



Freeport
Community
Services

NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR CAMPAIGN

STRENGTHENING WHAT MATTERS | CREATING SPACE FOR WHAT'S NEXT



You Can Make an Impact

The Neighbor Helping Neighbor campaign has already received tremendous support, a powerful reflection of how deeply people believe in FCS and its future. **Now is the opportunity to help us reach our \$3.5 million goal and bring this vision to life.**



Our Mission:

**TO ENRICH LIVES, CONNECT
NEIGHBORS, AND HELP THOSE IN
NEED IN FREEPORT AND POWNAL.**

Over 50 Years of Neighbor Helping Neighbor

Freeport Community Services is a trusted, welcoming place for our neighbors, offering support, connection, and a sense of belonging across generations.

Since 1974, we've designed our Community Center to be a refuge for life's challenges, providing food, clothing, household goods, medical supplies, and a caring community. We are a place people go to when they need help and later return to because they know they are valued.

Today, the needs of our community are growing, and we are called to do more. Guided by the compassion, integrity, and inclusivity that defines FCS, we are ready to expand our space to better serve our neighbors now and for generations to come.



A PEEK INSIDE OUR CURRENT FOOD PANTRY SPACE.

A GROWING COMMUNITY CENTER WITH LIMITED SPACE

The Food Pantry is the heart of FCS, providing neighbors weekly with nourishment, dignity, and connection. Today, it operates within four small rooms of a historic Mallett House. Narrow spaces limit how many people can shop and create barriers for neighbors with mobility needs. The result is longer waiting times, less efficient use of space, and a less accessible shopping experience.

The Thrift Shop generates nearly half of our annual revenue,

helping fund the Food Pantry, camp scholarships, heating assistance, and other supportive programs. Today, the shop operates at the front of the building. Donations, sorting, and storage take place on the opposite side. Staff and volunteers need to move new stock across the building daily. With so much of our programming made possible by the Thrift Shop, the building-wide demands of its current space impact everyone who visits and works here.

Strengthening Our Community Center for the Future

At FCS, giving and receiving are not separate experiences – they are part of the same community. Neighbors donate clothing and household goods. Volunteers give their time, and the Thrift Shop turns those gifts into resources that help sustain our programs. We have become a place where generosity circulates – people give what they can, receive what they need, and find meaningful ways to give back.

That spirit is at the heart of FCS, and it is why this expansion matters. We have made our spaces work through creativity and resourcefulness for years, but our community is asking more of us now. **This project will help us build on what makes our Community Center special and carry that spirit forward for years to come.**

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS MOVE FURNITURE, CLOTHING, HOME GOODS AND MORE TO STOCK OUR THRIFT SHOP DAILY.

WHY EXPANSION MATTERS

This expansion is about making FCS work better for everyone. Food Pantry visitors will have more room to shop comfortably, with an activity area where children can play and learn while their parents select the food they need. Thrift Shop donors will have a smoother donation experience, while shoppers will enjoy more space and inventory to browse. Staff and volunteers will be able to manage their work more efficiently behind the scenes. Together, these changes will create a more welcoming, accessible, and connected Community Center for everyone.



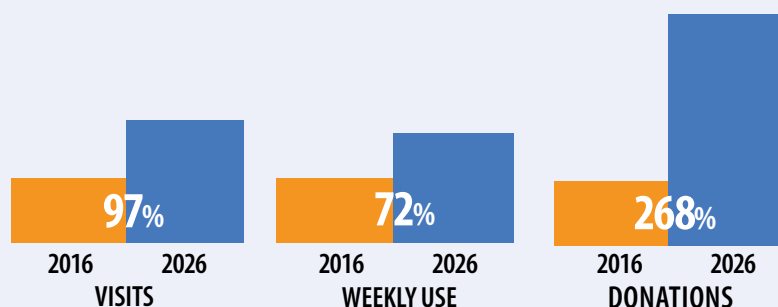
MEETING THE GROWING NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Over the past decade, more of our neighbors have turned to us for support, and our community has responded with extraordinary generosity.

OUR DEDICATED FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS SORT THROUGH FOOD DONATIONS.



Food Pantry Increases Since 2016



Food Pantry Increases FY 2026

Visits: **855 people**

Weekly Use: **12,600 times**

Donations: **311,000 lbs. of food**

"In the past year, we've seen a 15% uptick in Food Pantry use. The changes will make it possible for us to meet growing demands along with the promise of a comfortable, accessible space to shop."

- Andy Wyatt,
Food Programs Supervisor

At the same time, Thrift Shop sales have grown 154%, generating more than \$662,000 for FCS programs. Together, these numbers tell a bigger story: more people are turning to FCS, more neighbors are giving, and more resources are moving through our doors.

The spaces that have served our community so well for decades were designed for a different time before we could have imagined how much our community would grow and give.



OUR THRIFT SHOP SORTING AREA ON A TYPICAL DONATION DAY.

YOUR DONATION WILL TRANSFORM OUR FOOD PANTRY AND THRIFT SHOP, CREATING SPACES AND EFFICIENCIES THAT BETTER SERVE OUR COMMUNITY NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE.



"This is an investment in the people, programs, and generosity that makes FCS special. Reaching our \$3.5 million goal will allow us to build on what has worked so well for over 50 years and help us create a space that can carry that work forward for generations to come."

- Sarah Lundin,
Executive Director

OUR FUTURE FOOD PANTRY WILL BE MORE ACCESSIBLE AND FEEL LIKE A NEIGHBORHOOD MARKET.

"The upcoming efficiency changes to the building will be an incredible timesaver for our staff and volunteers. We couldn't be more excited to have all our operations in one place."

- Miriam Tanner,
Thrift Shop Program Manager



AN EXPANDED THRIFT SHOP WILL CREATE ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR STOCKING AND SHOPPING THE STORE.

WANT TO LEARN MORE OR BE PART OF THE CAMPAIGN?

Christine Force would be happy to answer questions, talk through giving opportunities, or help you find the best way to participate.

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