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Saline County Commission Visits Marshall Food Pantry, Urges Community Support Amid SNAP Uncertainty

Marshall, MO – On Wednesday, October 29, the Saline County Commission visited the Marshall Food Pantry to learn more about the growing needs of local families and the challenges facing food pantries across Missouri.

Recent reports indicate that due to the ongoing federal government shutdown, as many as 650,000 Missouri residents could soon be without SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits. This figure represents nearly 10 percent of Missouri's population—almost equal to the entire population of the state of Vermont.

Local food pantries are bracing for a potential surge in demand that could place additional strain on already limited resources. The Marshall Food Pantry currently serves an average of 445 families each month and has supported approximately 4,006 families so far this year. Of those served, the sad reality is that 33 percent are children under the age of 18. Only 17 percent of the families served are current SNAP recipients.

“This year alone, the pantry has seen a noticeable increase in new families seeking assistance,” the Commission noted. “It’s heartbreaking to see the shelves that once held crates of donated goods now nearly bare.”

The Saline County Commission has previously provided over \$100,000 in CARES and ARPA funding to support local food pantries when federal relief dollars were available. However, with those funds now exhausted, the Commission is calling on the community to come together once again.

“As we approach the holiday season, we ask our citizens to remember the food pantries that serve our neighbors, friends, and families,” said the Commission. “Every contribution—big or small—makes a difference.”

The Commission also extended heartfelt thanks to the dedicated volunteers and leaders who continue to serve at food pantries throughout Saline County.

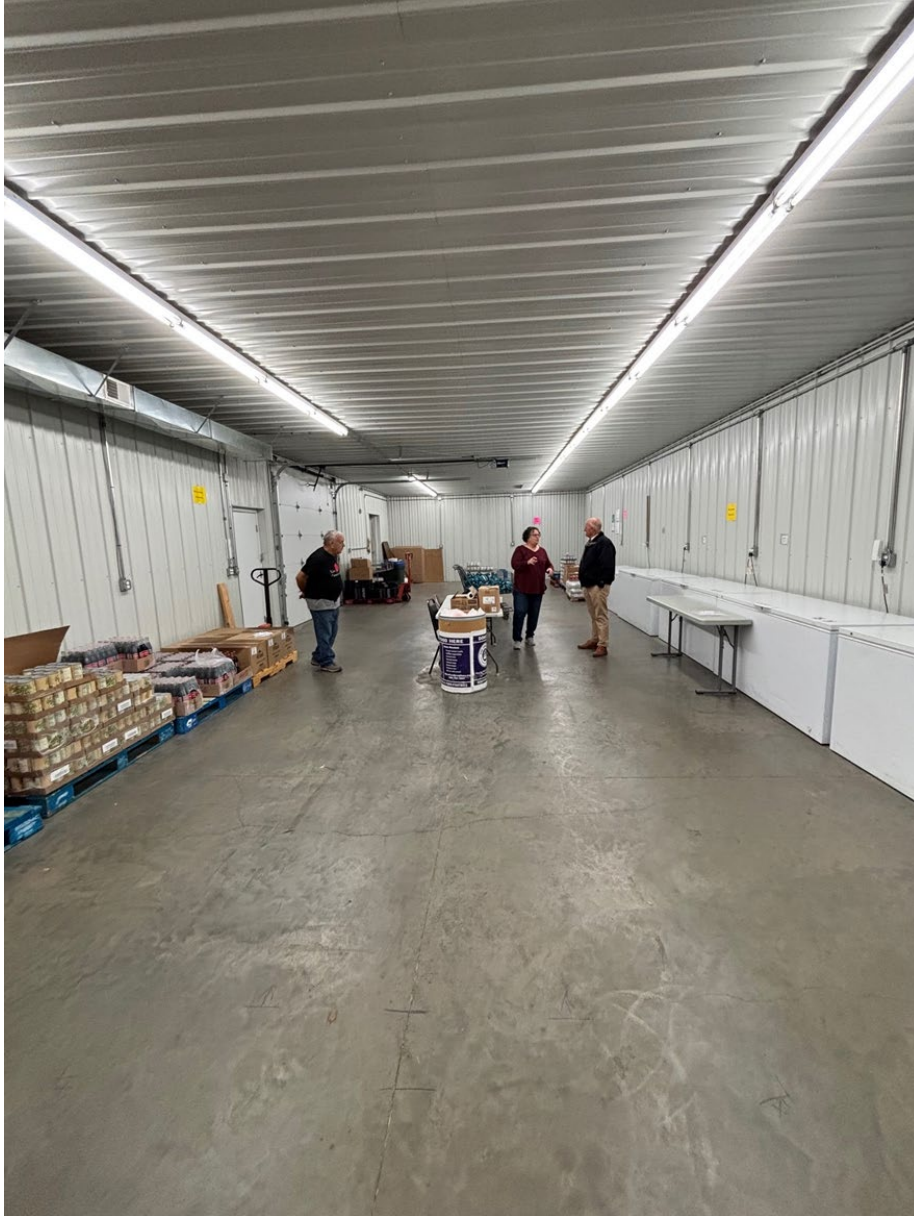
“Your compassion and hard work are the backbone of this effort. Together, we can ensure that no family in Saline County goes hungry,” the Commission added.

How to Help

Community members wishing to donate food or funds to the Marshall Food Pantry can contact the pantry directly or visit in person to learn more about current needs.



Director, Cindy Tebbe, is displaying food donations to Saline County Commissioners while on their visit with the Marshall Food Pantry on October 29, 2025.



Commissioner Monte Fenner speaking with Food Pantry Director Cindy Tebbe, where Empty space now holds the place of a once fully stocked room