

# Alliance Community Pantry

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## Visit by ACP Volunteers to Akron Canton Regional Foodbank

Day Coordinators Jane Helwig and Judi Brush wanted to visit the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank and in talking to other volunteers, found a common interest so they organized a field trip. Others who went were Ginny Daniel, Corrine Hirvela, Carol Henry, Mike Patterson and Abby Honaker. Tour guide from the Foodbank was Cynthia Humphray, volunteer coordinator. She did an excellent job sharing information!

Little bits of trivia learned during the tour included that the Foodbank sent out about 18.4 million pounds of food last year to the pantries in the 8 counties they serve. They have 50 employees and all of them are full time except one; and they utilize about 3,000 volunteers who help out.



As noted in our June newsletter, the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank was recently named the 2012 **Member of the Year at the annual America Network Summit** in Detroit. It's the highest honor given to the year's most outstanding agency among the 202 food banks in the national Feeding America Network.

Representatives for each of the agencies served by the ACRFB were invited to a celebration of this honor held at the Foodbank. Dave Puterbaugh, ACP Board President and Bob Shaffer, ACP Treasurer, attended the celebration. Dave and Bob are shown in the photo above with Janet Gore and Linda Rochester, from the Newcomerstown pantry, and Jack Ream from the Dover pantry. This was another opportunity for pantry administrators to pick each other's brains and share ideas.



### PANTRY IMPROVEMENT MADE

A concrete pad was recently added to the receiving area near the overhead door where food is unloaded. Unloading trucks carrying 10,000+ pounds of food with our forklift has been daunting as the unloading space in pantry is very cramped. Adding the concrete pad will enable the forklift to maneuver and unload pallets much easier and will be **much safer**. One note - no food dollars were used in the improvement. The Board paid the cost.

## ARTS IN STARK GRANT PROVIDES DECORATION AND HISTORY



### Visitor Libby Patterson Examines New Historical Photos

University of Mount Union senior art student Teresa Kruckenberg selected the pantry for the focus of her senior project.

Aided by art department head Joel Collins and Mount Union grant writer Susan Denning, she received an Arts in Stark grant to pay for copying and framing of old photos of Alliance.

Librarian and local historian Karen Perone assisted Teresa in selecting the photos from library archives and provided names of people and places for identification labels for each picture. Jed Mewborn and Mike Patterson hung the pictures on the main wall in the client screening room. It's great fun for clients and volunteers alike to view the old photos. Stop in and check them out.

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## PANTRY HAS IMPORTANT LOCAL SOURCES FOR BREADS

Bread is a staple for most families and certainly it is a key product at the pantry. Fortunately, in addition to breads we get from the Foodbank, we are blessed to have 4 area businesses provide us with the breads that didn't sell. Thornes IGA, Giant Eagle, and Kathy's Gluten-Free Creations save breads which are picked up by pantry volunteers for us on weekends. Panera gives us breads Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. At the end of each day, every single muffin, bagel, baguette, and loaf of bread is bagged or boxed for pantry pick-up.

Four families, one each night, arrive at Panera around 9:15 to pick up the breads and then deliver them to the pantry for the next day's distribution. Local Panera Manager is Ben Evans and we can't overstate how important this gift is.



Molly Hoover, senior at Marlinton High School works the evening shift at Panera. Here she empties all the shelves for the pantry pick-up. Everything is baked fresh every day at Panera.

