



Alliance Community Pantry

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Pantry President Accepts Post in Pennsylvania



Matt Stinson, President of the Alliance Community Pantry since January, has accepted the position of Vice President of Institutional Advancement at Westminster College in Pennsylvania. He started his new position on July 1, and we are very happy for Matt. As of July 1, the position of Pantry Presidency will be co-shared by Mike Patterson, Vice President of Operations, and Glenn Rupp, Board Member.

Matt was one of the original founders of the Alliance Community Pantry, working for years with the Kiwanis One Day Distributions and then during the 18 months of planning that came before the pantry opened in November 2010. He worked on the funding committee before becoming president. He will be sorely missed, but wish him well in his new ventures, and thank him for his years of commitment to the hungry in Alliance.



Behind the Scenes with the Funding Committee



In past newsletters we've featured the Operations, Facilities, and Truck Committees from the pantry board, and this month we feature the Funding Committee whose sole purpose is ensuring that the pantry has sufficient funds in hand to procure the food we need to open our doors. Our monthly budget for food is \$6,500 that buys around 75,000 pounds of food each month. Rather than fund-raisers, we constantly look for ways to share the story of the pantry with our community. We believe in what we do, and we have always felt that if our community pooled its resources, one pantry could supply the need for Alliance. So far, local individuals, churches, and businesses have validated our hopes. At the May meeting the following items were on our agenda:

- 1) Assess current funding - down slightly but close to budget - we will continue to monitor donations and talk to churches who gave at one time, but not currently.
- 2) Decided to host a *Gratitude Party* in late fall for all our Pantry 365 members.
- 3) Get information for Dave Floyd to make up our Pantry 365 Plaque for 2014.
- 4) Discussed the writing of thank you notes to all donors. Time consuming but crucial.
- 5) Discussed the need for alternative meat sources when we can't purchase meat at ACRF.
- 6) Continue publishing the newsletter and get it to as many interested people as we can.

New Truck Gets ACP LOGO

In case you missed our April newsletter, we obtained a newer truck in February and all the drivers and riders report that they love the ride and convenience of driving an automatic truck. It holds a little more, but the real reason was that the newer truck has over 100,000 fewer miles than our old truck. We were able to sell our old truck at very close to our original purchase price so it was a win-win for all. In late May, Casey Carter from Carter's Copy mounted our pantry logs to the sides of the truck. It was a laborious and time-consuming job to make sure the logo sealed around each raised area on the sides of the truck.

Now our truck is easily identifiable as it travels to the Foodbank



to bring back **20,000 pounds of food each week.**

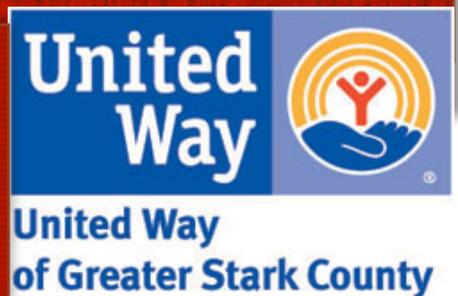


Buckeye Girls Staters arrived in June and brought paper products, cereal and canned meat.

Did you know that the summer months are a time for some of the highest risk of food insecurity? An astonishing 1 in 5 children in our country is at risk of hunger, and many children who receive free or subsidized lunches during the school year won't have access to nutritious meals this summer. Thanks to the groups, churches and businesses who collect food or cash to donate to the pantry, especially in summer.

Alliance Community Pantry Board Members

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BAKED BEFORE SUNRISE, DONATED AFTER SUNSET

This slogan on the side of the Panera truck warms our hearts as we are the benefactors four times each week of Panera's corporate generosity. On Monday through Thursday, a pantry volunteer knocks on the back door of Panera, and workers assist in loading bags and boxes of Panera breads into the car or van. They are then delivered to the pantry to be repackaged for distribution that day. Breads, bagels, baked goods and cookies, which in many situations would be thrown out, are donated to the pantry. It surely encourages us to shop and eat at Paneras, as my Panera card will attest.

