

## **Southern Indiana Wheelmen Bicycle Club Donates to Dare to Care**

Members representing the Southern Indiana Wheelmen (SIW) bicycle club donated \$2,000 to Dare to Care Food Bank at a presentation on November 20, 2025 at the Community Corner Food Pantry in the Floyd County Library in New Albany, Indiana. The money was raised earlier this year through the Harvest Homecoming Bicycle Tour (HHBT). "This was our fifth year being able to donate \$2,000," commented John Neichter, SIW President, "and extra special this year because of a matching funds donation, it became \$4,000!"

This was the 47th year for the Harvest Homecoming Bicycle Tour which takes place in Lanesville, Indiana and is part of the New Albany Harvest Homecoming. "Our goal has been to donate \$2,000 every year," John Neichter commented. The next HHBT will be on September 26, 2026.

A one dollar donation to Dare to Care provides enough food for two meals so this \$2,000 donation, with matching funds, will provide 8,000 meals in our community. In September of this year alone, the Community Corner Food Pantry and Dare to Care served a combined 300 households or 800 individuals. The Community Corner Food Pantry receives about 3,500 pounds of food from Dare to Care each month.

The Community Corner Food Pantry in the Floyd County Library is in partnership with Dare to Care and the United States Department of Agriculture (U.S.D.A.) to supply nutritious food to those needing food assistance in our community. In 2024, the Community Corner Food Pantry served 6,552 community members. This year, they have served over 6,619 community members. "As you see," explained Emma Rice, Pantry Coordinator Library Assistant at Floyd County Library, "there is a large demand for the services we provide."

Dare to Care partners with local social service agencies, such as food pantries, shelters, and emergency kitchens to distribute food to Louisville and the 12 surrounding counties in Kentucky and Southern Indiana. In the past year, Dare to Care and its partners provided 22.7 million meals to our community. For more information on Dare to Care or if you want to donate go to: <https://daretocare.org/>

The Community Corner Food Pantry is always looking for volunteers! If you are interested in helping or if you want more information, go to: <https://floydlibrary.org/community-corner/> They are always looking for canned vegetables and canned proteins (pop-top cans are preferred), and reuseable tote bags.

Southern Indiana Wheelmen is a local bicycle club that encourages riders of all ages. It is based in Clark County and its members ride in all the local counties on both sides of the Ohio River. It was founded in 1975. For more information, go to: <https://www.siwheelmen.org/>