The EZRA Food Pantry uses a client-choice model and is accessible on a weekly basis to all clients. Additionally, our Hygiene Pantry offers personal and household items on a monthly basis. EZRA is part of the Greater Chicago Food Depository network, which, combined with individual donations and food drives, allows us to keep our pantry stocked with healthy foods year round.

692 people served
40% self-report living with a disability
86% live below the federal poverty line
range in age from 7 weeks to 94 years

The Dina and Eli Field EZRA Multi-Service Center
Food and Hygiene Pantry

How do people access the pantry?
Any client working with an EZRA case manager or our onsite JVS Chicago job counselors is able to access the food pantry weekly and the hygiene pantry monthly. We fill bags through scheduled appointments and weekly open pantry hours.

What’s the process of getting a pantry bag?
We have a client-choice pantry model, which means that clients get a form with food options in different food groups like protein, vegetables, and starches. We address the greater food need of a family by allowing them to select more options per food group.

How can I get involved?
There are a few ways to get involved with the EZRA pantry. You can volunteer during our weekly open pantry hours, provide in-kind donations, or even run your own food drive, to keep our food and hygiene pantry fully stocked. For more information on these and other volunteer opportunities, contact Allison Lewis at 773.467.3851 or AllisonLewis@juf.org.

‘Thank you for having this food pantry. Without this, I wouldn’t know what I’d do. My [food] stamps go so fast.’