Did you know that 1 in 10 people in Illinois struggle with hunger?

In Illinois, 1.2 million people are struggling with hunger and nearly 4% are children.

AMITA Health recognizes that food insecurity and food access are very real problems in our communities. As part of our Community Benefit programming, food access continues to be a priority that we continue to address. One creative way that AMITA Health is responding to this need is by establishing micro pantries at our hospital locations.

A micro pantry is a small box or structure where people leave donated food for others to pick up anonymously. It is usually located in a common area. The donated food or items help fulfill short-term basic needs for those who do not always have access to them. This is a creative way to help others who struggle with hunger.

The way it works is simple: If you need food, take food. If you have extra, leave some.

MICRO PANTRY LOCATIONS INCLUDE:

Northwest Region
AMITA Health Mercy Medical Center Aurora
1330 N Lake St., Aurora, IL 60506
*Located inside Behavioral Health Services Building front entrance
For more information call 630.801.2656

AMITA Health Saint Joseph Hospital Elgin
77 N. Airlite St., Elgin, IL 60123
*Located outside the front Main Entrance
For more information call 847.695.3200 Ext. 5247

AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center Glen Oaks
701 Winthrop Ave., Glendale Heights, IL 60139
*Located outside the Main Entrance
For more information call 630.312.4000

Chicago Metro Region
AMITA Health Resurrection Medical Center Chicago
7435 W. Talcott, Chicago, IL 60123
*Located by the West Entrance toward the Emergency Department
For more information call 773.990.5022

South Region
AMITA Health Saint Joseph Medical Center Joliet
333 North Madison St., Joliet, IL 60435
*Located by the Madison Street entrance
For more information call 815.725.7133 Ext. 3224

AMITA Health St. Mary’s Hospital Kankakee
500 West Court Street, Kankakee, IL 60901
*Located near the Circle Drive entrance (Court & 5th St.)
For more information call 815.928.6231

AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center Bolingbrook
500 Remington Blvd., Bolingbrook, IL 60440
*Located near the Emergency Room entrance
For more information call 630.312.3921

Looking for food?
www.AMITAhealth.org/patient-resources/community-resources