

Triangle Blessing Box
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Our Mission Statement:

Our Mission at the Triangle Blessing Box, is to provide a 24/7 judgement free pantry, where community members are encouraged to take what they need and leave what they can. The Blessing Box is also aimed at connecting neighbors on a more personal level to help bridge the gap in our community with those in need and those who want to help.

More about us and our goal:

After years of visiting family in the Raleigh area, we decided to move here in 2013, and have found real love for the community and the people in it. We met in Rochester, NY while both volunteering, and have a strong passion for helping others. Since moving to the area, we have been thinking of a way to help our neighbors in need and decided that the “Blessing Box” would be a great way to start! It is very similar to the “free little pantry” idea that has popped up in other areas. There is one in Wake Forest, run by another family. Our hope is to build on that generosity and add more!

We are interested in placing our “Blessing Box” in a well seen public location that could truly benefit the community, by providing an accessible free pantry option for those in need. All community members are encouraged to take anything in the box that may help them, and also leave what they can for those with resources to do so. There will also be a request box inside for specific needs people may have. That is the main thing that separates us from other “little free pantries”. We aim to build relationships with community members of all demographics and hope to spread this idea across the Triangle.

Our “Blessing Box” was built by a local wood worker, who would be happy to install when needed. We plan to fill the box with non-perishable foods, paper products, and seasonal items (winter hats and gloves, flowers for certain holidays, water bottles, etc.). Also, we will have the smaller request lock box inside for people to express any specific needs they may have. We will stop by on a regular basis to make sure everything is in good repair, and to stock additional items.

Thank you for considering our idea. We look forward to getting the opportunity to help bless our community!

Sincerely,
Joshua and Mary-Kate Lewis