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OPERATION ORANGE CONTINUES

As we have for six years, our pantry sent a great group of volunteers to participate in Operation Orange, an annual event at the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank in which volunteers from all over northeastern Ohio help re-bag food products during a 24-hour period. Nearly 1,800 volunteers from pantries, churches, schools, businesses and organizations participated in the event with each volunteer working a two-hour shift.



The nine volunteers from our Alliance pantry inspected, bagged and weighed Clementine oranges into more than 900 two-pound bags for distribution by the Foodbank.

Alliance pantry volunteers pictured here: David Floyd, Anthony Satchell, Kathy Kramer, Jean Hannen, Ralph Cundiff, Elizabeth Fox, Judy Douglas, Mike Patterson and Dave Puterbaugh.

After the work was done, a Foodbank employee gave some of the volunteers a quick tour of the huge facility that provides food for nearly 500 pantries, hot meal sites, shelters, and other hunger-relief programs in northeast Ohio.



GETTING THE WORD OUT

While the pantry doesn't conduct fundraisers, in order for our community to be aware of our numbers, new procedures and other information, we send out our newsletter each month. In addition, pantry volunteers frequently speak to churches, service clubs and community groups. In September Board President Jody Koenigseker spoke to the University of Mount Union student members of Alpha Phi Omega, the international service sorority and fraternity. Jody explained how the pantry operates and different types of volunteer positions that are available.

Also in September, Barb Armitage spoke to Alliance Area Retired Teachers using a Powerpoint to highlight statistics and pictures from pantry operations. If you have a group that would like to hear a presentation on any aspect of the pantry, call Jody Koenigseker at 330 or Mike Patterson at 330-581-1290.



KATHY KRAMER ASSUMES LARGER ROLE IN PANTRY ACTIVITIES

Board member and long time volunteer Kathy Kramer has taken on more than one new role at the pantry. She will assume the duties of Board President in January, but this summer she assumed responsibilities for distributing the newsletter.



Our monthly newsletter, written by Barb Armitage with pictures, mostly taken by Mike Patterson, goes out to major donors, people who have requested it, staff, and community businesses and service clubs. It is our primary mode of keeping people informed about the pantry, its policies and procedures, and activities. As Barb is spending more time out of state, it has become difficult for people to let her know when things aren't working.

Kathy will now email most of the newsletters, pick up the printed ones at Carter's Copy and send them out. We salute Kathy for stepping up to assume this new role. Let her know if you don't get your newsletter.

Alliance Community Pantry Board Members

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- Betsy Cornell
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- David Daniels
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- Dave Floyd
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- Kyle Woodrow

Defibrillator Welcomed at Pantry

Thanks to the generosity of long time supporters Dennis and Kathleen Clunk, the pantry now has a heart defibrillator in the case of sudden health emergencies. The unit was installed in September and Brett VanBourgondien met with pantry volunteers to explain how to use the Zoll AED-Plus Defibrillator.

Brett explained how the unit helps revive people from sudden cardiac arrest, one of the leading causes of death in the U.S. He said cardiac arrest is different from a heart attack and can happen at any age. He said use of the AED is required only after assessing the problem. If the stricken person does not respond to being touched or shaken, has no signs of breathing, and has no pulse, use of the defibrillator is warranted to get the heart back into its normal rhythm.

He demonstrated how the AED should be used and applied to a patient, and the many safeguards the unit has to assure it is used properly. He also explained and showed proper CPR techniques which must be used in conjunction with the AED.



Trainer Brett VanBourgondien instructs pantry volunteers in use of defibrillator

DONATED FREEZER

Thanks to Francis Kirby who used to run the La Cosa bar in downtown Alliance, the pantry now has another commercial grade freezer it can use. She offered it to us, and pantry volunteers Dan Flitcraft, Joe Cullum and Paul Domino picked it up. It will be placed next to the refrigerator units in the shopping room, to allow easier access to frozen items for our clients.

We are so fortunate for the support we receive throughout the community.

