

Pantry Project press release template

It may be helpful to get a testimonial from an employee to include in this press release, as well as local photos.

Press Release

For immediate release

(Date)

(Contact info)

(Company) Supports Pantry Project

(town)—Hungry people in Greater Franklin County are getting a little help from employees at **(company)**. **(company)** has joined The Pantry Project, a project of the United Way of the Tri-Valley Area. **(company)** employees will be gathering food for the whole month of **(month)**.

In Maine:

- Almost 15 percent of Maine families are not getting enough to eat every day.
- Approximately 20 percent of Maine's children are going to bed hungry every day.
- As our economy continues to struggle, families are having to make difficult choices between paying for medication, housing, heat, childcare, transportation and food, and their health is suffering.

In Greater Franklin County, things are no different.

- The area's 16 food pantries are serving an average of 2,500 individuals per month.
- Locally, children make up 30 percent of the population visiting food pantries each month.

The Pantry Project's goal is to engage local businesses or organizations to ensure food pantries are filled, and Greater Franklin County residents that are most in need are fed. The Pantry Project also engages volunteers in service to the community to develop a culture of service.

For more information, please contact Lisa Laflin at the United Way of The Tri-Valley Area: lisa@uwtva.org, 778-5048.

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