



Alliance Community Pantry

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A Look Back at 2017

At the end of each year, the pantry board collects data from the previous year to determine our effectiveness in meeting our clients' needs and to give us a yearly perspective. Here are some of the statistics we have collected from 2017.

Different number of households served -- 2,248

Number of individuals served in those households -- 7,563

Total number of visits -- 16,758 Some clients visit once or twice a year; some visit twice a month.

Number of new clients -- 522 (represents 1,435 household members) Our pantry numbers have stabilized, but we continue to have about the same number of new clients each year, this indicating that some clients no longer need our help.

Total pounds of food from Foodbank -- 1,066,814 pounds

Pounds of food donated to the pantry -- 50,562 pounds

Total pounds distributed to clients in 2017 -- 1,117,376 pounds

Spent on food -- \$74,393.55

Average cost -- 7-cents per pound

Number of trips to the food bank -- 109

Number of days the pantry was open -- 202

Number of volunteer hours -- 23,800 (includes both documented hours in the pantry and behind the scenes workers such as: board and planning meetings, troubleshooting and maintenance, photographer, picking up donations, newsletter creator, president, meetings of exec board, etc.)

Additions to the pantry: This year we added an awning across the front of our building thanks to the generosity of a local benefactor, Dr. Donald Carter. We also purchased a used, but significantly newer an better tow motor, seen above, as our old one kept breaking down and became a danger. The Board affirms the importance of safety and convenience for our volunteers in this purchase. We also added a storage unit to enable us to get larger quantities of special items when they are inexpensive. Finally thanks to Mount Union student Stephen Degas, we got a new pallet jack. Steven got funding for this through his grant writing class.



As we review our year, we are reminded of our community collaborations and cooperation in keeping the pantry open.

LEGION GENEROSITY

The America Legion Post 166 of Alliance continued its wonderful support of local non-profits in 2017 with a \$12,000 gift shared among four organizations. The Pantry was one of the recipients of a \$3,000 donation, and accepting the check from Ted Pase, commander of the local Legion, was Jody Koenigseker, president of the Pantry board.

Also receiving \$3,000 were Kim Kroh, executive director of the Northeast Ohio Region of the Red Cross, seen here on left, and Kim Stanley, executive director of the Alliance Domestic Violence Shelter. The Alliance Salvation Army was the fourth recipient.



Alliance Community Pantry Board Members

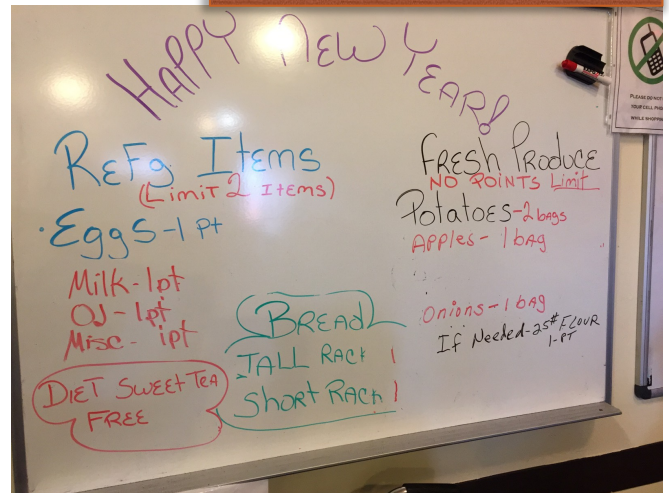
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Pantry Volunteers Change a Bit, but the Work Goes on Uninterrupted

When I'm back in town I love to stop at the pantry for a visit just to feel the warmth and friendliness and to see what's happening. Many of the volunteer faces are new to me, but the hustle and bustle at the pantry are the same. The second week in January I stopped and noticed that eggs were being packaged for distribution. Our volunteer, Jean Hannan, made certain each carton contained no broken eggs.



Another area I always check out is the white board in the waiting area which lists the refrigerated items, breads, and produce options available each day. I was pleased to note that, even in January, we had potatoes, apples and onions as well as eggs, milk, and orange juice. I love knowing we continue to offer staples like eggs and milk year round. Hats off to our food orderer, Leigh Mainwaring, who is vigilant in making sure we have the best food available.



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