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Franklin 5K Turkey Trot Returns to In-Person Race
10th Annual Family Fun Run Benefits Franklin Food Pantry

FRANKLIN, MA - The [Franklin Food Pantry](#) is pleased to announce that the annual [Franklin Turkey Trot](#) is back in-person on Thanksgiving, November 25, 2021 at 8:00 am and is celebrating its ten year anniversary! The 5K starts at 91 Jordan Road, Franklin, MA and follows a lollipop route in a local neighborhood.

The \$20 early bird registration fee is effective through October 18 and then increases to \$25. The [registration fee](#) goes directly to the Franklin Food Pantry, keeping donations local to help feed those in need. Participants can register online [here](#). Due to Covid restrictions, the Franklin Food Pantry will not be able to accept food donations instead of the fee. Thank you for understanding this change in policy. Runners can also purchase a t-shirt directly from the registration page to commemorate their experience.

“In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, The Pantry has shifted its distribution model to meet our neighbors’ changing needs for food and services. This month, we are moving to a hybrid distribution model, offering both in-person and drive-up distribution. We have added home delivery and mobile pantries to reach our neighbors who cannot come to us and increased office hours to assist neighbors who may need more than food,” said Tina Powderly, Executive Director for the Franklin Food Pantry. “We are so grateful for the continued tradition of the Franklin Turkey Trot to help fund our many services. These programs help us provide hunger relief to our community, especially during these challenging times.”

There are also [several opportunities](#) for local businesses to sponsor the race. Funds received from sponsorships are used to cover costs associated with the event, including the race registration company, timing technology, insurance, and security details. Funds raised above our expenses go directly to support the Franklin Food Pantry. Interested sponsors should contact Laura Often at [loften@franklinfoodpantry.org](#) or Krystal Whitmore at [franklinturkeytrot@gmail.com](#).

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****Sponsors as of October 11, 2021**

"I'd also like to thank Race Director Krystal Whitmore and our Sponsorship volunteer, Kim Cooper. We are fortunate to have an incredibly hard-working group of dedicated volunteers, led by Krystal, to make this event come to life," said Powderly. "Krystal organizes church members, high school students, and her own family to plan and work the event, while Kim works tirelessly to secure local businesses to cover the associated costs. The Turkey Trot is an amazing amount of work, and we could not hold this incredible community tradition without them."



Photo Caption: 2019 Turkey Trot Runners

About the Franklin Food Pantry

The Franklin Food Pantry offers supplemental food assistance and household necessities to more than 1,000 individuals per year. The Franklin Food Pantry is not funded by the Town of Franklin. As a private, nonprofit organization, we depend on donations from individuals, corporations, foundations and other strategic partners. We are grateful for our many partnerships, including that with the Greater Boston Food Bank, that allow us to achieve greater buying power and lower our costs. Donations and grants fund our food purchases, keep our lights on, and put gas in our food truck. Other programs include home delivery, Weekend Backpack Program for Franklin school children in need, mobile pantry, emergency food bags and holiday meal packages. The Pantry is located at 43 W. Central St. in Franklin on Route 140 across from the Franklin Fire Station. Visit www.franklinfoodpantry.org for more information.