

August 15| Dare to Care/OCC Food Pantry

The Okolona Food Pantry (OFP) is a ministry of Okolona Christian Church and has been in existence for more than 20 years. In 2020, we have partnered with Dare to Care (DTC), and through that partnership, we have been able to expand our food offerings from simple dry shelf-stable goods to USDA commodities, frozen meats, refrigerated butter, cheese, cut fruit, milk, fresh vegetables, bread/pastries, and more. Because of this partnership, the neighbors we serve have grown from 30 families a month to over 560 families (2,000 people) per month. OFP operates with more than 100 volunteers that put in over 600 volunteer hours a month.

- Pray for more food! OFP is consistently running out of food by the third week of the month. We are depending on our OCC members to fill in the gaps with donations.
- Pray for Spanish-speaking distribution volunteers. Our intake volunteers are the face of our ministry and our neighbors have become mostly Hispanic, Spanish-speaking families. Being able to communicate with our neighbors puts them at ease and makes our intake job much easier.
- Pray for more volunteers. We have the MOST amazing volunteer staff, but more are needed.
- Pray that volunteers are not overloaded but will continue to feel needed and blessed by the ministry.
- Pray for a driveway beside the pantry access Door 7, from the front of the building to the back parking lot. This would allow us to distribute food directly from the pantry.

Prayer: Pray for more food and volunteers as we serve our neighbors as the hands of Jesus.