

Alliance Community Pantry Has Strong Growth in 2012

As our bylaws require, the Alliance Community Pantry held its annual meeting on January 14th. During the meeting President Dave Puterbaugh reviewed statistics from 2012 and welcomed new board members Jody Koenigseker, Glenn Rupp and John Whitehair. Officers are Dave Puterbaugh, president; Barb Armitage, president-elect; Mike Patterson, vice president; Bob Shaffer, treasurer; and Gary Wagner, secretary.

During his end-of-the-year report, Puterbaugh said that “2012 was an excellent year for the Alliance Community Pantry. We had growth in all major areas and finished the year in a very strong position to continue to address hunger needs in Alliance.”

He thanked the board for their contributions and noted the great advantage of having a strong board with great diversity of experiences. He thanked Vicky Dugan, 2012 Pantry Manager, as representative of all the volunteers that operate the pantry on a daily basis. **During last year the total hours logged by the pantry volunteers was 13,642 hours.** The following are other key statistics from 2012.

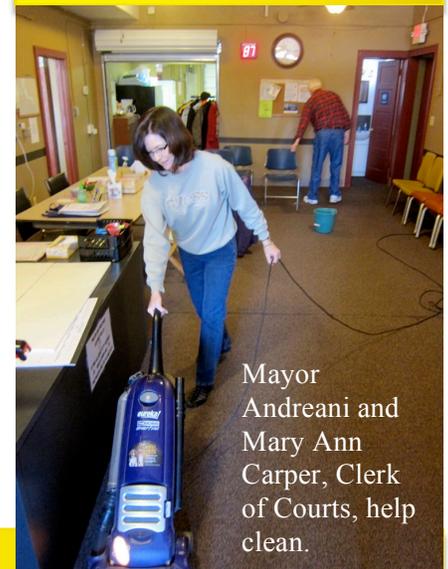
- The number of unique households (families) served was 2,527 - up 11% over 2011. This represented 8,218 individuals - up 19 percent over 2011.
- In 2012, there were a total of 17,435 “visits” – an increase of 20% over 2011.

This last number of 17,435 visits, Puterbaugh said, gives an idea of the challenge facing the pantry and our volunteers as they provided food for an average of 88 clients each day they were open.

- The amount of food purchased from the Akron Canton Region Foodbank in 2012 was 651,923.
- Total cost of food purchased during 2012 was **\$60,409**.
- The average cost of food totaled only 9¢ per pound.
- Local contributions of food from food drives, individuals, churches, companies, groceries and restaurants totaled around 70,000 pounds.

In conclusion, Puterbaugh expressed thanks for the broad based community support that enabled the Alliance Community Pantry to have such a successful year. The pantry is looking forward to 2013 as we continue to fulfill our mission of “working within the community to end hunger.”

Service Day for Local Government Officials



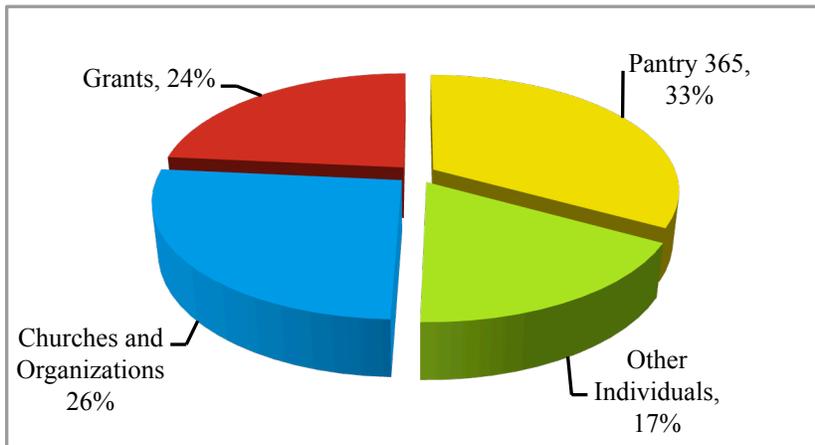
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Andreani and
Mary Ann
Carper, Clerk
of Courts, help
clean.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF THE PANTRY VOLUNTEER CREW?

People wishing to be involved as volunteers at the pantry can contact the pantry at [330-680-8130](tel:330-680-8130) to sign up. Those interested in learning more about the pantry are encouraged to visit the web site: www.alliancecommunitypantry.org. Our volunteers are not only wonderful workers, they report having a great time while on duty.

Balanced Streams of Funding Reflect Support

Where does funding from the pantry come from? Because we are opened four days a week and have our own building, people sometimes think we are government funded, but the pantry is funded by the people of Alliance. Four broad categories of funding sources share the costs for the pantry. Those groups are: Pantry 365 members (contributors who donated a minimum of \$1,000); other individual contributions (these include memorial contributions and one-time gifts); churches and organizations; and grants from United Way and Alliance Community Development Block Grant funds. Except for the grants, these funds have been donated without fund-raising or solicitation, thus offering further evidence of wide community understanding and support of the pantry mission. Our gratitude is boundless.



Alliance Community Pantry Board Members

- Barb Armitage, Pres. Elect
- Betsy Cornell
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- Glenn Rupp
- Betty Rush
- Sue Ryan, Secretary
- Bob Shaffer, Treasurer
- Matt Stinson
- Gary Wagner, Secretary
- John Whitehair

CITY GOVERNMENT AND MOUNT UNION STUDENTS CLEAN PANTRY



Left: University of Mount Union students clean and gather for a group photo following their work at the pantry.

Right: Members of city government joined in the spirit of community service by volunteering at the pantry. Sue Ryan, John Benincassa, and Andy Zumar are seen here cleaning in January.



NUMBER, PLEASE!
In response to Operations Committee concerns about clients having to “move around the room” as they waited to shop, a number system with electronic display was installed, thus showing clients when they are due to shop. It has made things easier for all.

