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God’s Pantry Food Bank and the Lexington Public Library Partner to Open a Food Pantry

Lexington, KY – June 7, 2022 – Today God’s Pantry Food Bank and the Lexington Public Library hosted a grand opening and ribbon cutting of the food pantry located in the Northside Branch of the library. The food pantry expands the existing partnership between the Food Bank and the Library, which serves summer meals and after school snacks at multiple locations.

“Adding a food pantry in the Northside Branch of the Lexington Public Library enhances our ability to better meet neighbors who are experiencing hunger where they are,” said Michael Halligan, CEO, God’s Pantry Food Bank. “We know there is a need for food in and around the Winburn area. Reducing travel time and distance will help more neighbors access food to live a more nourished life.”

The food pantry location was decided upon after research showed many neighbors on the Northside of Lexington were travelling longer distances to reach one of other pantries operated by God’s Pantry Food Bank. It could be up to 1 hour and 45 minutes by bus. The pantry will provide a welcoming atmosphere where neighbors can shop with dignity for the food they need in a location close to their home.

“The Lexington Public Library is delighted to house the God’s Pantry Food Bank food pantry at the Northside Branch. We hope this pantry will provide greater access for those experiencing food insecurity in the Winburn area while also introducing those individuals to the multitude of resources available through our public library system,” said Heather Dieffenbach, Executive Director, Lexington Public Library.

The food pantry will be open Monday-Friday 12 pm – 2 pm to serve anyone experiencing hunger and needing food assistance. Help us stock the shelves by hosting a food drive with your family, friends or workplace. Visit www.godpantryfoodbank.org/fooddrives for more information or to sign up.
About God’s Pantry Food Bank
The mission of God’s Pantry Food Bank is to reduce hunger by working together to feed Kentucky communities. Working through more than 450 food pantries and meal programs the Food Bank serves 50 counties of Central and Eastern Kentucky. God’s Pantry Food Bank distributed nearly 41.8 million pounds of food to nearly 200,000 individuals, including nearly 13 million pounds of fresh produce in fiscal year 2021. For more information, visit us at - [www.godspantryfoodbank.org](http://www.godspantryfoodbank.org).

About the Lexington Public Library
The Lexington Public Library serves the greater Lexington area of approximately 325,000 people through six library locations, a virtual library, and community-based programming. The Library welcomes millions of visitors each year, lending over 3 million items annually. From educational resources to entertaining titles and technology to meeting spaces, there is something for everyone your local public library. Visit us at [www.lexpublib.org](http://www.lexpublib.org) or call 859-231-5500 for more information.