

**ONGOING FOOD SUPPORT PROGRAMS:**

*These programs provide regular food assistance to eligible individuals. Contact to see if you might be eligible:*

1. **BackPack Program** – Bags of weekend food. Available in Ballard, Collins, Colo, Nevada, RS elementary schools.
2. **Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)** – A program for in-home childcare providers to receive meal reimbursements in Story County and beyond. Contact Kris at MICA, [cacfp@micaonline.org](mailto:cacfp@micaonline.org) or 641-328-3261.
3. **Food Assistance/SNAP** -You can apply online, by paper, or over the phone. Learn more at <https://www.iowa.gov/how-do-i-apply-food-assistance> OR call 1-855-944-3663, Monday thru Friday, 8 am – 5 pm.
4. **Senior Commodity Food Program (USDA program, offered by Heartland)** – Supplemental food boxes available for eligible seniors 60+ throughout Story County. Call to see if you qualify. 1-877-288-3655 or 515-233-2906.
5. **Women-Infants-Children Program (WIC)** – This program provides supplementary food and nutrition education for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, up to 6-month post-partum and infants & children up to age 5. Visit with MICA in Ames at 515-232-9020 or 1-800-890-8230.

**AMES PANTRIES & PROGRAMS:**

**Ames School District Food Pantries @ various locations** - For students and families of the Ames Community School District. Call the Student & Family Advocates at the schools or go online <https://www.ames.k12.ia.us/district/departments/student-services/h-o-p-e-food-pantry-program/> to request assistance

**Ames Pet Food Bank:** 2521 University Blvd, Suite 123. FB @amespetfoodbank. [petfoodpantry@bailingoutbenji.com](mailto:petfoodpantry@bailingoutbenji.com)  
*Monthly dispersals only.* Must fill out an application before receiving help: <https://form.jotform.com/242194784649168>

**Bethesda Community Food Pantry** – 1517 Northwestern Ave, Ames. 515-232-6256.

*Open hours:* Wednesdays 10-11:30 am, Tuesdays/Thursdays 1 – 3 pm, Tuesdays 6:30 – 8 pm. *Details:* Choice pantry. Clothing Closet available in same space. Maximum 1 visit per week.

**Calvary United Methodist Food Pantry** – 1403-24<sup>th</sup> Street, Ames. 515-232-6329

*Open hours:* Tuesdays 2 – 3:30 pm. *Details:* Curbside service. Visitors may come once per month.

**Food At First Meal Site & Free Market (Perishable Food)**– First Christian Church, 611 Clark Avenue, Ames. 515-344-HELP  
*Meals:* Sundays thru Fridays, 5:45 – 6:15 pm, Saturdays 11:30 am-12:15 pm. *Pantry hours:* Mondays & Thursdays, 4:30 – 5:30 pm, Saturdays 10 – 11 am. *Details:* Detailed information available at [www.foodatfirst.com](http://www.foodatfirst.com)

**Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance Emergency Food Vouchers** – 613 Clark Avenue, Ames. 515-296-1449.

Emergency food vouchers are available to purchase needed items at local grocery stores in Ames, Nevada, Huxley, and Slater. Available by appointment only. Call or email [assistance@gnea.org](mailto:assistance@gnea.org). Learn more at [www.gnea.org](http://www.gnea.org)

**Harvest Vineyard Church Food Assistance Program** – 320 S. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Ames. 515-290-6881. **ON PAUSE RIGHT NOW.**

**Heartland Meals on Wheels** – 515-357-4573 (call to set up or cancel services)

Mondays thru Fridays in most of Story County. Prepares/delivers meals to those who are 60+ and/or meet the criteria.

**Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA) Food Pantry** – 230 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Ames. 515-956-3333.

*Open hours:* Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays 9 am – 4 pm, Tuesdays 12 – 4 pm, Thursdays 9 am – 1 pm. *Details:* Choice pantry. Home delivery available if needed.

**Primary Health Care “Farm to Clinic” (summer)** – 3510 Lincoln Way, Ames. 515-232-0628. Fresh produce for patients.

**Romero House Meal Site** – 709 Clark Avenue, Ames. 515-337-8088 or [www.amesromerohouse.org](http://www.amesromerohouse.org)

*Daytime hospitality hours (meals, showers):* Mondays thru Fridays 1–4 pm, Sundays 10:30 am–4 pm, closed Saturdays.

**Shared Blessings at Northminster Presbyterian Church** – 1416 20<sup>th</sup> Street (across from Ames High), Ames. 515-233-2540

*Open hours:* 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month 1:30 – 3 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month 6:30 – 8 pm. *Details:* Offer diapers, TP, supplies.

**The Salvation Army Food Pantry & Doing The Most Good Market** – 703 East Lincoln Way, Ames. 515-233-3567, ext.0  
*Open hours:* Mondays-Fridays 1 – 3 pm by appointment with walk-ins available from 3pm to 3:20pm. Unhoused clients can get food daily during open hours without an appointment. *Details:* Must be a resident of Story County. Pantry can be visited 1x per month; market 1x per week. Delivery available as staffing allows.

**The SHOP Student Food Pantry at Iowa State University** - 1306 Beyer Hall, ISU campus, Ames.

*Open hours:* Mondays & Tuesdays 12 - 5 pm, Wednesdays 2 – 7 pm. **ISU students only.**

**+ Satellite Site: Sloss Center Resource Room** –205 Sloss House, ISU central campus, Ames. 515-294-4154

*Open hours:* Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 10 am – 3 pm, or by appointment. Open to all.

#### **OTHER STORY COUNTY PANTRIES & PROGRAMS:**

**Ballard Community Clothing/Food Pantry** –602 N Main - Suite 105, Huxley. 515-291-3543

*Open hours:* Wednesdays 5 – 7 pm, Saturdays 10 am – 12 pm, Sundays 1- 3 pm

**Ballard High School Pantry** – 701 Ballard Drive, Huxley. 515-291-3543 / [jmclaughlin@ballard.k12.ia.us](mailto:jmclaughlin@ballard.k12.ia.us) By appointment.

**Cambridge Food Pantry** – United Methodist Church, 215 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Cambridge. 515-383-4392 (Jan)

*Open hours:* Tuesdays 6 – 7 pm. *Details:* Must live in/near Cambridge. In basement. Can visit every other week.

**Colo Food Pantry** – United Methodist Church, 602-4<sup>th</sup> Street, Colo. 641-377-2534

*Open hours:* Saturdays only, 9:30-10:30 am.

**Colo-NESCO School Pantry @ Jr/Sr High** – 919 West Street, Colo. 641-377-2282 /contacts Mr. Owens & Ms.Kinser

By appointment for students of the Colo-NESCO Community School District and their families.

**Colo Public Library Little Free Pantry** – 309 Main Street, Colo. 641-377-2900 or [cololibrary@netins.net](mailto:cololibrary@netins.net) (Joanie)

*Open hours:* Mondays thru Fridays, 10 am – 6 pm, Saturdays 10 am – 4 pm. *Details:* Open to anyone with no limit.

**Cubbie's Cupboard @ Nevada Middle School** - 1035-15<sup>th</sup> Street, Nevada. 515-382-2751

*Open hours:* Wednesdays 4 – 5:30 pm or by appointment. *Details:* For students of Nevada Schools and their families.

**Gilbert "Backpack Buddies"** (Gilbert Schools in partnership with Gilbert Lutheran) – [woodinm@gilbertcsd.org](mailto:woodinm@gilbertcsd.org)

*Details:* Supplemental food continues to be prepared and offered to eligible children. Contact Mel Woodin at Gilbert.

**Huxley Food Pantry** – 503 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street (behind south Casey's), Huxley. 515-597-2831

*Open hours:* Wednesdays 6 – 7 pm. Thursdays 10 – 11 am. *Details:* Huxley and Kelley residents only.

**Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry (Story City)** – 204 W. Broad Street, Story City.

*Open hours:* Saturdays 10 am – 12 pm except holidays & Scandi. Days. *Details:* For Gilbert, Roland & Story City only.

**Maxwell-Collins Food Pantry** – First Presbyterian Church, 221 Main Street, Maxwell. 515-387-8505 or 515-491-5338

*Open hours:* 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 5 – 6 pm. *Details:* Maxwell and Collins residents only.

**Nevada Community Cupboard** – St. Patrick's Church, 1110 – 11<sup>th</sup> Street (in the garage), Nevada. 515-382-2974.

*Open hours:* Saturdays 10 – 11:30 am. *Details:* Only for residents of eastern Story County communities.

**Nevada Food at First Meal Site** – First United Methodist Church, 1036-7<sup>th</sup> Street, Nevada. 515-215-3904

*Meals:* Mondays & Thursdays 5:30 – 6 pm. *Details:* Call or use this link <https://bit.ly/3c3bfs9> to order carry-out meals by 3:30 PM. Pick up meals at church or designated neighborhood locations. Follow *Nevada Food at First* on Facebook.

**Norseman Food Pantry @ Roland-Story Middle School**- 206 S. Main Street, Roland. 515-388-4348

*Open hours:* Sundays only from 4-5 pm. Closed on holidays. *Details:* Only for students/families of Roland-Story schools.

**Slater/Sheldahl Food Pantry** – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 411 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave (brown/blue building), Slater. 515-231-5643 or 515-231-0046.

*Open hours:* Tuesdays 10 – 11 am, Wednesdays 7 – 8 pm. *Details:* Can be visited 2x per month.

**Zearing-McCallsburg Food Pantry** – 107 W. Main Street (beside City Hall), Zearing. 641-487-7271.

*Open hours:* Wednesdays 5 – 6:30 pm. *Details:* Zearing & McCallsburg residents only. Can be visited every other week.



**FOR OTHER RESOURCES, 24-7: Call 2-1-1, text your zip code to 898211, or visit [www.211iowa.org](http://www.211iowa.org)**