



CAN

Community Assistance Network

Helping People. Changing Lives.

Renovation of CAN's Food Pantry and Office

Get to Know CAN

- **History:** Community Assistance Network, Inc. (CAN), a nonprofit established in 1965 as part of the “War on Poverty,” is the designated anti-poverty organization serving low-income Baltimore County residents.
- **Mission:** To work in partnership with the community to develop, operate, and support programs that reduce vulnerability and promote personal growth, stability, and self-sufficiency among low-income residents.
- **Services:** Emergency, Transitional and Permanent Housing, Food Security, and 2G Economic Security & Self-Sufficiency

Food Insecurity in Baltimore County

- 11% of Baltimore County's total population (91,410), and 14.9% of its child population (26,610), are food insecure.
- Maryland Food Bank has almost 200 food distribution sites throughout the county. Out of those sites, CAN's Pantry has distributed the most food over the past three years.
- In 2019, CAN distributed 604,895 pounds, which translates to more than 500,000 meals (based on Feeding America formula of 1.2 pounds per meal).
- Dundalk, where CAN is located, has the highest amount of unmet need in the county (2,453,060 additional pounds needed in that area).



*CAN feeds
24,000
individuals
annually
through our
pantry.*

Current Conditions of CAN's Food Pantry



- Recently, CAN has seen an increase in people needing emergency and supplemental food assistance at the pantry, once serving 30-40 households per day, but now seeing **40-50 recipients daily**.
- Waiting area and distribution system are undignified.
- The need in Baltimore County is far greater than what the existing pantry can handle.

What is the Client Choice Pantry Model?

- In order to elevate CAN's Pantry to meet best practice models, CAN has an immediate need to remodel the food pantry to function as a **client choice pantry**.
- We also intend to incorporate state-of-the-art “**digital pantry**” technologies which **will allow us to expand service** to pick-up locations around Baltimore County.



***A client choice pantry model** allows clients to choose foods for themselves, modeling a grocery store.*

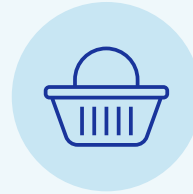
Benefits of the Client Choice Pantry Model



Feed more
people



Reduce
waste



Dignity
of choice



More efficient
distribution



Encourage healthy,
nutritious choices

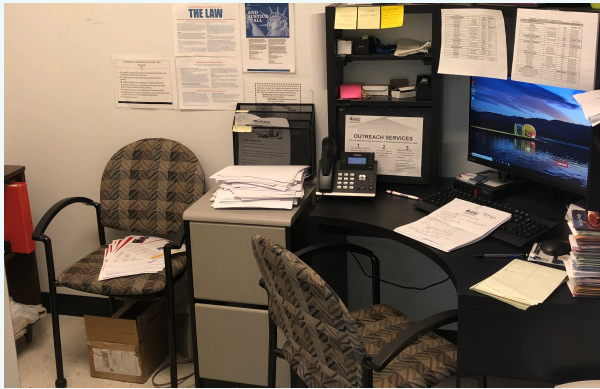


Accommodate
special dietary needs



Attract more donors
and volunteers

Current Conditions of CAN's Administrative & Outreach Office in Dundalk



- Current offices are cramped, inefficient, and not close to 2020 standards
- Yet, from these offices we administer all of CAN's county-wide Housing, Food, and Family Economic Security programs
- Host to CAN's Dundalk Outreach office and community partners like Maryland Legal Aid

Benefits of Renovated Offices

- CAN needs a dignified workspace to **attract and retain high-quality staff members** with offices that will improve employees' well-being and increase productivity.
- Our administrative and outreach offices need to **connect employees and visitors with the mission and values of CAN's work**. A renovation is necessary to visually communicate the values and strength of our organization.
- Renovated office space will allow CAN to partner with more adjunct service providers by providing space to offer their services to CAN's Pantry and Outreach office visitors.

Floorplan and Exterior Improvement Plan



Howard County's Client Choice Pantry



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