

Aurora retired teachers aid food pantry



AURORA, IL - Aurora Area Retired Teachers Association made an annual donation Monday (July 1) to Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry of Aurora.

From left are Dick Schindel, AARTA president; Meg Safarik, AARTA treasurer; and Diane Renner, pantry director, who accepted a \$260 check. Renner said, "The pantry's Food Rescue program, with 37 surplus food pickups weekly, is growing tremendously. It is saving fresh produce, dairy and deli products from being wasted in landfills. With more Food Rescue trips to grocery stores, comes the need for more volunteers to help sort through the recovered food and prepare it for distribution to pantry guests. Funds are also needed to support transportation and vehicle maintenance costs," Renner said.

(Al Benson photo)