

**“Creating Opportunities
for a Healthy Community”**

The PANTRY GARDEN PROGRAM reflects the Oswegoland Park District’s vision by providing a healthy return not only to Oswego residents, but also to the county community as a whole. It is run by volunteers as a supplemental program to the District’s other gardening projects.



The Pantry Gardens are located at
Prairie Point Center
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Oswego, IL 60543

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OSWEGOLAND
PARK DISTRICT

Pantry Garden

PROGRAM

Fresh Produce Provider for the
Northern Illinois Food Bank



What is the Pantry Garden?

Established in 2007, the Pantry Garden is made up of 50 raised vegetable beds, ten herb beds, four apple trees, one fig tree, raspberry bushes, and several barrel planters. The program takes an unused, marginal piece of urban land and turns it into a rich, sustainable land use opportunity that benefits local residents and the county as well. As a member of the Northern Illinois Food Bank program, the Oswegoland Park District Pantry Garden produces approximately 5,000 pounds of fresh produce a year. That produce is distributed to over 3,600 families annually in Kendall County who are food compromised or deprived.

Volunteers

The gardens are a **HEALTHY, HOLISTIC** outlet for people who want to volunteer for a project that benefits those in need. Volunteer work days are Tuesdays, Thursdays, and some Saturday mornings. No previous garden experience is required!

We are seeking volunteers who...

- 🍷 Like to garden
- 🍷 Want to learn about gardening
- 🍷 Enjoy working outdoors

We also appreciate supplies and support given by local businesses.



Our Goals

It is the **MISSION** of the Pantry Garden to:

-  Encourage a sense of community as scouting, church, and other groups become involved
-  Mentor and teach gardening to residents who volunteer for the garden
-  Use the "Garden to Pantry to Table" system to build upon a local infrastructure promoting local, urban agriculture ventures
-  Create a local, sustainable seed bank
-  Provide inspiration, guidance, and expertise needed to ensure a bountiful supply of local and fresh produce
-  Promote awareness and practice of recycling and reusing a wide array of materials that can be used in gardens

