

# THE PANTRY



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## FACS News

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### *From the Director's Desk*

The Pantry doors open at noon each day and hundreds of people come through seeking help. Each person has their own story, chapters that explain why it is they come to Franklin's repurposed post office that has served as our headquarters since 2001. These Pantry families are our neighbors. The woman who checks us out at the grocery store, the server at our favorite diner, the young man rotating our tires. The senior trying to figure out how to make ends meet with their social security check. The family learning their child has cancer, attempting to navigate the medical system and mounting bills. Sometimes it is difficult to understand why hunger relief is so prevalent in this land of plenty. The stories are as varied as the people who tell them. Life is messy, life is complicated. These are some of the toughest, most spirited people I know. I think there is value in hearing from our Pantry clients firsthand. Please read Jackie's story on page 3 and other comments our people have shared. You will see through their eyes how much the practical, precious gifts shared with our most vulnerable neighbors mean to them.

Those of you who support this mission may not directly see the gratitude on their faces or hear their personal stories. Please know that your generosity, support and prayers impact lives on basic human levels among our most fragile citizens.

Terry



Thank you Middletown Community Foundation for partnering with us in hunger relief, awarding a \$10,000 grant to purchase food.

Feed Ohio volunteers Doug and Sharman May collected hundreds of personal hygiene products for the Pantry. Franklin Wal-Mart customers donated the products and money.



Paintbrush Pottery in Springboro held a fundraiser for The Pantry. They sold their beautiful sample pieces and donated proceeds of \$800!

These retail stores donate thousands of pounds of food every week to The Pantry. These are wholesome, nutritious resources that used to end up as landfill. Now they fill the plates of hungry families!

Thank you for partnering with us!

**DOROTHY LANE MARKET**

**KROGER**

**WALMART**

**GORDON FOOD SERVICE**

**DONUT HAUS**

**PANERA BREAD**

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## Comments from Pantry clients:

"We really appreciate the Pantry here in Franklin, Ohio. About a year ago I lost my good job. I have found some part time jobs but they don't provide enough money to buy groceries for my family."

"If it wasn't for this place my family would go hungry. We live paycheck to paycheck and some months it's just not enough to buy groceries we need."

"This establishment has been very kind to me, helping me with food and furniture. I'd like to be able to be the one helping others out but I just can't right now."

"So I'm here today at The Pantry and it's been about 3 years since I've needed help. I figure right now I need a little help and it's great to know they are here when I need it. They give you really nice stuff!"

"A lot of times I'd go hungry if it wasn't for this place."

"My husband lost his job 5 years ago and if it wasn't for The Pantry we would starve to death."

"This place is a blessing from God. They help people on a set income, that can't afford to buy groceries or to pay a bill, to help feed their children."

"I am homeless, I am 60 years old and I have absolutely nothing."

"These pantries are absolutely necessary to fill whatever gaps we might have."

"We can walk to this pantry and that helps a lot because we don't have a car. We really depend on this place, I mean we need it a lot."

"This place has been a great help to me. I am a senior on social security and I don't make a lot. Sometimes it's hard to feed myself."

"Lots of months I only have enough to pay my light bill and rent so The Pantry really helps supplement my food source."



Hundreds of Pantry clients line up to receive a Thanksgiving turkey and holiday food to prepare a meal for their families. This program is made possible through the generous sponsorship of two private donors and many hard working volunteers!



300 Pantry families will have Thanksgiving dinner with their loved ones.



## Jackie's Story

Sometimes in life we are put in situations that we don't understand and we say "why me" but we all know who is in charge. My husband and I were put in a financial situation that was way beyond our control and we were directed to The Pantry in Franklin. My first visit there was not what I expected. When the lady asked me if I could use peanut butter and rice it was like music to my ears. It was wonderful. The respect, kindness and professional atmosphere was overwhelming, I had tears in my eyes. The staff of this facility treated me as a human being and I was not looked down on just because I needed a little help. My husband and I both have worked hard our entire lives. After my husband spent 22 years of his life serving our country in the United States Marine Corps, there were job losses so now we struggle financially. I want to say God bless the volunteers that take time out of their lives to help the ones less fortunate.

I hope everyone who receives food from The Pantry are as grateful as we are. Without this facility and the people who care enough to help, I'm not sure what we would do. A little thank you goes a long way. Let the volunteers know how much they are appreciated.

My name is Jackie and I am grateful.



Bosch Battery  
Springboro employees  
volunteer at The Pantry



Kohl's Associates  
in Action  
volunteered at the  
Pantry and earned a  
\$1,500 grant to  
purchase food.



Volunteers John and Ann Allen installed new light fixtures in The Pantry. We are renovating office space in our lower level and inviting other agencies to use our facility, providing additional resources to families in need. We are looking for volunteer painters and dry wall installers to help us!



## Nov. 2015—Oct. 2016

### Memorials

Jean Tracy  
*Richard Tracy*  
Kathy Gross  
*James Gross*  
*Betty Evers*  
Mary Hazlett  
*Thomas & Linda Miller*  
Mike Brown  
*Richard & Dorothy McLaughlin*  
Larry Strimpfle  
*Anne & Bob Langsdale*  
Steve Boyer  
*Squier Cousins*  
*Monday Volunteers*  
*Jay & Mary White*  
Geneva Kolman  
*Joyce & Paul Libecap*  
Mildred Deck  
*Sarah & Ray Jobe*  
Lee Dunlap  
*Dewitt Chapple*  
*Ray & Jean Kiefhaber*

### In Honor of

Tom Profit  
*Andy Kopp*  
Josh Nelson  
*Harold & Camilla Nelson*  
Kathy Fout  
*Richard & Dorothy McLaughlin*  
Gary & Ellie Miller  
*Sarah & Ray Jobe*  
Shawna Stephens  
*Cindy & Bob Schulte*  
Harriet Foley  
*Bette Reznor*  
Mr & Mrs John Courson  
*Sarah & Ray Jobe*  
Brian Redhole  
*Nell Dicken*  
Franklin-Springboro Library Staff  
*Mary Novak*  
Don Bishop  
*Joyce & Paul Libecap*  
Charles, Betty & Michael Castleforte  
*Daniel & Rebecca Castleforte*

*IF YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WHERE YOUR NEXT MEAL IS COMING FROM, PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO THE PANTRY. EVERY DOLLAR CAN BUY 8 DOLLARS OF FOOD THROUGH OUR ASSOCIATION WITH SHARED HARVEST FOOD BANK.*

## Pantry Needs

Please donate these products our families need so much:

Pet food  
toilet paper  
soap  
shampoo  
toothpaste  
dish detergent  
laundry soap  
cleaning supplies  
diapers  
baby wipes

## Volunteer Opportunities

If you have ever considered volunteering with The Pantry maybe 2017 is the year to join our team! We have volunteer opportunities on weekdays in the mornings to help deliver retail donations and prepare The Pantry for the busy day. Volunteer positions are available from 12:00 – 3:00 Monday through Friday. 5:00 – 7:00 Wednesday evenings, during our open hours when we serve our registered families. If you'd like to learn more or are ready to embark on a fulfilling outreach, please call or email Director Terry Coyle. 937-746-7791 [facs@ameritech.net](mailto:facs@ameritech.net)  
Visit our website to learn more: [www.facswarren.org](http://www.facswarren.org)

## **Food Pantry Hours**

► Monday through Friday noon to 3 p.m. ◀► Wednesday evenings 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. ◀

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