

Marilyn's Place Non-Food Pantry

Frequently Asked Questions:

Dignity Drives

1. What's a non-food pantry?

A food pantry provides free food; a non-food pantry provides free situationally appropriate clothing, personal hygiene products, and cleaning supplies.

2. Who runs Marilyn's Place Non-Food Pantry?

Marilyn's Place Incorporated is the 501c3 organization founded by Noblesville resident Glenn Conn to open and operate Marilyn's Place Non-Food Pantry in Hamilton County, IN. As the *de facto*, and unpaid, site manager Glenn processes donations, "merchandises" inventory, assists clients, tracks account point balances, and works in partnership with other nonprofits. Co-founder Hilary Ricks manages website and social media outreach and fundraising, the Donate to Sell/Shop to Donate fundraising platform, and the official records, including tax returns and statistics. Both seek and apply for grant assistance, in-kind as well as monetary.

3. Who is it for?

Financially struggling members of Hamilton County and surrounding communities.

4. Where is it?

The Bethel Care Center at 9810 E. 206th Street, Noblesville, IN 46062.

5. Why do Dignity Drives only collect 4 kinds of products?

MPNFP's modified retail setting and freedom of choice point system offer clients as close to a "normal" shopping experience as possible. But choice requires a variety to choose from and while used clothing is fine, used deodorant is not. By limiting the hygiene and cleaning inventory to 32 kinds of products, dividing them into 8 categories of 4 items each, and letting donors pick the brands, sizes, forms, etc., Dignity Drives are

- a) simple for drive managers to run,
- b) easy for group members/friends/family/neighbors/ to donate to, and
- c) guaranteed to create the variety freedom of choice requires