



Alliance Community Pantry

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CANSTRUCTION PROJECTS BUILT BY CHURCHES, SERVICE CLUBS AND BUSINESSES

During late winter each year the pantry experiences occasional weeks when meat isn't available. During this time we try to procure canned meat by either purchasing it or inviting service clubs to donate canned meat to the pantry. This year our canned food purchases will be supplemented thanks to a project initiated by Habitat for Humanity.

In the CANstruction Project, organizations and businesses competed in late January to see who could build the coolest structure using canned food. The contest took place at Carnation Mall and creative Canstructions showcased local creativity. In the end, six designs were built using a total of 2,550 cans of food which were donated to the pantry after remaining on display for a week.



The winning design was Lowe's, whose team used 600 cans of tuna and Campbell's soup to build an American flag. Taking second place was Mount Union's Green Raiders who designed a tree using 323 cans of food, and third was the Alliance Kiwanis Club with their "K" logo design using 380 cans of tuna and 72 cans of soup. Also participating were Consumers National Bank whose "\$" design contained 450 cans of food, Atlercare of Alliance whose umbrella used 226 cans, and Well Spring Bible Church whose

wishing well used about 500 cans of beans and potatoes.

Judges were Mayor Alan Andreani, Mark Locke of the Chamber of Commerce, and Jody Koenigseker, president of the Pantry board. The day's activities soon are being featured in a segment on Alliance City School's Channel 11. The Pantry salutes all the businesses, churches, and service clubs who participated.



GIVING THANKS: Paying It Forward!

What better time to embrace that message than on Martin Luther King's birthday when the focus is on service? One way Katie Giordano and Eric Moore II found to put that into action is to thank those who serve others. Katie and Eric did that by buying pizzas and delivering them to those who care for those in need.

This brought them to the pantry to give an unexpected treat to the volunteers who make the pantry run. They also delivered pizza to the police station and the fire station and even looked for people on the street to treat.

"No one should be hungry or cold in the U.S.," Katie said. "Sometimes you just have to help other people to put a smile on their faces." When pantry volunteers thanked them, Katie insisted, "No, don't thank us. You are the ones to be thanked for what you do."



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Client Begins as Volunteer and Becomes a Board Member

Sonya and Donald Wood have five grandchildren who live with them so they have full and busy lives. Recently they moved into a Habitat for Humanity home, and, as part of that, they worked many volunteer hours on their home and in other community efforts. They started volunteering at the pantry during this time, and, even after they moved into their home, they continued volunteering at the pantry every Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Why? They love the pantry and enjoy the people they work with. They've made many friends and come to know the pantry procedures.

As a result of her continuing interest in the pantry work, Sonya joined the pantry Board of Directors in February.

I've been asked by the pantry staff to remind our donors that our mailing address is: ACP, PO Box 2581, Alliance, Ohio 44601.

Things sent to us at our street address may not reach us. We were forced to adopt a postal box instead of our location because our on-site box was too available to outsiders. Lately we've had a donor whose check was returned because it had been sent to the old address. Please remember to use our postal address if you send a donation.