

Food Bank of Northwest Indiana

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Supplying Food to Local
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FOOD BANK REWARDS VOLUNTEERS WITH DISNEY DAY Food Bank of Northwest Indiana Volunteers Can Now Earn a Free Day at Walt Disney for Their Service

The Food Bank of Northwest Indiana has recently become a participating member of Walt Disney's "Give a Day. Get a Disney Day" volunteer program. This program allows volunteers to earn a free one day pass to any Disney park. The Food Bank is looking to reward volunteers who help pack weekend food boxes for children through their Backpack program, who help deliver the Backpacks to area schools on Fridays or who come out and assist at one of their Mobile Pantries. To sign up and search for other Food Bank opportunities, simply visit www.giveadaygetadisneyday.com.

"This is a great way to give something back to all those who help us. We are really grateful to our volunteers for all that they do. We're very excited to be able to offer them such a fun reward for taking time out of their busy lives to help those in need," says Executive Director Angie Williams. Last year the Food Bank had over 550 volunteers.

"The search feature helps us get our name out to new volunteers as well," explains Chanda Dixon the Food Bank's Special Events/Volunteer Coordinator. "So in addition to being a great thank you gift to our current volunteers, it's a great incentive to bring new faces to the Food Bank. We're always looking for more help," Dixon adds.

To be eligible for the free day pass volunteers must sign up and complete a day of service between January 1st and December 15th, 2010. After their service has been verified they can print out a voucher that allows them to redeem their free park ticket. They then show the voucher to the designated will call ticket window at either *Walt Disney World*® Resort or the *Disneyland*® Resort along with a valid photo ID. All volunteers must be age 6 and older and any volunteer 17 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian while volunteering.

The Food Bank of Northwest Indiana is located in Gary and supplies food to over 100 pantries and soup kitchens in Lake and Porter Counties. In addition to distributing food to their member agencies the Food Bank also runs the Community Cupboard, Backpack, Kid's Café and Mobile Pantry programs. Last year the Food Bank distributed over 3.5 million pounds of food.

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