

NWS closed out 2023 by volunteering with local food banks. We are thrilled to have expanded our volunteer program into Canada and are grateful for the opportunity to provide time and support for our communities. Read more below about our Q4 outreach!



Team members from our Carrolton warehouse location spent an afternoon with Metrocrest Services working in their food distribution site. The group stocked and organized shelves in the grocery store style food bank facility located in Carrolton. Metrocrest Services specializes in helping individuals, families, and seniors navigate through crisis situations and work to stabilize their lives through their food pantry, short-term housing support, financial education, employment coaching and senior support services. You can learn more about Metrocrest here: https://metrocrestservices.org.

In Blainville, our team spent the day with CALEB. Carrefour alimentation l'Espoir de Blainville (CALEB) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to fight poverty, hunger and social exclusion. In order to achieve this, CALEB offers a weekly food assistance service and a listening service to help individuals with low incomes on the territory of the city of Blainville.

Our team had the unique opportunity to participate in CALEB's annual holiday giving event where they were able to help 97 families with choosing holiday gifts and receiving food aid







L'Espoir de Blainville







Right up the street from our Westmont location is People's Resource Center, an organization that offers a food pantry, clothing closet, technology training, job assistance, social services, adult learning and literacy and art programs. Nearly <u>26,000</u> DuPage residents rely on PRC for help each year.

Our team volunteered in the PRC food pantry assisting with stocking and distributing food items. The team enjoyed conversing with visitors of the facility and the opportunity to give back in NWS' own neighborhood.

Learn more about People's Resource Center here: https://www.peoplesrc.org

The Mississauga team worked in Eden Food for Change, a foodbank and learning kitchen located in Mississauga. Eden not only provides the community with food and basics such as diapers, they also provide food preparation training in their learning kitchen to aid individuals in entry to the foodservice industry.

The team aided in sorting goods in Eden's large facility. More information about Eden can be found here: https://edenffc.org.





Greensboro Urban Ministry is an organization that provides wrap around services including a food pantry, long-term and short-term shelter, emergency financial services and case management.

The Greensboro volunteer team provided aid in the UM Food Pantry – a choice pantry where recipients can shop as though at a grocery store. NWS staff members sorted and stocked grocery shelves.

Urban Ministry's information can be found here:

https://www.greensborourbanministry.org

The community outreach programming introduced in 2023 has been a great success and a meaningful piece of demonstrating our organization's Core Values. NWS is looking forward to continuing these efforts in 2024!