



# RPS News

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## RPS Partners with Ruby for Holiday Food Drive and More

Ridgefield Public Schools announced today that it would partner with Ruby's Little Pantries for a Holiday Food Drive. The Little Pantries were started last year by 12-year-old Ruby Weiner (photo right with Scotts Ridge teacher Emily Shiller and Superintendent Susie Da Silva). When the Little Pantry formerly at St. Stephens Church closed last year, Ruby wanted to find a way to provide to families during COVID. She earned a \$500 grant from [Youth Service America](#). Clark Construction jumped at the chance to partner with Ruby and built the first Little Pantry, and then four more, gratis. Now, Ruby has five pantries.



Superintendent Da Silva said, "This initiative is a great opportunity for us to learn from a student that little actions can have a big impact. We look forward to coming together to make giving back part of our District."

Last year, Ruby collaborated with the Student Council at Scotts Ridge Middle School and teachers Autumn Hoey and Emily Sherwill. Now, the initiative has expanded to all nine schools. Ruby suggested pairing schools with a Little Pantry near them so we did according to the schedule below. However, families are welcome to use any pantry convenient to them. RPS families in need can put wishlists in the individual pantries. RPS has also installed a collection bin outside the new Central Office at 90 East Ridge Road.

Please note that the pantries have limited space. The District asks that only nonperishable goods with an expiration date after December 30, 2021, be donated. Ruby says that macaroni and cheese is always a pantry favorite. Since the pandemic, the Food Pantry at Town Hall is helping families access food differently. For more information on how to donate to local families in need, please visit [Ridgefield Social Services](#).

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## Ruby's Pantry Locations and Partner Schools

### **Pantry 1 Ridgebury Congregational Church**

**605 Ridgebury Rd, Ridgefield, CT 06877**

Ridgebury Elementary and Ridgefield High School

### **Pantry 2 Jesse Lee Church**

**207 Main St, Ridgefield, CT 06877**

Barlow Mountain and Branchville Elementary

### **Pantry 3 Nature's Temptations**

**32 Prospect St, Ridgefield, CT 06877**

Scotland Elementary and Scotts Ridge Middle

### **Pantry 4 Wooster Hollow Cafe**

**659 Danbury Rd, Ridgefield, CT 06877**

Farmingville Elementary

### **Pantry 5 Boys & Girls Club of Ridgefield**

**41 Governor St, Ridgefield, CT 06877**

Veterans Park Elementary and East Ridge Middle