Panther’s Pantry Annual Report
Georgia State University
Atlanta Campus
August 2018 – August 2019
MISSION

To distribute food to students, staff and faculty to alleviate stress associated with short term food insecurity and other financial constraints in order to effectively reduce hunger and support educational success.

*Studies have shown that food insecurity among college students is linked to lower graduation rates and ultimately undermines their ability to succeed.*

ABOUT US

Panther’s Pantry was established in 2014 by graduate students from the Coordinated Program (CP) within the Nutrition Department. After conducting a survey showing 68 percent of students at Georgia State were food insecure at one point while enrolled at the university, we knew something needed to be done. The pantry aimed to solve this problem. With help from volunteers, more CP students and the Nutrition Department, the Panther’s Pantry began.
A NOTE FROM OUR TEAM

As we reflect on this year, we want to take a moment to share the impact that we have made in our Georgia State community in 2018/2019 through you, our donors and volunteers. Through your help we are improving students’ chance for educational success, while helping alleviate food insecurity in our community.

Your support helped us provide more than 22,500 pounds of food and expanded student participation by 51 percent in 2018/2019.

Thank you for your support as we continue to broaden our reach and impact in the student community. Your partnership and support make success possible for so many of our students.

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2018/2019 IMPACT STATISTICS: STUDENTS


(The pantry was closed during Thanksgiving week in November, winter break in December, spring break in March and summer.)
WHY DO WE WORK SO HARD?

“I really appreciate the pantry! *It has helped me when I needed it most.*” – Anonymous

“Once I’ve found my footing I too will be donating and giving back all that I can to help fellow Panthers who have financial struggles. *The Panther’s Pantry is truly a blessing* and greatly appreciates everyone who has donated or helped to keep it running.”
– Anonymous

“The pantry is a good place to get food items to supplement meals. For me, *it provides my breakfast and gives me a variety of things to choose from.*” – Anonymous

*Panther’s Pantry is just awesome.* The workers are accommodating. Keep up the good work.” – A.T.

“The pantry helps me out by supplying me with food when I am low on funds and hungry, which is 80 percent of the time.” – Anonymous
VOLUNTEER IMPACT
The pantry is 100 percent student- and volunteer-staffed and operated. Students and volunteers are a critical part of running and supporting our students. Pantry volunteers check in and check out customers, help promote food drives, assist in collecting donations, help keep the pantry stocked and organized, and assist with food demonstrations.

91 VOLUNTEERS
SPRING SEMESTER

MORE THAN
7,200
VOLUNTEER HOURS
DONOR IMPACT

Our donors allow Panther’s Pantry to make a huge impact in supporting our students. Thank you!

More than 26,000 lbs of food donated  
More than 3,000 lbs of hygiene items donated
“The First Congregational Church, UCC believes in being a good neighbor. Our location in the heart of Georgia State University’s downtown campus provides a wonderful opportunity to support its students through our participation in the GSU Food Pantry program. Our members have embraced the program and it has become an ongoing part of our mission and stewardship efforts. *We look forward to continuing and strengthening our relationship with the GSU family through the Pantry and other innovative initiatives.*”

– Rev. Dwight D. Andrews, Pastor
First Congregational Church
2018/2019 ACHIEVEMENTS

• In fall 2018, Panther’s Pantry under the GSU Foundation became a 501c3 non-profit organization.

• We are now a partner agency with the Atlanta Community Food Bank. This allows us to buy food at the discounted rate of $0.16 per pound, helping us further support students nutritional needs.

• We secured a freezer and extra refrigerator for storage of frozen foods, fresh foods and vegetables.

• We now have three additional Panther’s Pantries across the campuses, including Clarkston, Decatur and Dunwoody.

2018/2019 FINANCIALS

INCOME

• The Georgia State University Foundation received $17,748 in donations from June 30, 2018 to November 4, 2019.

• Kroger has partnered with the Georgia State Athletics Department and donated $25 for every touchdown and $5 for every 3-point shot. These donations totaled more than $5,115.

EXPENSES

• Kroger: We spent $6,565 using Kroger cards during the 2018/2019 academic years.

• Atlanta Community Food Bank (ACFB): Since the start of the Foundation in December 2018, the Atlanta campus has spent $1,065 on food from the ACFB to support students.
LOOKING FORWARD

The Panther’s Pantry continually strives to enhance the way we serve our community. Listed below are some of our short- and long-term goals.

**Short-term goals for the next year:**

- **Social media presence:** Grow social media presence through frequent, high-quality posting that engages followers
- **Paperless product:** Use new iPads for check-in alongside digital systems to track inventory, record weight of pantry items and further digital marketing
- **Televisions:** Optimize television screens in Panther’s Pantry to enhance functionality while providing additional resources such as recipes, pantry specials and nutrition tips
- **Wireless connectivity:** Use card swipe functions and iPads to track inventory, donations and pantry foot traffic

**Long-term goals for the pantry:**

- **Expansion:** Establish food pantries on other Georgia State campuses.
- **Growth:** Facilitate, collaborate and grow food pantries on other Georgia State campuses to enhance community outreach students
- **Distribution Center:** Establish a distribution center to store dry and frozen inventory (This will allow for cheaper products to be purchased and enhance use of space within Panther’s Pantry that would otherwise be used for storage.)
- **Delivery:** Use a truck to transport donations, orders and deliveries between donor partners and campus pantries.
- **Proximity:** Secure a new, larger location next to other pertinent resources, such as housing, financial aid and student counseling.
THANK YOU

We are exceptionally grateful to every individual who donated food through the Amazon Wishlist, food drives, in-kind donations and through monetary donations to the Panther’s Pantry Foundation and crowdfunding page. We couldn’t do it without you!
FOOD DRIVE PARTNERS

CORPORATE
- The Kroger Co.
- Van Wagner Sports & Entertainment

COMMUNITY
- Atlanta Community Food Bank
- Advanced Nurse Practices (ATL Chapter)
- All The Love
- C.H.O.I.C.E.S
- First Congregational Church
- Le Fat Vietnamese restaurant
- Marcus Stroke Institute
- On My Mother’s Shoulders
- Second Helpings
- Immaculate Conception of Jonesboro
- United Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Atlanta Chapter

CAMPUS
- Office of Civic Engagement
- University Housing
- ELAW
- Financial Aid
- GSU Athletics
- GSU Library
- GSU PantherDining
- Office of Civic Engagement
- GSU School of Public Health Department of Health Policy & Behavioral Sciences
- GSU Office of Sustainability
- International Student & Scholar Services
- Her Campus GSU
- Panhellenic Council
- Robinson College of Business
- Staff Council: GSU
- University Advising
- Dunwoody Panthers Activities Office
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Crowdfunding:
https://impact.gsu.edu/project/13654/donate

Amazon Wishlist:

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