

## **Southern Indiana Wheelmen Bicycle Club Donates to Dare to Care**

Members representing the Southern Indiana Wheelmen (SIW) bicycle club donated \$2,000 to Dare to Care Food Bank at a presentation on December 13, 2024 at the Community Corner Food Pantry in the Floyd County Library in New Albany, Indiana. The money was raised earlier this year through the Harvest Homecoming Bicycle Tour (HHBT). "This was the fourth year we were able to donate \$2,000," commented John Neichter, SIW President, "and extra special this year because of a matching funds donation it became \$4,000."

This would have been the 46th year for the Harvest Homecoming Bicycle Tour which takes place in Lanesville, Indiana, but the event was rained out due to Hurricane Helene. "We were short of our goal of collecting \$2,000 so the members agreed to pay the difference out of our general fund," John Neichter commented. The next HHBT will be on September 27, 2025.

The Community Corner Food Pantry in the Floyd County Library is in partnership with Dare to Care and the United States Department of Agriculture (U.S.D.A.) to supply nutritious food to those needing food assistance in our community. In 2023, the Community Corner Food Pantry served 5,228 community members and between January and November of this year, it has served 6,223 members. "As you see," added Payton Barger, Social Services Leader, Floyd County Library, "there is a large demand for the services we provide."

Dare to Care partners with local social service agencies, such as food pantries, shelters, and emergency kitchens to distribute food to Louisville and the 12 surrounding counties in Kentucky and Southern Indiana. In the past year, Dare to Care and its partners provided 22.2 million meals to our community. For more information on Dare to Care or if you want to donate go to: <https://daretocare.org/>