

Abounding Grace Ministries is a church located in the Manhattans Alphabet City. Alphabet City is a neighborhood comprised of three NYC housing buildings, Jacob Riis, Lillian Wald and Baruch houses. A majority of their congregation coming from these housing developments which is comprised of low-income families, seniors and, many single parent families who face food insecurities the church began a food pantry. The food pantry was birthed after the leadership at AGM meant with other local churches to see what was the biggest plight on the neighborhood it was soon discovered that many of the families were at or below poverty level and many were facing nutritional issues such as diabetes, poor dental hygiene, chronic obesity, high blood pressure and cholesterol.

AGM partnered with a local food distributor to ensure that healthy and nutritious food would be available in a pantry setting would be available to the residents within the neighborhood. The pantry would be open daily from 11 AM - 1 PM and then on Saturdays from 8 AM to 2 PM. The pantry would distribute organic eggs, organic fruits and vegetables, artisanal breads and cheeses, farm-raised meats in the form of beef and chicken would be available - on the 1st and 3rd Saturday's fish would be available.

Every Saturday the local PAL would be on hand to offer safety tips and speak of preventative measures to avoid gang and gang violence. One of the other churches in the neighborhood would have their youth pastor attend on those Saturdays to offer basketball coaching and training to those at youth risks who needed it. A doctor's office would send his physician

assistant and a nurse and a dentist office would send two dental hygienist both offices are located in the neighborhood and their staff live around both the church and pantry and would come on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays to set-up appointments and give consultations when needed.