Food Pantries & Emergency Food Assistance

Name	Location / Notes	Hours & Requirements / Details
Fairfield Food Pantry	78 Donald Drive, Fairfield, OH 45014	Open Mon, Tue, Thurs from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Proof of residency and ID required.
The Salvation Army – Choice Food Pantry (Fairfield County)	W. Hubert Avenue, Lancaster, OH	For residents of Fairfield County. Pantry open Monday–Friday 9:30 am–12:30 pm.
Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency (LFCAA) Food Pantry	Lancaster, OH	Emergency food boxes available weekdays 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.
Shared Harvest Foodbank	Serving Fairfield area	As a regional food bank, they distribute to local pantries.
Outreach Mission Food Pantry (Pleasantville)	Pleasantville United Methodist Church, 112 Lincoln Ave, Pleasantville, OH	Open 3rd Saturday of every month 9:00am–11:00am. Must live in Pleasantville.

Meal / Food Service Programs

Name	Location / Notes	What They Provide / When	
Foundation Dinners	Fairfield County / Lancaster area	Serves free meals. Lunch at 11:30am, dinner 4:00-4:30pm, 7 days/week.	
First United Methodist Church (Lancaster)	163 E. Wheeling Street, Lancaster, OH	Breakfast 9:00am and Lunch at 12:00pm on Mon, Tue, Thurs.	
Meals on Wheels of Fairfield County (The Senior Hub)	Fairfield County (senior-oriented)	Delivers meals to older adults who are homebound.	

Below is a draft of a document listing organizations, shelters, and services in and around Fairfield, Ohio (Fairfield County / nearby counties) that assist homeless individuals and families. You can copy this into Word, Google Docs, or other document format.

Assistance Resources for Homeless Families in & Around Fairfield, Ohio

Note: Always call ahead to verify eligibility, capacity, hours, and services offered.

Emergency Shelters & Housing for Families / Individuals

Name Address / Location Services Offered / Contact Info Eligibility / Notes

Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency (LFCAA) – Emergency Homeless Family Shelter	1743 East Main Street, Lancaster, OH 43130	Shelter specifically for homeless families (with children). Four family units; includes kitchens, baths, laundry facilities.	Phone: (740) 653-4146
The Foundation Shelters	800 West Sixth Avenue, Lancaster, OH	Overnight shelter for homeless men, women, and families; nightly beds.	Phone: (740) 653-1960
LSS Faith Mission of Fairfield County	1681 E Main Street, Lancaster, OH	Emergency shelter (walk-in basis) for individuals and families, supportive services (case management, goal planning)	Phone: (740) 653-2265
The Lighthouse Domestic Violence Shelter	Lancaster, OH (serving Fairfield County)	Safe shelter for individuals/families affected by domestic violence; supportive services, advocacy, safety planning	24/7 Crisis Hotline: (740) 687-4423
LFCAA Supportive Housing – Pearl House & Rutherford House	Lancaster, OH	Permanent supportive housing units for formerly homeless families, individuals with disabilities, etc.	Contact LFCAA: (740) 653-4146

Homelessness Prevention, Referral & Support Services

Name / Program	What They Do	Contact / Notes	
LFCAA – Homeless / Housing Assistance	Prevention programs, emergency shelter referrals, funding assistance when available, case management	(740) 653-4146	
Fairfield County 2-1-1 Homeless Resources	Central resource for shelters, housing, crisis planning, referrals in Fairfield County	Call 2-1-1 or through their website for assistance	
Fairfield County Job & Family Services – PRC Program (Emergency Assistance)	Short-term emergency assistance (rent, utilities, deposits) for families at risk of or in homelessness	Phone: (740) 652-7889	
The Salvation Army – Fairfield County	Provides basic need assistance (food, clothing, utility / rent support) which may help prevent homelessness	(740) 687-1921	

Christian / Faith-Based Assistance Organizations

Name	Location / Area Served	Services Offered / Notes	
The Salvation Army, Fairfield County	Fairfield County / Lancaster, OH	Offers food assistance, clothing vouchers, and utility assistance.	

Maywood Mission	Lancaster / Fairfield County, OH	Christian nonprofit; they run a thrift store, food pantry, childcare, and other community support programs.
LSS Faith Mission of Fairfield County	Fairfield County, OH	Provides shelter and services to people experiencing homelessness, including meals and support.
Grace Haven Ministries	Fairfield County, OH	Faith-based recovery program for women, offering housing, advocacy, vocational training, empowerment in a Christian environment.
Fairfield Christian Church — H.E.L.P. Ministry	Fairfield, OH	"Helping, Educating, Loving People" (H.E.L.P.) ministry; they provide monetary assistance, sponsorships, and support to individuals and organizations.
Catholic Charities, Fairfield County	Fairfield County, OH	Though not strictly limited to Christian congregational aid, this faith-based charity provides services including shelter for homeless, family services, and other support programs.
The Foundation Shelters	Fairfield County, OH	A faith-based nonprofit offering overnight shelter and daily meals.