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 November 19, 2026 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 our sixth year being able to donate $2,000," commented Peggy Bannon, SIW President, "and because of a matching funds donation, it became $4,000!"

This was the 48th year for the Harvest Homecoming Bicycle Tour which takes place in Lanesville, Indiana and is part of the New Albany Harvest Homecoming. "Our goal has been to donate $2,000 every year and we have continued to do so," Peggy commented. The next HHBT will be on September 25, 2027.

A one dollar donation to Dare to Care provides enough food for two meals so this $2,000 donation, with matching funds, will provide 8,000 meals in our community. Between January and October of this year, the Community Corner Food Pantry and Dare to Care served almost 1,800 households in Floyd County. In all of 2025 it served 1,973 households and over 9,000 individuals. "The demand keeps increasing and with food inflation," explained Becki Moody, Social Services Leader, at Floyd County Library, "we are working hard to meet the demand. The rising cost of food means the food pantry is seeing an increase in the number of families who are accessing the pantry each month. Some families are turning to food pantries for the first time in an effort to stretch limited food dollars. We have had some weeks when the shelves are nearly bare before the next order arrives. The community is helping with donations and food drives but it is a struggle to keep up with demand."

The Community Corner Food Pantry receives between 3,000 to 5,000 pounds of food from Dare to Care each month which includes frozen meats, produce, and shelf stable items such as pasta and canned goods.

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 22.7

million meals to our community. For more information on Dare to Care or if you want to donate go to: https://daretocare.org/ .

The Community Corner Food Pantry is always looking for volunteers! If you are interested in helping or if you want more information, go to: https://floydlibrary.org/community-corner/ . They are always looking for canned vegetables and canned proteins (pop-top cans are preferred), and reuseable tote bags.

Southern Indiana Wheelmen is a local bicycle club, founded in 1975, that encourages riders of all ages to come out and enjoy cycling. It is based in Clark County and its members ride in all the local counties on both sides of the Ohio River. For more information, go to: https://www.siwheelmen.org/ .

Photo caption: Representative of Southern Indiana Wheelmen (SIW), Dare to Care and the Floyd County Library pose in the Food Pantry in the Floyd County Library. They are, from the left, Cindy Barranco (SIW), Robenette Rosenberger (SIW), David Campbell (SIW), Peggy Bannon (SIW), back, Danielle Densford (Dare to Care), Juli Hutson (Floyd County Library), Becki Moody (Floyd County Library), and John Neichter (SIW).