

THE PANTRY



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Volunteer Appreciation Night



Pantry volunteers gathered at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Center on October 9th for dinner and fellowship celebrating a great year of service to the community. FACS has one of the largest groups of volunteers in Warren County – 150! Serving the basic needs of more than 1000 families every month is a gigantic job and this gang is succeeding everyday. "Our Pantry volunteers are the hardest working, most compassionate people I know. They literally sustain hunger relief year round here in Franklin, Springboro and Carlisle" Terry Coyle, Executive Director.



2018 Volunteer of the Year Brian Burns

Thank you Brian, for being an outstanding volunteer and team leader for The Pantry!

The Pantry holiday programs are in full swing! Hundreds of families will experience some joy this Thanksgiving and Christmas season because of the generosity of our donors and volunteers. The Pantry will have turkeys and holidays foods, Salvation Army Christmas baskets and gifts for children donated from the community!

What are the most requested nonfood items?

All of the products we use every day and probably don't give it a second thought!

Toilet paper	Cleaning supplies
Shampoo	Kleenex
Soap	Diapers
Toothpaste	Baby Wipes
Dish detergent	

Retail Rescue is Booming

The Pantry is fortunate to have a partnership with eight retail stores. Our volunteers pick up thousands of pounds of wholesome produce, dairy, meats and bakery. These products used to end up as landfill. Thank you to these generous partners for improving the nutrition of our most fragile citizens:

Dorothy Lane Market, Walmart, Kroger, Aldi, Gordon Food Service, Donut Haus, Panera and Aunt Annie's



Volunteers Carol and Wayne Pyszka deliver DLM donations.

**Grainger Foundation
awarded The Pantry \$5,000
for hunger relief
– THANK YOU!**

**Middletown Community Foundation
awarded The Pantry \$10,000 for
hunger relief – THANK YOU!**

January — November, 2018

In Honor of

Josh Nelson
Camilla & Harold Nelson
Bob & Janette Alexander
Noelle Riccardella
James & Susan Stewart



In Memory of

P. Kent Libecap
Richard & Joyce Johnson
Jim & Sandy Nickell
Vernon & Grace White
SD Grumbles
Ramona Anderson
Sarah Jobe
Proko-Wall
William Deck
Sarah Jobe
Ellie Miller
Sarah Jobe
M/M Don Huston
Debra & Pacey Mindlin
Wayne Stiller
Sarah Jobe
Tom Wurzelbacher
Ramona Anderson
Janet & Robert Leahy
Jay & Mary White

Tom Wurzelbacher
James & Kimberly Reinhold
William & Karen Wood
John & Kathleen Dimario
Robert Stricker
Jennifer Corley
Mike & Peggy McClusky
Art & Lee Atonna
Gary & Kathy Miracle
Ellen Yordy
Patricia Ledford
Terry & Jenny Stewart
Darla Wharton
Mark & Karen Gustin
Ted & Mary Loose
Bertrand & Sandra Wray
Daniel Becker
Sherri & Kevin Valentine
Gordon & Marilyn Sauerbrun
Tom's brother & sisters

Tom Wurzelbacher
Donita & Glen Owen
Vicki & Steven Peters
Donald & Sandra Anderson
Barbara Dees
Claudia Dehner
Geraldene Allen
Donna Quinlan
Marcella & John Weiler
Simon Welling
Kathleen McCarthy
Mary T. Coyle
Mary McConnell
Sal & Carolyn Cusumano
Beverly Harner
Richard & Donna McGarvey
Donald & Cathy Lessman
Donald & Mary Anne Kelley
John & Ann Allen
Rose Wurst

Youth Make a Difference at The Pantry!



Fenwick High School Senior **Claudia Miller** volunteers Wednesday nights at The Pantry. Fenwick's "Kingdom of God" project has students place a brick outside Campus Ministry office representing 75 hours of service. Claudia was asked to place the second brick because she has completed so much service at The Pantry. Thank you Claudia!



Springboro United Church of Christ's **Caring Crew Youth** collected 298 pairs of socks to give to Pantry families. "Socktober was a success!" said Nicole Ditmer and daughters Katie and Evie.



Morgan Kerschner, second from right, is a Springboro fifth grader. One day while riding in the car, she saw a homeless person and it started her thinking about what she could do to help. She decided to start a program to provide personal hygiene kits for people who need them. Shown here with Pantry volunteers, Morgan is holding backpacks for the kits which are being held by her sister, Tatum. This thoughtful and caring young woman has donated kits to The Pantry for our homeless clients. For more information go to Moregivelessget.com, a web page designed and programmed entirely by Morgan. Thank you Morgan, along with Tatum and parents Lori and Chris. Can't wait to see where the future takes you!

Food Pantry Hours

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



From the Director's Desk

2018 has been a busy and productive year at The Pantry. More than one million pounds of food have been channeled through our building to help fragile citizens in our community. 150 faithful volunteers show up to be the engine behind this outreach. The most basic of human needs were provided to 12,200 families representing 33,000 people. Pantry friends like you empower us to continue our mission of providing a safety net to our neighbors in need.

The most vulnerable populations, children and elderly, are represented in the majority of Pantry households. We are seeing a growing number of senior citizens asking for help. Advocacy groups report that as many as half of older Americans are at risk of becoming malnourished. Some take only a portion of prescribed medications or skip doctors visits to avoid co-pays. Many are foregoing fruits and vegetables for cheaper, prepared foods. Our Pantry staff encourages eligible seniors to apply for a supplemental food program for which The Pantry is a distribution site. We also encourage the selection of fresh fruits, vegetables and yogurts. Seniors are referred to Elderly Services of Warren County, HEAP, SNAP and many other resources they may not be aware of.

I am grateful for the strong foundation we have through our partnerships with United Way of Warren County, Salvation Army, Shared Harvest Foodbank and Feeding America. I am profoundly touched and grateful for the support of so many individuals in our community. I love to remind folks that one dollar can purchase eight dollars of food through Shared Harvest. No donation is too small. I personally see how your generosity impacts the lives of struggling people – the cashier who rings up your groceries, the server at your favorite diner, the young man rotating your tires.

This season of gratefulness calls us to count our blessings and ask ourselves how we can bless others. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Let us forge ahead into 2019 and keep the candle burning.



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