need here in Plainfield and open their hearts?