

Sharing The Harvest

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Program Spotlight: Iglesia Pentecostal El Olivar

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Iglesia Pentecostal El Olivar is a client choice food pantry located at 1241 Barnum Avenue in Bridgeport. The pantry is open every Wednesday from 9am to 12pm. Olga Sierra is the pastor of the church as well as the director of the pantry. Volunteers and church staff weekly transform the church space into a client choice pantry. Two of the pantry's most valuable volunteers are Lucrecia Sanabria and Patricia Gonzales. Lucrecia Sanabria is in charge of signing up clients and takes care of the paperwork as well as the monthly CFB stat report. Patricia Gonzales is the treasurer who oversees the pantry's CFB account as well as helping in the weekly set up and breakdown of the pantry. They have been open since March of 2007 and already serve close to 300 people a month. This program is a shining example of a client choice pantry that maximizes its impact in the community by minimizing waste and allowing its clients to access food in a dignified manner.

