

PALATINE TOWNSHIP

PalatineTownship-il.gov

FALL 2019



CORPORATE MATCHING GIFT PROGRAMS - DOUBLE YOUR DONATION!

Many companies encourage their employees to donate and volunteer time to nonprofits in their communities. Corporate Social Responsibility, or CSR, is an important factor in how the public perceives companies and their brands. While workplace giving contributes an estimated \$5 billion to U.S. charities each year, nonprofits such as the Palatine Township Needy Family Fund don't have access to the funds unless employees participate and designate us as the recipient.

The Palatine Township Needy Family Fund benefits the Food Pantry, Outreach, and the Crisis Assistance Programs. Those programs provide assistance to those who are most at need in our community. We provide a "hand up" not a "hand-out."

Workplace giving programs can be set up in a variety of ways. Some of the more popular workplace giving programs offered by corporations include:

- Employee Matching Gifts
- Volunteer Support Programs
- Donations through Payroll Deduction
- Annual Giving Campaigns

Companies of all sizes match donations their employees make to nonprofits because it is an easy, structured way for them to support good work in their communities. One of the most beneficial is an Employee Matching Program.

Check with your employer. When an employee makes a donation, they will request the matching gift from their employer, who then makes their own donation. Most companies match donations at a 1:1 ratio, but some will match at a 2:1, 3:1, or even a 4:1 ratio.

If you have questions about the Palatine Township Needy Family Fund, please check our website or contact the Township directly at 847-358-6700.

Remember that corporate philanthropy programs allow you to maximize the impact of your donation, without having to reach back into your wallets to do so.

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH PROGRAM

Thanks to the generous residents of Palatine Township, over 1000 Thanksgiving baskets were donated last year to families in need.

Our Thanksgiving Outreach program provides needy families with the ingredients needed to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. If you would like to help, please contact us by November 8 so that we can estimate how many families we will be able to help. You may also sign up online at our website palatinetownship-il.gov under Community Links.

The suggested basket contents are listed below, but feel free to add a card, note, or other non-perishable food items.

- Canned Vegetable (up to 4 cans)
- Chicken Broth (2 cans)
- Coffee, Tea or Hot Chocolate
- Cranberry Sauce (1 can)
- Cream of Mushroom Soup (1 can)
- Dessert Mix (Cake or brownie -up to 2 boxes)
- Evaporated Milk (1 can)
- Fruit (2 cans)
- Instant Mashed Potatoes (1 large box)
- Jell-O (2 boxes)
- Piecrust Mix and Pie Filling (1 can)
- Stuffing Mix (1 bag)
- Sweet Potatoes (1 large can)
- Turkey Gravy (2 cans)
- Other optional food items: Cereal



Baskets need to be dropped off at Palatine Township between November 12 and November 15. Please note that the Township will be closed for Veterans Day on November 11. No perishable food or frozen turkeys will be accepted. A \$25 grocery store gift card would be appreciated to enable families to purchase a turkey and other perishable items for their meal. Please do not put the gift cards in the baskets keep them separate. We will make sure that every family receives a gift card. A large laundry basket works great to package your donation.

OUTREACH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Look in the newsletter for more details!

SEPTEMBER

20 Online Donor registration begins for Adopt-A-Family

OCTOBER

18 Online Donor registration begins for Thanksgiving Baskets

NOVEMBER

1 Angel Tree arrives at the Township

11 Township closed for Veterans Day

12-15 Thanksgiving baskets due to the Township

28-29 Township closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER

4 Angel Tree gifts due to the Township

14 Adopt-A-Family gifts due to the Township

24-25 Township closed for Christmas Holiday

We will be accepting new unwrapped toys for our Toy Drive throughout December

DONATIONS OF AT LEAST \$1,000

5/2/19 TO 8/19/19

NEEDY FAMILY FUND DONATIONS

Anonymous	\$4,000
Anonymous	<u>\$2,500</u>
Total	\$6,500

APPLE TREE

Womens Club of Inverness	\$2,000
All Saints Lutheran Church	
Endowment Fund	\$2,000
Walmart	<u>\$1,000</u>
Total	\$5,000

FOOD PANTRY

Continental Automotive	\$3,093
Sundling Jr. High	\$5,200
St. Nectarios Greek	
Orthodox Church	\$10,000
St. Thomas of Villanova	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total	\$20,293

PEOPLE SERVING PEOPLE

Please help families in need this holiday season.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Our Thanksgiving Basket program helps under-resourced families in our community by providing them with all of the ingredients needed to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. If you would like to help a local family in need, you can register online beginning October 18 at our website. Baskets and donations need to be returned to the Palatine Township Center by November 12 - 15. Please note that the Township will be closed on November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. Volunteers are needed for sorting the weeks of November 6 - 8, November 12 -15 and November 18-22. We will need volunteers on November 23 for distribution of Thanksgiving baskets.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

There are many families in our community whose financial situations will not allow them to experience a joy-filled holiday season. You can reach out and help one of these families by "adopting" them for the holidays. Register as a donor online beginning September 20. Gifts will be collected and distributed to the families on December 14. If you would like to volunteer, please contact us at 847-358-6700.

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

Beginning November 1, the Township lobby will be filled with special "angel" ornaments that include the name, age, and "wish" of a child or senior citizen in need from our community. Sign out an angel at the Township, shop, then drop off the wrapped gifts during normal business hours at the Palatine Township Center no later than December 4.

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING DONORS

This past summer, the Township community has been very generous to the Food Pantry. We appreciate every donation that comes through our doors. We would like to give special thanks to the following groups:

- Continental Automotive for their donation of \$3,000 along with a food donation
- Palatine High School Pirates Girls Polo Team for the \$100 donation
- Fremd High School for their Cereal Drive of over 1,000 boxes (Organized by VAMP: Viking Advisory & Mentoring Program)
- Platinum Mortgage Company for their generous Food Drive
- Saxe Family 10th Annual Scavenger Hunt, which provided two full trucks of food

This past spring, a neighbor of the Township, Jim, was kind enough to grow vegetables from seed and maintain the garden throughout the summer. Our clients are always given fresh produce throughout the year, but this summer they enjoyed a variety of homegrown heirloom tomatoes. Special thanks to Kathy Schmuttenmaer who checked on the garden weekly to weed and harvest.

Thank you to all the volunteers who go out of their way to help the pantry run on a weekly basis! From picking up Panera donations, recycling plastic bags, washing dirty bins, special shopping trips to fill shelves, extra days to help sort donations, and taking care of the produce, our volunteers are incredible! The list goes on with the amount of work our volunteers are willing to do. Nothing goes unnoticed by them and they always pitch in. A lot goes into keeping the food pantry operating, clean and organized. The Palatine Food Pantry would not be the success it is without each one of these special volunteers.

If you are looking to donate to the food pantry, please check the marquee or the website for our updated list. If your family could benefit from food assistance, please contact the Township for more information.

SERVICES AT A GLANCE

Administrative Office

847-358-6700

Temporary disabled parking placards
RTA senior reduced fare applications
Voter registration
Free notary public service
Township maps

Assessor's Office

847-358-6164

Explanation of property assessment
and tax bill
Property tax exemption applications
Property tax appeal forms
Zoning variances

General Assistance

847-358-6110

(for those in need)

Access to Care
Career Resources
Emergency Assistance
Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)
Food Pantry
Mobile Dental Clinic

Road District

847-358-6336

Road and bridge maintenance for
unincorporated Palatine Township

Transportation Services

847-358-6907

Rides for seniors and disabled

Veterans

Vet Center Counselor
847-980-1827

Veterans Service Officer
847-485-2772

TOWNSHIP IN ACTION TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Palatine Township Transportation offers great service to our residents who need transportation and mobility options. As the demand for our service continues to grow, we have added another bus to our fleet and can now accommodate more riders. We will soon expand our destinations and "out-of-township" trips. You may schedule your own transportation appointments with our Ecolane Software after you contact the Transportation for the login credentials. For more information, visit the Transportation Department page on the Palatine Township website.

Please join us on our special shopping trips every other Wednesday:

Oct. 9	Deer Park / Kildeer Area
Oct. 23	Woodfield
Nov. 6	Arlington Heights – Kohl's
Nov. 20	Meijer
Dec. 4	Arlington Heights - Burlington, Trader Joe's, JoAnn Fabrics
Dec. 18	Woodfield

Our vehicles are lift equipped for your convenience, safety, and assistance.

For bus rides to medical appointments outside of our Township, seniors and disabled persons should enroll in the T.R.I.P. Program. This bus will take you into the surrounding townships as well as to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, North Chicago VA, Hines VA, Loyola Hospital, Stroger Cook County Hospital, University of Illinois, and Rush Medical Center. Your cost is \$5.00 each way if you cross over one township border or \$10.00 each way if you cross over two or more township borders. You can register for the T.R.I.P. program online at palatinetownship-il.gov or by visiting the Township Transportation Office.

Please call us at if you have any questions, or for Ecolane login information, at 847-358-6907.

CEDA HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: LIHEAP

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a program offered by CEDA that provides financial assistance to income-eligible households with energy services during the winter months. The purpose is to help those with limited income pay their gas and electric bills in the form of a credit. A one-time benefit payment is paid to the utility company and is directly applied to the household's energy bills. The payment amount is determined by income, household size, and fuel type.

The LIHEAP program runs from October 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020 or until funds are exhausted. Please call the General Assistance office at 847-358-6110 to inquire about eligibility, the specific list of documents needed to apply, and to schedule your LIHEAP appointment. Applications are completed by appointment only.

Don't forget to ask about the other home energy assistance and fuel funds programs CEDA offers!

Enrollment Priority Periods:

October 1: Seniors age 60 or older and residents with disabilities (documentation of disability is required)

November 1: Families with children 5 years of age and under and disconnected households (must have a disconnect notice)

December 1: Open enrollment

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE WINNER!

Every year, the Cook County Farm Bureau invites various food pantries to take part in their "Food Pantry Challenge." This past summer, the Palatine Township Food Pantry received an invitation to participate. Conducted as a Facebook Poll, it began on July 30 and ended on August 4. We are excited to announce that Palatine Township Food Pantry won the challenge! We received 84% of the overall votes. The Palatine Township Food Pantry will receive a donation of \$350 to the Needy Family Fund from the Cook County Farm Bureau.

Thank you to all of the voters who helped us to win the challenge! Your vote always counts! Please follow us on Facebook for information about volunteer opportunities, pictures of Township activities and upcoming events.



BLUE STAR BANNERS FOR TOWNSHIP'S MILITARY FAMILIES

Clerk Lisa Moran

Do you have a loved one or neighbor who is currently serving in the military? Palatine Township launched a program in 2011 acknowledging its military families; 50 families have been recognized since its inception. Each military family is invited to attend a Township meeting where they will be part of a very special presentation. These banner presentations only take place three times a year: February, June, and October. The Palatine Township Board honors these families with a Blue Star Banner along with a board resolution, information folder, and a poignant power point presentation of their loved one who is serving. The respective mayor and state legislators also attend and award each family with official letters of recognition and plaques. It's a very special evening for all involved.

Relatives of military personnel currently serving in the armed forces of the United States are eligible to be recognized as Blue Star Families.

Banner Recipient Eligibility List:

- wife/husband
- mother/father
- stepmother/stepfather
- parent through adoption
- half brothers or sisters
- foster parents (loco parentis)
- children/stepchildren
- children through adoption
- brothers/sisters

If you are interested in becoming a banner recipient or know someone who may be, please visit the Township website for more information and to apply. Please contact Clerk Lisa Moran's office, with questions, at 847-358-6700.



WILL ELIMINATING TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT REALLY SAVE ME TAX DOLLARS?

Assessor Terry Kelly, CIAO

Eliminating a form of government will save tax dollars. After all, all taxing bodies just keep raising taxes. At least that is what some of our Legislators down in Springfield want you to believe. Let's look at the actual facts and what Palatine Township government costs.

Here is a breakdown for the last six years of the total yearly cost of Palatine Township government. For this example, we have used home valued at \$300,000. The total yearly amounts paid in property taxes to Palatine Township are:

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
\$133.37	\$135.72	\$138.50	\$121.94	\$127.10	\$127.50

The average for these six years is \$130.69. As you can see, the taxes you have paid to Palatine Township for the last six years has been pretty consistent. For the average cost of \$130.69 yearly property tax payments Palatine Township maintains: the Township Food Pantry serving over 300 families a month, Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program providing families in need with a joyful Christmas, Blue Star Banner Program recognizing families who have members in service to our country, senior and disabled transportation services, maintenance of all roads and bridges in unincorporated Palatine Township, and tens of thousands of property tax appeals filed through the Assessor's Office.

There are dozens of other programs and services provided by the Township. If you see a Legislator you might want to ask them who would pick up the costs for all these needed services if Township Government were to be eliminated?

As you read and hear more about the needed programs provided by Palatine Township, I am sure you will agree Township Government, as Thomas Jefferson stated, "is the wisest form of government ever devised by man."

HONOR A CENTENARIAN

Clerk Lisa Moran

Do you know someone who will be 100 years of age or older this year, and resides in Palatine Township? Palatine Township needs your help identifying its centenarians, people who have lived for 100 or more years. We would like to honor them in a number of special ways including a Certificate of Recognition, recognition in the Township's newsletter, and a special Township Resolution Presentation Ceremony which includes pictures with the Board and refreshments.

To request an application for the centenarian in your life, you will need to complete a Centenarian Recognition Request Form. We must receive your request at least 45 days in advance of the honoree's birthday. We will respond to you within seven business days to acknowledge receipt of your request. Please contact Brad Strassburger at 847-358-6700 or email directly bstrassburger@palatinetownship-il.gov

Thank you for helping us honor the men and women who have built our Palatine Township Community.

2019 CAUSE AND EFFECT

In celebration of their 35th year, Brandt Financial Concepts wanted to give back to the community in a way that consisted of more than a one-day event. In January, Carol and Jim Brandt, along with their staff kicked off a year-long food drive to benefit the Palatine Township Food Pantry while continuing their yearly backpack collection for our Township Apple Tree program. For this school year, the Brandt's collected over 60 backpacks for distribution. They have supported Apple Tree annually since the inception of the program.

They have initiated "Cause & Effect 2019." They are asking you to support Palatine Township Food Pantry in the yearlong food drive. To make a donation to the food drive, visitors are invited to stop by the Brandt's historic building Circa 1877 at 134 W. Slade Street in downtown Palatine. There is a convenient collection bin in the lobby of the building for non-perishable unexpired food items. Drop off of donations from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily, or on the weekend and evenings by appointment. The team at Brandt hopes to inspire the community to remember the needs of the Palatine Township Food Pantry as an ongoing effort and not only during the holiday season.



Cause & Effect 2019

Year-Long Food Drive

GIVING THANKS AND IN CELEBRATION OF OUR 35TH YEAR, WE HAVE A Cause. WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN HAVE AN Effect.

BRANDT FINANCIAL CONCEPTS, INC. WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS OF UNEXPIRED GOODS AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS THROUGHOUT 2019. COLLECTION BIN LOCATED IN OUR LOBBY AT 134 W. SLADE STREET, AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8:00AM-5:00PM.

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PALATINE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT

Aaron Del Mar, Highway Commissioner



FROM THE DESK OF COMMISSIONER DEL MAR

As we head into autumn, part of the allure of the season that many in the Midwest have come to reminisce about, is the smell of burning leaves broadcasting through the countryside. However, burning leaves and other landscape materials are regulated through local municipalities. They have the authority to impose limitations on burning landscape waste such as limiting the hours when such burning may occur, types of material allowed, as well as a total ban of open burning. In the unincorporated areas within Palatine Township, please follow the Cook County chart to verify consent. The chart may be found on our website, www.roaddistrict.com. Incorporated areas may find information from their respective municipality.

Through autumn, specifically November 26, we will continue our annual yard waste collection for the unincorporated areas. We have been processing this past summer's and early autumn's material for next year's availability. However, we do have material available from late last year's collection and it's offered for pick-up only at the Road District Garage and Township Town Center. This is a great opportunity to winterize your gardening beds. Call for availability, as this material is quickly disbursed during the autumn months. Additionally, during the winter season we will collect pine trees that have outlasted the Christmas and New Year's holiday. For the incorporated areas, please check with your waste disposal carrier, as they will collect your tree, usually as part of your service. If you live in the unincorporated areas and it is time for disposal, please place your tree with the trunk side to the curb with no bag. When weather permits during January and early February, we will collect, process them and add that plant matter to the composting material we offer during the warmer months of the year.

During the winter, whether we receive several inches of sleet, freezing rain, graupel, snow or extreme frigid air, Palatine Township Road District is staffed and equipped to combat the diverse weather of the Chicagoland area. We have executed our salt contract in order to provide the Township with bulk treated road salt, anti-icing liquid and have outfitted our fleet with additional ice control measures. We continue to monitor weather conditions and apply the best technique to combat inclement weather. For instance, on a bright sunny, cold morning you may see our trucks anti-icing the roadways with a salt brine before a winter storm comes through later that day. This pre-treatment forms a barrier between the roadway and frozen precipitation, preventing an icy bond to form between the two, creating slick roadways. Finally, help us to keep you, your neighbors and other motorists safe by not disposing of snow into the street, a public sidewalk or even on the parkway across from your property. Properly pile the snow from your driveway on the downstream edge of roadway plowing operations and your drive. As you face your house, the left side of the driveway is the best location. This will reduce the amount of snow deposited into your driveway during the following storm events. If a mailbox has been compromised by our municipal plow truck, please notify us immediately so that a temporary mailbox may be installed for continued postal service. If you any questions, concerns or need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact us at 847-358-6336. Thank you for your consideration, everyone at the Road District greatly appreciates your effort in combating the winter storms and together we will keep the roadways open and safe.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR PALATINE TOWNSHIP FUNDED AGENCIES

Palatine Township supports specific programs at twenty-nine local social service agencies that provide vital human services to Township residents. Here are fundraisers for some of those social service agencies.

CONNECT TO COMMUNITY

connecttocommunityinc.org

Trivia Night
October 19, 2019
Rolling Meadows Community Center
3705 Pheasant Drive
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
Check the website for more information

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

catholiccharities.net

Spirit of St. Nicholas Ball
December 6, 2019
Hilton Chicago
720 South Michigan Ave
Chicago, IL 60605
Check the website for more information

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF NORTH AND NORTHWEST COOK COUNTY (CAC)

cachelps.org

Casino Night
October 25, 2019
6 South Vail Ave
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
Check the website for more information

CLEARBROOK

clearbrook.org

Around The Block
October 15, 2019
Downtown Arlington Heights
10 South Vail Ave
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
Check the website for more information

JOURNEYS THE ROAD HOME

journeystheroadhome.org

Bid For Hope Benefit Gala
November 8, 2019
The Cotillion
360 South Creekside Dr
Palatine, IL 60074
Check the website for more information

LEYDEN – THE SHARE PROGRAM

leydenfamilyservice.org

2019 Fundraiser
October 4, 2019
Marriott Chicago Northwest
4800 Hoffman Boulevard
Hoffman Estates, IL 60192
Check the website for more information

LITTLE CITY

littlecity.org

Little City Links
October 20, 2019
Top Golf Wood Dale
1001 N Prospect Ave
Wood Dale, IL 60191
Check the website for more information

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

littlesistersofthepoorpalatine.org

St. Joseph's Home for the Holidays Wine Tasting
November 7, 2019
St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly
80 West Northwest Highway
Palatine, IL 60067
Check the website for more information

SPECIAL LEISURE SERVICES FOUNDATION

slsf.me

Celebrate Ability Gala
November 8, 2019
Chevy Chase Country Club
1000 North Milwaukee Ave
Wheeling, IL 60090
Check the website for more information

ST. MARY'S SERVICES

stmaryservices.com

Making Miracles Happen Annual Gala
November 16, 2019
Café La Cave
2777 Mannheim Rd
Des Plaines, IL 60018
Check the website for more information

THE HARBOUR

theharbour.org

Havana Nights Casino Night
October 12, 2019
Mini Cooper of Glencoe
2100 Frontage Road
Glencoe, IL 60022
Check the website for more information

WINGS

wingsprogram.com

Sweet Home Chicago
December 8, 2019
Four Seasons Hotel
120 East Delaware Place
Chicago, IL 60611
Check the website for more information

Hours:

Monday, 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Tuesday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday, 8:30 AM - noon

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LETTER FROM THE SUPERVISOR

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

– Margaret Mead

October is a month of change. The trees' leaves become colorful, the air becomes colder, and the time change gives us an extra hour to sleep. I expect we all have experienced positive and negative change, even if it was presented with all the best intentions. Margaret Mead believed that anyone who wanted to change something could, and YHOP, Youth Hunger Opposition in Palatine, is an inspiring example.

In 2007, Kelly Kinsella, a senior at Fremd High School wanted to change shortage of food through the Township Food Pantry. The Township regularly closed its food pantry each summer due to low donations of food and cash. Kelly recruited her dad, the Fremd High School Principal, and other students to fund raise by hosting a large and successful bake sale. They raised a total of \$10,000!

Kelly was off running. In a very short time, Kelly raised over \$100,000 through bake sales, individual and corporate donations, and many other events, so Palatine Township Food Pantry would never be closed again. YHOP helped to build a "choice" pantry allowing recipients to pick their food instead of receiving a bag of food they would never eat, purchase a truck to transport the food, and raised enough money to keep the pantry on financially secure future forever.

Every year students from both Fremd and Palatine High Schools join YHOP and continue to conduct various fundraisers throughout the school year. Without their contributions and dedication, our food pantry would have struggled.

So as the story goes, Kelly is the perfect example of what Margaret Mead meant. She was one person, who became two and so on. Her commitment continues to feed over 370 families a month and will continue to do so, with the new students in YHOP continuing the cause. You can find more information on www.yhop.org. If you have a high school student in the family who is interested in getting involved, contact through email at yhop.fund@gmail.com. Do not ever believe that you, as one person, cannot make a difference. Believe in yourself, and you will be rewarded.

Sincerely,

Sharon Langlotz-Johnson
Supervisor, Palatine Township

