



Volunteering with Ely Foodbank

The Need

Every day, people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. Rising costs of food and fuel combined with static income, high unemployment and changes to benefits are causing more and more people to come to Foodbanks for help. In 2012-13 Foodbanks fed almost 350,000 people nationwide,

Who We Are

Ely Foodbank is a local charity established in 2012. We are part of a national network of over 340 Foodbanks partnering with the Trussell Trust, who established the first Foodbank in the UK in 2000.

Ely Foodbank operates by supporting people experiencing crisis, through provision of emergency food and support. We provide enough food for a minimum of three days, for individuals and families, for those with homes and for those without. We operate within a 15 mile radius of Ely.

What We Do

We operate distribution centres at The Forum on Barton Road, Ely and the Lighthouse Centre on Lynn Road, Ely. We operate a food warehouse off of Barton Road, where food is received, sorted and stored ready for distribution. We arrange collections of food from shoppers at local supermarkets. We encourage individuals and organisations to collect and donate extra food on a regular basis.

We work with a wide range of local agencies in the area that are often the first point of contact for clients in need, such as housing trusts and Citizens Advice.

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The majority of our work is undertaken by volunteers. Your gift of time can help stop local people going hungry. We could not do it without the time given by our dedicated volunteers. There are four main ways to help us through volunteering:

- Sorting donated food ready for distribution
- Helping to meet clients and give out food at our Foodbank centre
- Regular core administration tasks, transporting food between locations, and fulfilling various errands in and around the city
- Helping out at Foodbank supermarket collection days

In addition, there are occasional openings for volunteers to assist with a wide range of other activities such as creating newsletter and marketing materials, fund-raising and a range of office administration tasks (some of which can be done from home).

To apply to join us as a volunteer, you can either arrange to first speak informally with our Project Director, Cathy Wright, or alternatively fill in one of our Volunteer Forms and return to the address at the end of this leaflet, after which we will make contact with you.

In either case we will ensure that we meet together for an initial discussion. We will share with you more about the work of the Ely Foodbank, and seek to answer your questions, we will explore with you the time and abilities you may be able to make available, and we will look together at how you may best be able to make a worthwhile contribution with us in our work with those in need.

Address for completed Volunteer Forms:

Cathy Wright
Ely Foodbank
c/o 10 Chapel Street, Ely, Cambs CB6 1AD

Tel: 01353 662396

Email: info@elyfoodbank.org.uk

Web: www.elyfoodbank.org.uk

Core Values Statement

Ely Foodbank is operated by local people who are motivated by a set of core values and concern for people in need, together with a humility that acknowledges they are just one node in a network of factors, organisations, and in a society which holds a diverse range of beliefs. Ely Foodbank is supported by Churches Together in Ely (CTiE).

If you choose to join us as a member of our volunteer team, we ask that you strive to abide by these values to the best of your ability, in all your dealings with the organisation, its staff and volunteers and our clients.

Our core values are:

We strive to operate with honesty, love, respect, integrity, openness and generosity at every level.

We strive to attract volunteers and staff with character, values, commitment and ability.

We recognise that partnership with a wide range of diverse organisations is essential.

We see and seek equality, promoting a two-way dynamic especially between the organisation (with its staff/volunteers) and its clients.

We recognise the vulnerability of people who present themselves as clients.

We are attentive to client's needs in a holistic way, recognising that we all have inter-linked needs in mind, body and spirit.

We will not act with any form of ulterior motive.

We will not undermine a person's right to privacy, confidentiality, or desire to maintain their own beliefs.

We will not imply any pre-condition or requirement with respect to receipt of a food parcel.



Volunteer Application Form

Thank you for your offer to help with **Ely Foodbank**.

In order for us to process your application please provide the following information

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel No: _____

email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

If you have a driving licence, are you willing to use your vehicle on Foodbank business? Yes No

Next of Kin:

Name: _____

Tel No: _____

Relationship: _____

Contact in case of emergency (if different from next of kin)

Name: _____

Tel No: _____

Relationship: _____

I would be interested in helping in the following area(s):

Collections at supermarket

Fund-raising

Helping in the Ely Food Store

Managing an aspect of the Foodbank

Maintenance / DIY

Assisting with administration

Help at the point of food distribution

Being a trustee

I am available for:

One off events ie Supermarket collections,

Harvest food sorting, Christmas box sorting

1-4 hours a week

Full Day(s)

Days _____ am pm

Health Do you have any health problems that we should be aware of? Yes No

Please provide details:

Certain roles may require volunteers to supervise or be in close contact with young people or vulnerable adults. We will only need to submit a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check if we intend to ask you to fulfil such a role.

Are you willing, if required, to complete a form for us to submit for a DBS check?

Yes No

Please tell us your previous work experience or qualifications:

If you have any criminal convictions (except those 'spent' under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act) please give details:

References *(please note that neither referee should be a close family relation or an Ely Foodbank employee)*

Referee 1

Referee 2

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Tel No: _____

Tel No: _____

email: _____

email: _____

Your signature: _____

Date: _____