

THE PANTRY



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Adult Connections volunteers help out at The Pantry every Monday morning bagging produce, laundry pods and pet food for our clients.



Volunteers chatted with lots of folks at the Springboro Expo 2019 about the Pantry mission.



5/3 Bank employees volunteered with us in honor of 5/3 Day when they are encouraged to give back to the community. The Pantry received a \$1,000 donation associated with their participation. Thank you!

Pantry Wish List

Please consider donating these items most requested by our Pantry families:

- Toilet paper
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste and brushes
- Dish detergent
- Cleaning products
- Pet food



Retail Rescue:

This is one day's donation from Dorothy Lane Market in Springboro. Check out the trucks - they are full too! Retail rescue is going strong. The Pantry receives wholesome nutritious food every day from Dorothy Lane Market, Walmart, Kroger, Aldi, Donut Haus and GFS. We are so grateful to our retail partners for their generosity.

A big shout out to our awesome volunteers who load up, haul and unload these donations into our Pantry. Hard work!



One dollar can purchase eight dollars of food through our partnership with Shared Harvest Foodbank.

Calling All Gardeners

If you are planting a garden this summer please consider planting extra vegetables to share with Pantry families. We accept all donations of fresh fruits and vegetables from local gardeners. Pantry families are so appreciative of fresh tomatoes, zucchini, corn, cucumbers and all nutritious bounty!

Did you know: Every year more than one million pounds of food are channeled through our Pantry to fill the tables of struggling families.

Children are Home for the Summer

The kiddies are on summer vacation and for many families this creates a financial strain to provide adequate meals and nutrition. During the school year children of income eligible families receive breakfast and lunch during the school day. A serious void is created at home when proper meals cannot be provided due to lack of funds. Please consider making a donation to The Pantry this summer to help relieve this burden for our Pantry families.

Special Gifts

December 2018 — April 2019

In Honor of

Mr. and Mrs. John Courson
Sarah Jobe
Gary Miller
Sarah Jobe
Josh Nelson
Camilla and Harold Nelson
Parents & Brother
Creed Perry
Eva Louise Polley
John & Ann Slone
Jim & Heather Stewart
Bruce & Robin
Christopher Corsair
Michael Reddix

In Memory of

Paul Griffin
John & Ann Allen
Hugh DePew
Kenny Allen
Everett Frazee
James & Deborah Cooper
Tracy Bishop
Douglas & Linda Trenaman
Merle and Karen Lawson
Anita Gehron
Arthur and Yvonne Roberts
Advanced Engineering Solutions
Eastern Star Lodge #55
Ellie Miller
Sarah Jobe
Karen Jepson
Ronald and Diana Best



Mason Empty Bowl's Benefit Luncheon April 2019



A big thank you to these local businesses and individuals that donated to support this event :

Donut Haus
Pisanello's
JD Legends
Friesinger's Fine Chocolates
The Vet
Boost Mobile, Franklin
Jets Pizza, Springboro
Magnolias, Springboro
Lynn Wurzelbacher



Pantry volunteers host our information table at Mason Empty Bowls 2019. This community fundraising event promotes awareness of hunger relief efforts. Mason Empty Bowls donated \$5,000 to The Pantry. Thank you!



Kohl's Cares: Kohl's employees volunteer at The Pantry and earn monetary donations for every shift.

Macy's Credit and Customer

Service helps The Pantry "Bag Hunger" every year! Once again, the wonderful employees of Macy's Credit and Customer Service in Mason donated money and food to support our mission. Their campaign is called "Bag Hunger" and this partnership does just that. Macy's Matching Gifts Foundation matches the employees' donations dollar for dollar. Now that is powerful and we are grateful!



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From the Director's Desk

Dan is a 61 year old musician awaiting a heart transplant. His wife Sarah works. Dan has sold his beloved instruments to make ends meet. Mounting medical bills, trips to out of state hospitals and lack of income have put a strain on their finances. The Pantry helps to pay for some of Dan's medications, supplies a food basket and senior commodities each month. "I don't know what I'd do without you guys," he often says to our volunteers. Becky is a 52 year old single woman who is raising her four young grandchildren. Each month she comes to The Pantry for food, kids in tow and exasperation on her face. We give her diapers, baby wipes, baby food, referrals for cribs, high chairs, toddler beds. Darlene recently lost her husband to Alzheimer's. She is bewildered trying to figure out how to do life alone and manage her finances. Darlene called The Pantry in tears unsure of how to pay her utility bill scheduled for disconnection. We made a payment to keep her service on and referred to resources to help her long term. She said, "Honey it is just the hardest thing for me to do asking for help like this." We reassured her that is why we are here.

Hunger is not a choice. Circumstances often determine the path one's life will take. The Pantry mission is to help each individual to the best of our ability, treating them with dignity and compassion. We are so very grateful to all of those who support our mission, making this critical safety net a reality in our community.

Food Pantry Hours

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