

## West Valley Demonstration Project food drive exceeds its goal



Unloading: Volunteer WVDP employees help deliver 125,000 pounds of food to nine local food pantries, which included the Little Valley Baptist Church food pantry.

WVDP employees deliver holiday items and staples to Saving Grace OutReach food pantry in Cattaraugus, New York.



The workforce at the **West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP)** completed its Annual Food Drive on November 12, as part of their continued commitment to the community.

The goal this year was to collect 120,000 pounds of food – enough to provide turkeys, holiday items and staples for nine food pantries. This year’s Food Drive, which exceeded last year’s goal, collected 125,000 pounds of food, which will help hundreds of families in need during this holiday season. This annual tradition began in 1989, and has been held every year since then. In total, the **WVDP** Food Drive has collected more than 2 million pounds of food since its inception.

“The success of our Food Drive is a direct result of the generosity and kindness of our employees, partners, and subcontractors,” said Lettie Chilson, WVDP Facility Manager and Food Drive Coordinator. “It demonstrates the positive impact that kindness can have on a community. The **WVDP** Food Drive helps to improve the quality of life for our neighbors serviced by the local pantries.”

On Thursday, November 12 and Friday, November 13, volunteers delivered 400 turkeys and hundreds of cases of food to the following food pantries, respectively: Fellowship Hill Ministries (Springville), Delevan Methodist Church, Catholic Charities Outreach (Franklinville), Saving Grace OutReach (Cattaraugus), Master’s Plan (Dayton), United Church of Christ (Ellicottville), Concord Food Pantry, Little Valley Baptist Church, and West Valley Food Pantry.

“I am honored to be a part of an event that makes a difference in our community, said CHBWV President and General Manager John Rendall. “The amount of food collected year-after-year, demonstrates the generosity and kindness of our employees.”



Every year during the holiday season, resources get spread thin and the needs of our community increase. Community support from the **WVDP** Food Drive helps to meet those needs that may have gone unmet during the holiday season.

A special thank you goes out to the following employees and members of supporting businesses and organizations:

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