Popsie’s Pantry

WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE

Client Choice & Privacy
At Jewish Family Services, we prioritize privacy and client choice, utilizing individual appointment times to fulfill specific requests for needed food and household items.

Kosher Foods Section
Popsie’s Pantry is the only food pantry within 100+ miles of Indianapolis that has a kosher foods section! We keep our shelves stocked with special holiday foods and general items that support Jewish families all year ‘round.

Wrap-Around Services
In addition to providing urgent food support, our social workers provide wrap around services to address needs related to food insecurity and beyond.

WHO THE PANTRY SERVES

• Individuals and families living in the northwest quadrant of Indianapolis.
• Families all over Indy in need of Jewish holiday or kosher food support.

THE MAN BEHIND THE NAME
Popsie’s Pantry was named in loving memory of Holocaust survivors Anton “Popsie” z”l and Etta Berkovits z”l. Anton was born in Romania in 1913. He met his wife, Etta Jacobson, in a slave labor camp in Russia, where they married and from which they eventually escaped. Anton found himself in the grocery business after moving to Indianapolis in 1953. After his passing in 2010, his family decided to honor his memory and passion for feeding others by establishing Popsie’s Pantry at Jewish Family Services. Special thanks to founding donors Steve z”l and Livia Russell.

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The Pantry was used **1,060 TIMES** in 2020, feeding a total of **2,506 people**

- Served **156 unique households** made up of **352 individuals** (compared to 90 unduplicated families in 2019).
- Includes **28 Holocaust Survivors** (over 1/3 of the local survivor population).

**73% increase in households served**

Budget increased by nearly **75%** (formerly a $59,700 program pre-COVID and now it costs $104,200 to run Popsie’s Pantry)

**Delivered groceries 215 times**

Volunteers help with these monthly grocery deliveries to clients who are homebound and/or have limited transportation. Volunteers also come to JFS to help pack groceries for clients and to stock and organize the shelves.

In 2020, Jewish Family Services celebrated the **10-year anniversary of the pantry!**

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