



# Alliance Community Pantry

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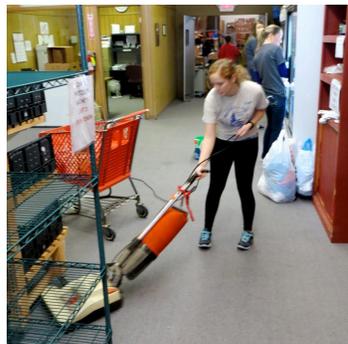
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## Martin Luther King Remembered in Day of Service

Students from Mount Union gave the pantry a thorough winter cleaning on January 19 in conjunction with recognition of Martin Luther King and his life of service. Students arrived at 9 am and began work to give the pantry a top to bottom cleaning. Because of the traffic through the pantry, it simply becomes dirty, especially during the winter months when snow and slush add to the normal dust and dirt.

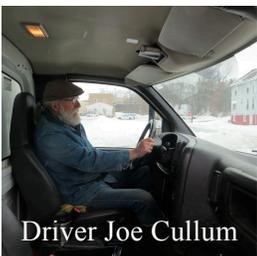
Students scrubbed shelving and refrigeration units; they washed furniture and windows; they vacuumed and washed floors, and they stocked all the shelves until the pantry was fully ready to open. Under the



coordination of Regula Center Assistant Director Abby Honaker, students worked in 26 local non-profits. We were happy to be one of them.

## TRUCK DRIVERS AND RIDERS FILL KEY ROLES

Twice each week the pantry truck makes the trip to the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank and returns with up to 12,000 pounds of food. During each trip, a driver/rider team loads the pallets, selects “free market” items to complement the order, and, once back in Alliance, assists the warehouse crew in unloading the truck. Their role cannot be underestimated. They must check the order, load so that weights don’t shift during the trip, monitor weight and sometimes operate both the tow motor the hand jack to help move the heavy pallets. These guys always manage to “find” wonderful surprises.



The men in this group met recently with Transportation Coordinator John Armitage to review driver/rider procedures and protocols. While driving the truck doesn’t take a special license, it does take a crew willing to be responsible for handling a big job.



Front from left: Jeff Wuthrick, Mel Rittner. Back: Joe Cullum, Jimmy Jones, Ron Kuceyeski, John Armitage, Glenn Rupp, John Whitehair. Also part of the driving team, but unavailable for picture: Doug Hendel, Dave Zoky and Herb Spear.

## WORKING COMMITTEES

Our Board of Directors is a “working” board with each member serving on at least one key pantry committee. These committees trouble-shoot, strategize, and make recommendations about how the pantry is run. This month, we’ll examine two of the committees and what they do--Operations, and Facility.

The Operations Committee, chaired by VP Mike Patterson, meets the first Monday of each month and is probably the committee most finely tuned to customer and volunteer satisfaction. They discuss issues and concerns and when they deem necessary, make recommendations for policy changes to the Board. Probably their most significant recommendation was the suggestion to be open two days and two nights each week. Pantry Manager, Warehouse Manager, Volunteer Coordinator, Truck Coordinator, and all day managers are part of this committee as well as board members Corrine Hirvela, Carol Henry, and John Whitehair.

The Facilities Committee, headed by Glenn Rupp, maintains our facility. Also on this team are board members John Whitehair and Gary Wagner and community member Neal Sangree. This group handles repairs like changing locks, assembling new shelving (below), coating the roof (right), replacing lights, and fixing everything under the sun.



Another key responsibility for this group is helping to research costs for replacement and repair of things in the pantry, like carpet. Once they have researched the projected costs and procedures, they make a recommendation to the board. Their diligence and hard work have saved the pantry hundreds of dollars.

Other committees are: Funding, Food, Client, Volunteers, and Transportation

(see page 1). It takes many people working, “behind the scenes”, to keep the pantry operating. Their work reflects hundreds of man hours of labor. Without them, the pantry would have to pay employees so their role is critical. Hats off!

## Alliance Community Pantry Board Members

- Barb Armitage, P. Pres.
- Richard Duro, Emeritus
- Elayne Dunlap
- Peggy Hawkins
- Carol Henry
- Corrine Hirvela
- Abby Honaker
- Jody Koenigseker
- Neal Mann
- Mike Patterson, VP
- Glenn Rupp
- Betty Rush
- Sue Ryan
- Bob Shaffer, Treasurer
- Matt Stinson, President
- Jeffrey Talbert
- Gary Wagner, Secretary
- John Whitehair
- Renee Young



## The 2015 ACP Board of Directors



At the January Annual meeting, the new board members were introduced. Seated, from the left are board members: Corrine Hirvela, Carol Henry, Elayne Dunlap, Betty Rush, Jody Koenigseker, Jeff Talbert, Bob Schaffer. Back row from left: Sue Ryan, Gary Wagner, Barb Armitage, John Whitehair, Matt Stinson, Mike Patterson, Glenn Rupp, and Neal Mann. Not present for the picture

were: Reneé Young, Peggy Hawkins, and Abby Honaker.