



Alliance Community Pantry

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Another Great Story of Collaboration in our Community

While the pantry's stated goal is "Working within the community to end hunger," we understand many of our clients may need assistance in other ways. Since we use all money donated to the pantry to buy food, churches, schools, businesses and other organizations often make donations of paper and hygiene products and cleaning supplies.

Members of Church Women United took on that challenge years ago, and so far have collected and donated to the pantry more than 2,680 bars of soap. Helping organize the project are, pictured here from left, Judy Douglas, Charlene Harris, Mary Antonini and Ethel Young.



It started in 2012 when Mary was talking with her friend Corliss Vuksta, who along with her husband Ron were the first pantry managers, and Mary asked how the women could help. Corliss suggested soap and they've been collecting to share ever since. This is just one of the collaborations that help us continue to serve our clients.

Pantry Board Welcomes New Members and Organizes for the Upcoming Year

The Alliance Community Pantry recently welcomed four new board members. The new members are Betsy Brown, retired Alliance elementary school teacher; David Daniels, director of the Alliance of Churches; Sonya Wood, who along with her husband Donald have volunteered at the pantry since last March; and Kyle Woodrow, new chaplain at Mount Union. Stepping off the board this year were Peggy Hawkins, Renee Young, Abby Honaker Schroeder and Jeffrey Talbert.

The pantry is an all-volunteer operation and those holding key positions include Dr. David Goldman, pantry manager; Judy Douglas, Debbie Skubiak, David Floyd, Joan Gacina and Deb Schreckengost, day managers; Pat Gates, volunteer coordinator; Terra Lashley, warehouse manager; Carol Henry, data entry coordinator; Leigh Mainwaring, food ordering coordinator; Don Kingan, transportation coordinator; and Cathy Torma, office manager. About 100 volunteer positions a week are filled to operate the pantry, and new volunteers are welcome.



Board Members are: Front: Carol Henry, Betsy Brown, Sonya Wood, Betty Rush, President, Jody Koenigseker. Back: Jim Greiner, Kathy Kramer, John Whitehair, Marcia Domino, Dave Daniels, Glenn Rupp, Dave Floyd, Joe Cullum, Betsy Cornel, Mike Patterson and Gary Wagner. Bob Shaffer and Kyle Woodrow were absent from the picture.

The pantry opened in 2010, is opened four days a week, and serves clients in the 44601 area.

More information is available on the pantry's web site, alliancecommunitypantry.org, its Facebook page, or call [330-680-8130](tel:330-680-8130). The pantry is located at [215 E. Market St.](http://215.E.Market.St)

GIRL SCOUT TROOP LEARNS ABOUT STOCKING A PANTRY

Alliance Girl Scout Troop 60359 completed the February challenge of helping stock a food pantry. Each girl teamed up with an area business and placed a basket there for donations. It was the job of the girls and their families to monitor that basket and pick up items that were donated.

With the city of Alliance's help, the girls collected over 1050 pounds of food for the pantry. This collection was part of GSNEO's year of community service badge. "Troop 60359 is very active in the Alliance Community," says Regena Gurney Clair, their leader, "I enjoy teaching them to give back to a community that gives them so much."



Alliance Girl Scout Troop # 60359 with their collected items for the pantry

Alliance Community Pantry Board Members

- Betsy Brown
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- Joe Cullum
- David Daniels
- Marcia Domino
- Richard Duro, Emeritus
- Dave Floyd
- Jim Greiner, Treasurer
- Carol Henry
- Jody Koenigseker, Pres.
- Kathy Kramer
- Mike Patterson, VP
- Glenn Rupp, Past. Pres.
- Betty Rush
- Bob Shaffer
- Jeffrey Talbert
- Gary Wagner, Secretary
- John Whitehair
- Sonya Wood
- Kvlle Woodrow

Class Builds Skills for Students Wanting to Work with Non-Profits

Pantry relationships with churches, businesses and other groups may last for many years and take many forms. We work with Mount Union for Food Drives, Volunteers, and sometimes classes. Dr. Beth Canfield-Simbro teaches a class in Grants and Planning. I (editor Barb) visited this semester's class in February and discussed the formation of the pantry and my role as grant writer. I offered tips and ideas for future grant writers who will work with non-profits. As part of this class, students select local non-profits and try their hand at grant writing, and through the university's "Pay It Forward" program, they are given money to reward those class members who were the most successful grant writers. (Last year this class facilitated a new pallet jack for the pantry).

This year's class visited the pantry in late February. Beth, third from the left in the front row, along with members of her class, gave the pantry a good cleaning -- washing walls, chairs and grocery carts; cleaning shelves, ceiling fans and refrigerator units; polishing windows; and vacuuming, sweeping and mopping floors. Each winter we are reminded that when over 400 people a week visit any site, the need for continual cleaning is imperative.

We are always thankful for the amazing support we receive from the Mount Union campus.

