

## #15 | FRIDGE FIXINS



Your gift will  
provide sandwich  
fixins.



Neighbors building communal bonds by helping neighbors is on full display at Germantown Community Fridges. Located in the Philadelphia, PA, neighborhood of Germantown, which has one of the city's highest poverty rates, the fridge and food pantry operates 24/7 to help fight hunger and food insecurity in the district.

In 2020 as teaching went virtual during the pandemic, Jane Ellis, a fourth-grade teacher at Greene Street Friends School, pitched the idea of "Germantown Fridge" to the school as a way to connect with her students and the community. What then began as one of the city's first community fridges, located across from the school, is now two very busy sidewalk fridges and pantries (the other across from a local church) that testify to the power and promise of community caring for one another.

Provided by the community, for the community, anyone who needs food is welcome to take it, and it's always free. Maintained and stocked by volunteers, with donor support, both perishable and non-perishable items are available, including fruits, vegetables, pantry items, bread, water, and homemade meals.

[germantowncommunityfridge.org](http://germantowncommunityfridge.org)

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