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Orland Township Distributes Frozen, Prepared Meals to Food Pantry Clients

Orland Township recently distributed over 400 prepared meals to residents in need, according to the office of Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady.

Through a long-standing partnership with the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD), Orland Township held the distribution to gauge need and interest in a prepared meal program in the southwest suburbs. In addition to receiving four prepared meals, recipients were asked to complete a short survey after eating the meals.

"The Orland Township Food Pantry serves over 300 households every month," said Supervisor O'Grady. "While the residents who access the Food Pantry receive a bounty of healthy groceries, including fresh produce, dairy and meat, many need assistance preparing meals. This program helps bridge that gap by providing prepared meals that are nutritional, easy to cook and may help residents come up with other meal ideas to prepare themselves."

As part of the GCFD's efforts to expand food access to those in need of prepared meals, particularly older adults, the Food Depository has continued growing its meal production and delivery program from its facility on the city's Southwest Side. The meals are distributed with the help of nearly two dozen community partners, like the Orland Township Food Pantry, across Cook County.

The prepared meal distribution was held on Saturday, Jan. 30 at Orland Township, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park.

For more information on the Orland Township Food Pantry, please visit the website, orlandtownship.org or call (708) 403-4222.

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Photo Caption

Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady, with the help of students from Andrew and Sandburg high schools, load prepared meals into Township Food Pantry clients' vehicles. The prepared meals were from the Greater Chicago Food Depository's meal production program and distributed to gauge need and interest in the Orland Township community.

