

# The River Food Pantry

- Offers free food, clothing and groceries to those who seek help
- Feeds more than 600 families a week
- Opened in 2006
- **Their mission:** "to bring a message of mercy and hope to those in need by providing nutritional basics and encouragement, and to be a unifying, servant-hearted, community-building expression of Jesus Christ in Madison."



## How Does APO help?

We help recipients 'shop' in the uniquely designed food pantry that lets the recipients feel like they are in a grocery store and allows choice. We also help cook and serve meals, sort through clothing donations and volunteer at concession stands during UW football and basketball games to help fund the food pantry.

**"Volunteering at The River was enjoyable experience because of its regular volunteers who were approachable and humorous. Volunteering was a touching experience as well because I interacted with many individuals from different walks of life. White or black, young or old, married or single, it didn't matter... There is always someone who needs help and I got to be a small part of that." –Brennan Sedivy, Brother and VP of Membership**

## Check out their blog!

It highlights different recipes for healthy eating with items you can get at the pantry, information that relates to their mission and purpose, features volunteers, and talks about events going on in the community that they are hosting or sponsoring!

## Want to be more involved?

While APO does a lot for them, they can always use more help. If you are interested in volunteering further, planning a food drive, or donating to The River Food Pantry visit their website and click on the corresponding tabs! <http://www.riverfoodpantry.org/>