

The Field and Fork Pantry FAQ's

1. Where is The Pantry located?

The Pantry is located at 564 Newell Drive – adjacent to McCarty & Food Science and Human Nutrition.

2. When will The Pantry open for business?

The Pantry will open August 11, 2015.

3. What are the operating hours?

The Pantry will be open during the following times:

- Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
- Fridays 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

4. Who will staff The Pantry?

The day-to-day operations of The Pantry will be supervised by The Dean of Students Office. DSO Federal Work Study student employees will work at The Pantry under the supervision of the Care Area graduate intern, the Care Area Graduate Assistant, the DSO Coordinator for Budget and Operations, and the professional staff in the DSO Care Area.

5. Who may use The Pantry?

The Pantry is available to anyone with a valid UFID.

6. What are the requirements for using The Pantry?

The Pantry is intended to assist members of our campus community who experience food insecurity. We will not ask guests of The Pantry to verify income or need. We will trust that guests will use The Pantry only when they have a need to use the service. We recognize that some people who use The Pantry will have a chronic need for food while others may only have a temporary need that may not be reflected in a financial statement of need.

7. How much do items at The Pantry cost?

Nothing! All items at The Pantry are free to our guests.

8. What items are available at The Pantry?

Non-perishable food items, toiletries, and occasional fresh produce from The UF Community Garden.

9. How does The Pantry work?

Overview of how The Pantry functions

- When an individual arrives to The Pantry, they will be asked to swipe their valid UFID.
 - The Pantry is committed to protecting the privacy of its guests and to providing food to those in need within our campus community. We ask that individuals swipe their UF ID for the purpose of data collection only. This data will be used to ensure that we provide the best possible services to you and are able to maintain the necessary funding to provide this vital service. Use of The Pantry will not become part of the individual's student or employee record nor will your identifying information be shared outside The Field and Fork Pantry team.

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- A basket will be provided for the individual to shop at The Pantry. Individuals are encouraged to take enough food to last them (and family, if applicable) approximately one week (and/or until the next time The Pantry is open).
- During check-out, individuals will be offered additional resources (pamphlets) and an opportunity for a consultation with the graduate intern.

10. How can I donate?

- Individuals can bring donations to The Pantry during operating hours or may email fieldandfork@ufl.edu to request an alternate drop off day/time/location.
- Departments, organizations, or buildings, may organize food drives to collect larger amounts of donations. Please contact fieldandfork@ufl.edu if you are interested in organizing a drive or event.
- Individuals, departments, organizations, and buildings can also provide monetary donations to The Pantry through the UF Foundation using this web link:
<https://www.uff.ufl.edu/OnlineGiving/FundDetail.asp?FundCode=019571>.

11. What about Bread of the Mighty? Will we be taking resources from those in the Gainesville/Alachua County community with food insecurity needs?

No. The Pantry is a partner organization of Bread of the Might Food Bank. Donations to The Pantry will be credited to Bread of the Mighty.

12. How can I volunteer with The Pantry?

There will be opportunities to sign up for volunteer shifts on the website fieldandfork.ufl.edu. Opportunities will include serving shifts at the Pantry; assisting with pantry inventory; assisting with picking up, dropping off, and inventorying large donations; and other needs that may arise. If you are part of a student organization that would like to volunteer as a group, please contact fieldandfork@ufl.edu to express your interest and get involved.

13. When will the grand opening be?

We will hold a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony and Open House on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. outside the front of The Pantry, which faces The North Lawn. President Fuchs, Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President Charlie Lane, Senior Vice President of Agriculture and Natural Resources Jack Payne, Vice President for Student Affairs Dave Kratzer, CEO and President of Bread of the Mighty Food Bank Marcia Conwell, and UF student representative Logan Ham will all provide brief comments to attendees. After the official ribbon cutting ceremony, attendees will be able to tour the facility and learn more about the Field and Fork Campus Food Program at the various tables present. There will also be opportunities to donate food, to make monetary donations online, and to be added to the list of interested volunteers.

14. Questions?

Please contact The Pantry at fieldandfork@ufl.edu with any questions.