

# **Pantry Leadership Changes**

As the Alliance Community Pantry heads into its ninth year, the pantry welcomes David Floyd as its new manager. He replaces Dr. David Goldman who has held the position for the last two years.

"I want to thank the board for the opportunity, and I know I've gained more from this experience than what I gave," Goldman said. "It's been a great learning opportunity."

Goldman, a retired oral surgeon, took over the position in November, 2016, and saw it as an opportunity to thank the community. "It was an honor to be the manager of the pantry and in the last two years we accomplished a lot and fed a lot of people."

The pantry, an all-volunteer operation, distributed more than 1 million pounds of food in 2018, and over 7,000 community members received food from the pantry.

Floyd, an active member of the Kiwanis Club, is not new to the pantry having volunteered many years, and has served as Tuesday day manager for more than a year. Born and raised in Alliance, he has held many jobs including: mechanic for Henschen Motors right out of Alliance High School. Alliance Machine, car sales for Henschen, insurance sales, and 1st National Bank branch manager (later Bank One).

Dave also served in the Army where, as a member of a mortar crew in Vietnam, was wounded twice and lost part of his leg in one incident. He currently operates Alliance Laser Art, a custom engraving business, out of his home.



volunteers throughout its eight years.

"I enjoy the people I meet at the pantry," he said, "and the community has been good to me so I just wanted to give back." With Floyd's experience, the transition has been a smooth one and will continue to be so, according to Jody Koenigseker, board president, as most pantry management positions will remain the same. In the daily operation, Terra Lashley will remain as warehouse manager, Carol Henry as the screening supervisor. Cathy Torma is the office coordinator, Leigh Mainwaring orders food, and Don Kingan will continue to schedule the truck runs to the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank.

on Monday evenings, Joan Gecina on Wednesdays, and Donald and Sonya Wood on Tuesdays, and temporarily on Thursdays. The pantry has been blessed with many talented and dedicated

### **VIDEO CREATED ABOUT PANTRY**

Students in Alliance High School's Broadcast Arts class created a video promotion for the pantry as part of their Senior Commercial Project.

Seniors Merisa Howell and Jordan Raffle, along with their teacher Chelsea Shar, conducted interviews of pantry volunteers, filmed the pantry in operation when we were open, and even took aerial shots of the pantry with a drone. They interviewed warehouse manager Terra Lashley, day managers

Donald and Sonya Wood, office manager Cathy Torma, Roger Livelsberger, meat distributor, and board member and volunteer Joe Cullum.

Teams of students selected their subjects and were responsible for pre-production, production, and post-production, which includes planning the project, coming up with interviews and questions, filming operations, and editing the final product.

The finished projects soon may be seen on AHS's Education Access Channel 1022.



Joe Cullum is interviewed by Broadcast Arts



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#### LEGION MAKES ANNUAL GIFT

The America Legion Post 166 of Alliance continued its important support of local non-profits with an \$8,000 gift shared among four organizations.

The Pantry was one of the recipients of a \$2,000 donation, and accepting the check from Ted Pase, commander of the local American Legion, was Bob Shaffer, pantry board member.

Three other community organizations received checks also. Hats off to the American Legion for their continued support and community commitment.

### TIP CLUB AND CHAMBER WOMAN'S DIVISION DONATE TO PANTRY

The Women's Division of the Alliance Area Chamber of Commerce proved once again what a caring and generous organization it is. Our pantry was one of four non-profit organizations to receive a \$500 donation from the women. Seen here presenting the check to Dan Flitcraft, one of our loyal volunteers, is Nancy Castellucci of the Chamber.

After hearing about the pantry from Mike Patterson, Board VP, the Tip Club donated food while on a field trip to the pantry. They were welcomed by Jody Koeingseker, Board president, who showed members the facilities, told about our operation and explained that everyone at the pantry is a volunteer, and explained how we are funded and the great support we received from across the community. We always welcome anyone to visit the pantry, and are eager to share our mission of "Working within the community to end hunger."



Dan Flitcraft, pantry volunteer, accepts check from Nancy Castellucci of the Women's Division