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From the Director's Desk

In the 1970's, a handful of people in this community saw there were folks struggling to feed their families. These men and women of good will delivered groceries in their cars to those in need. In 1979, Franklin Area Community Services was created and given a 501 (c) (3) non profit status. Community minded people came on board as volunteers and soon a food pantry was opened in a tiny storefront on Main Street in Franklin. The need outgrew their space and in 2001 a private donor contributed the funds to purchase the old post office building at 345 S. Main St. The sturdy, spacious facility allowed our organization to grow in response to the great need. Additional services and agencies were brought in to provide a safety net to those facing financial and personal hardships. By 2008 more than 1000 families were coming to our food pantry every month.

The founding FACS board members established the agency's geographic area as Franklin, Springboro and Carlisle Ohio, Franklin and Clearcreek Townships. Since 1979, pantry volunteers have tirelessly served families from this entire service area. This past year a decision was made to call ourselves "The Pantry" as it is our intention and is in fact a reality, that we are the primary emergency outreach for basic human needs. Our formal name, Franklin Area Community Services, implies that we serve Franklin residents only. In fact, every day we have residents from Springboro, Clearcreek Township and Carlisle come through our doors as well. So you may see our 130 volunteers around town sporting "The Pantry" t shirts and hats. Our

mission is to feed hungry people and "The Pantry" seems to say it all. 3000 of our neighbors need us every month. Our hope and purpose is to give a nutritious basket of food, some encouragement and friendly conversation, reminding them that they do not walk alone.

Pantry Wish List

Families frequently ask for these basic necessities and The Pantry has them to give only when donated. Most requested:

Toilet paper
Laundry detergent
Shampoo
Bar soap
Liquid dish soap
Cleaning supplies
Baby wipes
Formula and baby food
Pet food



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A Thank You to the Pantry

I recently realized that, as the year 2016 rolls off the calendar way too quickly, I have been at The Pantry for ten years volunteering and receiving blessings. Our mission here is so simple..... in the land of plenty, no one should go hungry. Much has been written about the effects of hunger and poverty, but most of us have been fortunate enough to not experience it directly. It is such a privilege to serve the people of our community who have not been so fortunate. I truly believe that God lives and works within the walls of our building. He doesn't care that the building is rarely a comfortable temperature, that the waiting area is too small, or that the shelves are sometimes sparsely stocked. The doors open at noon, and He sends us His children to serve with dignity and compassion. I have learned so much from the clients we serve, and the wonderful people I work with. I am proud to be a part of a community that does so much to care for it's own. So, thank you to Terry for the opportunity to serve, thank you to my wonderful Friday coworkers and friends, and most of all, thank you to our clients who help me to be a better person every time we interact!

May God bless our work and our people,

Ramona Anderson



Macy's Credit and Customer Service employees kick off their **Bag Hunger Campaign** by volunteering in The Pantry. Thank you Macy's for your awesome donations of time, food and money!

DLM dash



Dorothy Lane Market partners with Up and Running, a locally owned running and walking specialty store, to host the DLM Dash, a 5K run/walk with an aim to fuel the fight against hunger in the Dayton area. This is the seventh year we've held this family-friendly event, geared toward runners and walkers of all levels. So lace up your sneakers and join this community-centric event benefiting the Dayton community. All the proceeds benefit the Dayton Foodbank and the Pantry. Entry forms are on the DLM website or can be picked up in any DLM store.

Letter from the Executive Director of Shared Harvest Foodbank

We feed people because no one should go hungry.

We feed people because food is plentiful. In this great country, millions of families struggle to put food on the table each night. They are trying their best, but in these times, with stagnant wages and the increasing cost of food, many find themselves standing in food pantry lines. Most of the food we distribute is destined for a landfill – not because it is bad, but because there is no market for it or it is close to expiration or mislabeled. Food is plentiful; it is the distribution of it that is lacking.

We feed people because food is education. Study upon study upon study directly links classroom behavior, attendance and achievement to adequate nutrition during critical brain development years. How many children have grown up without a chance at a better life because they did not have adequate food for their brains to develop on par with their better fed peers? Food is as necessary to education as any other school supply to ensure each student has the opportunity to learn.

We feed people because food is medicine. As our population ages, we find ourselves facing a slow moving health crisis, growing bigger by the day. We know that an adequate diet, especially for the elderly, gives their bodies the fuel to fight common illnesses that otherwise could land them in the expensive health care system, from hospitalization to nursing home care. Food is the medicine that can help them remain living independently in their own homes, where they belong.

We feed people because food is hope. When you are constantly worried about where the next meal will come from, you cannot focus on anything else, like improving your education to get a better job. Like helping your children with their homework because you are working double shifts just to pay the rent. Like finding affordable, safe housing, You feel hopeless, inadequate, like you've done something wrong. Food is the hope you need to take that crisis from your shoulders so you can work to make life better for your family.

We feed people because of your help. We could not do what we do without you--you give us your time as volunteers, you give us your treasure as donors, you give us your talent as you help us form our strategies to continue this uphill battle against hunger. You help us make a difference, one meal at a time.

Thank you! Tina Osso



The Pantry volunteers chat with folks at the Springboro Expo. Many stopped by to learn about our outreach to Springboro, Franklin and Carlisle residents.



Seven members of the Springboro National Junior Honor Society sponsored a 5K to raise money for The Pantry and SCAC. Their run had over 100 runners and raised more than \$1400 for the pantries.

Food Pantry Hours

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

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