

University of Mount Union “Trick or Treats” for the Pantry



The second annual Trick or Treat for Alliance Community Pantry was held on Halloween night by 7 groups of students from sports teams and service organizations from the University of Mount Union. Organized by Abby Honaker from the Regula Center, the groups divided the city and informed community members earlier in the week that on Halloween night they'd return for donations of canned goods and sometimes cash.



The groups competed as they canvassed the city, many in Halloween garb. They collected an amazing 2,454 pounds of food and \$74 in cash. (Some food was added after the sign to the right was completed.)

It was great fun for a great cause and the service fraternity, Kappa Phi, won the competition with 579 pounds of donated food.

TRICK OR TREAT for canned goods 2012	
Total Pounds of Food Collected	
	2,320
SWIM TEAM	379.9
SOPHOMORE SERVICE HONORARY	396.7
Brennen and Becca	356.9
CHELSIE and NATALIE	128.4
Kappa Phi	579.3
RACHEL FRIENDS	225.2
CHOICES	253.9
	\$74

Flat Tire Fixed by Terry's

Most of us have at some time in our lives had a flat tire. While it's usually inconvenient and an unexpected expense, it rarely sends us into a panic. In late October, driver Glen Rupp went to check on the truck a day prior to his run and found the tire flat. A flurry of calls ensued. While we knew eventually the truck would need something, we hadn't planned for this event. Fortunately, covering transportation that week was Herb Spear, and he and Glen contacted Terry's Tiretown.

Terry's couldn't have been more helpful. (Another case of small town collaboration and support.) They fixed the truck and then, in a totally unexpected act of philanthropy, donated the cost of the tire and repair. Our truck was ready for the next run. We remain awed by the community's ownership and support of the pantry. Our truck has over 350,000 miles on it but continues to be reliable as we make two trips each week to Akron.



Rotary Donates Shopping Bags

Reusable Grocery Bags Newest Addition to Pantry

The Alliance Rotary Club has been a strong supporter of the Alliance Community Pantry since it opened, and recently made another significant contribution by purchasing 900 reusable canvass bags for clients. The bags, bearing the Rotary emblem, will be given to clients in lieu of the recycled plastic currently being used. The bags are large and sturdy and will hold quite a bit, and while some clients will have more groceries than will fit, it will certainly lessen the number of plastic bags needed. Lisa Garren, ACP Board member and Rotarian who spearheaded the project said that the idea was to reduce the number of plastic bags needed, and to make it easier for patrons to carry their groceries home.



In order to help clients remember to return with the bags, clients are being rewarded with one extra grocery “item” for returning the bags for reuse. Once again, the community collaboration which the Alliance Community Pantry represents, reminds us all of the benefits of living in a small city.

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Halloween Surprise

The week before Halloween Warehouse Coordinator Terra Faulkner and her family were visiting her cousins, Bob and Jenna Schreckengost, when they were invited to clear out the vegetable patch so the remaining vegetables didn't go to waste. Their children, Bob, Justin and Ellie, gathered all the pumpkins and watermelons and Terra and Fred, knowing that the pantry didn't have any produce on Monday, hauled them back to the pantry. There were watermelons, pumpkins and peppers for the Halloween week.



Our food seems to sprout from ever surprising sources. With thanks to the Schreckengosts, the Faulkner children, and of course to Fred and Terra, who made it happen.