

Alliance Community Pantry

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Working to end hunger in our community.

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Dear Pantry Supporters,

With each new year we are reminded of how many people and organizations support the pantry in so many different ways. This month, we pause to thank you all and to take a glance at some special donations in December. Have a wonderful New Year and thank you for your generosity.

Pantry Board of Directors

HAMS FOR HOLIDAY DINNERS



First there was Black Friday for shopping. Then Cyber Monday for shopping on-line became a special day. Most recently "Giving Tuesday" has been designated as a day to make special donations to non-profits. In the spirit of Giving Tuesday, the **Greater Alliance Foundation** held a special event with its members the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, and, as a result, they donated hams for Christmas to the Alliance Community Pantry. Seen here, Doug Schwartz, Executive Director of the Greater Alliance Foundation, unloads hams for distribution.

In addition to the Greater Alliance Foundation, representatives from two car dealers, **Kia of Alliance** and **Wally Armour Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram**, delivered 150 hams to the pantry to have available before Christmas.

Pictured on the right dropping off 75 hams for Kia were Sean Byland and Megan Conrad.



Delivering 75 hams for Wally Armour were Bob Helmick and Gene Paina. Once again, the pantry is blessed by the

unique approaches our community finds to help. For the pantry, being able to offer our clients a holiday ham has been special. We and our clients thank you!



Parents of Mount Union Volunteer Donate Turkeys



Word-of-mouth support for the pantry has been one of the vital keys in our ability to serve our clients. One great example of that fact was illustrated in November.

Samantha Meluch, a University of Mount Union senior who is majoring in public health, volunteered at the pantry several times. She shared with her parents, the positive experiences she had, and how impressed she was with the pantry operation. Her story inspired her parents, Larry and Kathi Meluch, to want to help out and they drove from Olmsted Falls with 10 turkeys to

donate, just in time for Thanksgiving. The Meluch's generosity is just one more reason we give thanks.

Annual Meeting

In January, the pantry will hold its Annual Meeting where outgoing president Glenn Rupp will update board members and new board members and officers will be take office. We will feature them in a future newsletter.

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HONORING VETERANS



"Thank you for your service!" That's a comment that has been heard often at the pantry, especially in December. Terra Faulkner, our warehouse manager, recruited members of her family to help honor clients who have served in the military. She and her husband Fred, her mother Peg Lashley, her aunt Deb Schreckengost, and her daughter Ellie Lashley, put together packets to distribute during the holidays. In each bag is a personalized wooden plaque, a hat or gloves, a baked item, and a pack of M&Ms. Since October they have been compiling the names of vets who are our clients and have labeled more than 90 bags with their names.

Terra's respect and high regard for veterans is in her family heritage. On the wall behind the table in the waiting room where the bags were distributed are pictures of family members who served -- her father, both grandfathers, two uncles and cousins. We salute Terra for her efforts for our veterans.

